



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

**MPC Jerry Surrency Conference Room
110 East State Street**

October 21, 2010

3:00 P.M.

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Russ Abolt	Chatham County	
Robert H. Bonner Jr.	LDH Corporation	
Daniel Bostek	Norfolk Southern Railroad Industry	
Teresa Brenner	CUTS Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation	
Michael Brown	City of Savannah	
Al Bungard, P.E.	Chatham County Engineering	
Robbie Byrd	City of Pooler	
Phillip Claxton	City of Port Wentworth	
Jason Crane	GDOT – Atlanta	x
Leon Davenport	Chatham County Engineering	
Glenn Durrence	GDOT – District 5	
Curtis Foltz	Georgia Ports Authority	
Patrick S. Graham	Savannah Airport Commission	
Will Ingram	Fort Steward/Hunter Army Airfield	
Jonathan Lynn	City of Tybee Island	
Nathan Mai-Lombardo	City of Garden City	x
Frank McIntosh	Savannah Bicycle Campaign	
Charles Odimgbe	Chatham Area Transit	
Representative, staff	City of Bloomingdale	
Representative, engineering	CSX Transportation	
Representative	CUTS Citizens Advisory Committee	
Representative, staff	Town of Vernonburg	
Ronald Sandowski	Coastal Regional Commission	x
Peter Shonka, P. E.	City of Savannah Engineering	
Linton Smith	Town of Thunderbolt	x
Thomas L. Thomson, P.E., AICP	Executive Director MPC, Chair	x
Hugh "Trip" Tollison	Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce	
Mike Weiner, P.E.	City of Savannah Traffic Engineering	
Mark Wilkes, P.E., AICP	MPO	

Voting Member Alternates

Enoch Dumas
Brad Saxon

Representing

Chatham Area Transit
GDOT

X
X

Others Present

Michael Adams
Tyrhonda Edwards
Carlos Gonzalez
Jessica Hagan
Jane Love
Barbara Settzo

Representing

MPO
GDOT Intermodal
FHWA
MPO
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for MPO

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Call to Order

Mr. Tom Thomson called the meeting to order, followed by self introductions.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by affirmation.

II. Action Items

A. Approval of the August 19, 2010 Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2010 Technical Coordinating Committee.

TCC Action: the motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2010 Technical Coordinating Committee carried with none opposed.

B. Endorsement of the proposed updates to the current Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Ms. Wykoda Wang reported that these revisions are being proposed to bring the LRTP in line with some recent studies. The first revision concerns projects on DeRenne Ave. The LRTP currently has one DeRenne Ave. project in the constrained plan. This needs to be replaced with three more specific Project DeRenne projects – Project DeRenne Boulevard Option, East DeRenne Avenue Improvements, and West DeRenne Avenue Improvements. Ms. Wang offered brief descriptions of each project. The funding in the single line item will cover the three projects combined. The plan is still constrained.

Mr. Thomson noted that this update will make the TIP and the LRTP consistent.

Another revision addresses Connecting Savannah projects. The Bay St. signal improvement project was completed with other funding so it needs to be removed. Also, there are two projects in the Vision Plan that are actually two phases of the same project. The proposed update combines them into one.

The third revision concerns streamlining the listings of projects in situations where different items are in the same corridors. The ARRA-funded studies for SR 21, SR 204, and US 80 will be shown in line items with other relevant corridor projects.

Mr. Thomson noted that there is a need to show the year with costs, due to the use of inflation-adjusted dollars

It was agreed to delete the word "interim" from "US 80 Interim Improvements".

It was moved and seconded to endorse the proposed updates to the current Long Range Transportation Plan.

TCC Action: the motion to endorse the proposed updates to the current Long Range Transportation Plan carried with none opposed.

III. Other Business

No other business at this time.

IV. Status Reports

A. Update on Regional Transportation Sales & Use Tax

Mr. Thomson reviewed the basic facts of the new legislation as outlined in the staff report. Our regional district is comprised of ten counties. The Roundtable will consider approval of the GDOT-drafted project selection criteria at their first meeting. They will also select a 5-member Executive Committee who will later from the draft investment list based on the approved criteria. The Roundtable will meet a second time to approve the project list no later than October 2011. The Coastal Regional Commission will act as an administrator for this district.

Based on GDOT estimates, \$1.8 – 1.9 billion is expected for the 10-county region during the 10 years, to be used for transportation projects. Chatham County represents approximately 49% of the regional sales tax collected and approximately 43% of the registered voters. When the money is collected 25% of the revenue goes back to local governments based on the LARP formula. This means that three counties with lower projected sales tax revenue generation will get back more money than they generate.

There was a discussion of whether the LRTP will need to be amended to include any of the regional district projects. If federal dollars are involved it would need to be in the LRTP. Air quality impact would be a reason to include in LRTP for areas that are not in attainment on air quality standards, but this area is in attainment. Is this state money or local money? Some believe the regional sales tax money is considered local money so those projects do not need to be in the LRTP, if entirely locally funded. That money can be used to match a grant.

B. Update on CORE MPO ARRA-funded studies

Mr. Michael Adams reported that these studies are currently in the data collection and analysis stage.

C. Update on Non-motorized Transportation Plan – survey summary

Ms. Jane Love reviewed the survey results from the on-line bicycle survey and from the on-line pedestrian survey. Details were included in the staff report. The results inform the development of the Non-motorized Transportation Plan, for which she highlighted the next steps.

V. Agency Reports

A. Federal Highway Administration

Mr. Carlos Gonzalez reported that Ft. Pulaski improvements are programmed for FY13 for \$6 million for rehab. They are having a conversation with National Parks about actually replacing the bridge. If so, that would require additional funds from National Parks Service.

The Tiger II funds were awarded to Atlanta, Augusta, and Dahlonega.

B. Federal Transit Administration

No report at this time.

C. Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield

No report at this time.

D. Georgia Department of Transportation

Mr. Brad Saxon distributed his report and asked for questions. He reported on the following projects:

- #18 Islands Expressway @ Wilmington River – Value Engineering (VE) report is being completed
- #30 I-16 @ I-95 Interchange Lighting – on schedule for November; work to begin in February
- #7 SR 204 @ Harmon Canal – ROW certified; ready for letting; Mr. Saxon confirmed funding figures.
- #10 SR 26/Ogeechee Rd. – Mr. Saxon will check on the current status

Ms. Tyrhonda Edwards reported via tele-conference that they are working on their schedule, getting grants submitted in a timely fashion, reviewing the projects that GDOT has oversight over, and consulting with CAT to close out projects.

E. Coastal Regional Commission

Mr. Ron Sandowski reported that CRC will be doing an assessment of state bike route 95. TE applications are due in December, recreational trail applications are due the end of November, and Chatham County schools are going to apply for money through the current Safe Routes to Schools call for projects. The application is due in November.

F. Chatham Area Transit Authority

Mr. Enoch Dumas reported that a comprehensive operational analysis is in process and they have hired a new Director of Finance.

G. Chatham County

No report at this time.

H. City of Savannah

No report at this time.

I. City of Garden City

No report at this time.

J. City of Tybee Island

No report at this time.

K. Georgia Ports Authority

No report at this time.

L. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

No report at this time.

VI. Other Public Comments

No other public comments at this time.

VII. Announcements

Next TCC Meeting: December 9, 2010. This is earlier than usual due to the holidays

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

No items.

IX. Adjournment

There being no other business, the October 21, 2010 meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Wilkes, P.E., AICP
Director of Transportation Planning