

Voting Member Alternates

Sean Brandon	<u>Representing</u> City of Savannah	X
Enoch Dumas	CAT	X
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County	X
Teresa Scott	GDOT – Jesup	X

Others Present

Michael Adams	<u>Representing</u> MPO	X
Peggy Allen	CRC	X
Jane Love	MPO	X
Robert Murphy	GDOT	X
Barbara Settzo	for MPO	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO	X

Call to Order

Because the TCC Chair and Vice Chair were attending a special event, Mr. Will Ingram acted as Chairperson and called the February 18, 2010 meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee to order.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

II. Action Items

A. Approval of the December 10, 2009 Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2009 Technical Coordinating Committee.

TCC Action: the motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2009 Technical Coordinating Committee carried with none opposed.

B. Endorsement of the amendments to the FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. Wykoda Wang summarized the staff report. The report is in two parts – regular funding amendments and stimulus (ARRA) funding amendments. She reviewed the amendments to the SR 307 Overpass project and the Bay Street Improvement project. In the ARRA section she reported that the City of Savannah will not be able to meet the deadline for the Montgomery Cross Road signal interconnect project so the city decided to drop that project from the ARRA funding and reallocate the \$80,000 to their remaining ARRA projects. Ms. Wang also reviewed the amendment to the CAT apportioned ARRA funds. CAT may use 10% of their apportioned funds for operating expenses. To do this, they must amend the original fund allotments. CAT is reducing their expenditures in the Capital Maintenance and Security Equipment projects in order to balance. Mr. Ron Sadowski asked what

specific activities in those categories CAT would be dropping, but Ms. Wang did not know the details.

Since Chatham County did not receive any TIGER grant monies, all the projects in the TIP subject to TIGER grants will need to be dropped from the TIP, possibly in April or June, but today staff wants to remove the CAT Transit Center from the TIP. It was in the TIP subject to TIGER grant funding, but CAT never applied for this grant and no other funding is associated with this project, so it must be removed to make the TIP fiscally constrained.

The public comment period is currently underway – February 9 through February 23, 2010.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the amendments to the FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program.

TCC Action: the motion to endorse the amendments to the FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program carried with none opposed.

C. Endorsement of the amendments to the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Ms. Jane Love presented the staff report proposing budgetary amendments to the UPWP. The amendments include carrying over funds from FY 2009 UPWP to the current FY 2010 program, adjusting the amount of ARRA funding for planning studies from \$900,000 to \$1,200,000, and adjusting the 5303 funds (transit funds) to match the actual contract amount.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the amendments to the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program.

TCC Action: the motion to endorse the amendments to the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program carried with none opposed.

III. Status Reports

A. ARRA project status update

Ms. Wang referred committee members to the written staff report. She reviewed the 4 GDOT projects in our area, the city and county projects that are part of the MPO sub-allocated ARRA funds, and the CAT projects including the Ferry Boat Discretionary Grant. It appears that all deadlines will be met. No TIGER grants were awarded to the state.

IV. Agency Reports

A. MPO Information

Ms. Love referred the committee to the attachments mentioned at the end of the agenda. Otherwise, there was no further report.

B. CORE MPO Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation

No report at this time.

C. CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee

No report at this time.

D. Federal Highway Administration

No report at this time.

E. Federal Transit Administration

No report at this time.

F. Georgia Department of Transportation

Ms. Teresa Scott distributed her report and asked for questions. She reported on the following projects:

- #2 & #3 (SR 307 overpass and SR 25/US 17 @ SR 307) - acquiring right-of-way.
- #4 (SR 204 spur from Haney's Creek to CR 767) – still purchasing right-of-way.
- #23 (SR 204 from King George Blvd. to Rio Rd.) – concept meeting will be February 19, 2010.

Truman Parkway Phase V and the intersection project at SR 204 & I-95 have been let. Ms. Wang asked about the very low bid on the Truman project. Ms. Scott noted that contractors are very eager for any work that is available; hence very low bidding.

G. Coastal Regional Commission

Mr. Sadowski reported that the Coastal Regional Commission is finishing up their management plan in Effingham County and the working on the bicycle/pedestrian study on Rt. 119 in Effingham County.

H. Chatham Area Transit Authority

Mr. Enoch Dumas reported that the new hybrid buses are on the road and nine more new buses are expected by the end of 2010. New paratransit vehicles are expected shortly. Paratransit operations have been merged into CAT and all will be managed by Veolia.

I. Chatham County

No report at this time.

J. City of Savannah

Mr. Sean Brandon reported that March 11, 2010 is the tentative opening day for Ellis Square.

K. City of Garden City

No report at this time.

L. City of Tybee Island

No report at this time.

M. Georgia Ports Authority

No report at this time.

N. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

No report at this time.

V. Other Business

Mike Weiner, LaToya Jones, and Tom Thomson arrived following all votes and reports. At this time Ms. Jones reported that the right-of-way for the W. Bay St. improvement project was authorized today.

VI. Other Public Comments

No other public comments at this time.

VII. Adjournment

There being no other business, the February 18, 2010 meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee adjourned. The next meeting will be April 22, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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