

Jerry Surrency – 3:00 p.m.  
112 East State Street, Savannah  
Minutes

**February 17, 2011 Regular Meeting**

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Russ Abolt	Chatham County	
Scott Allison	City of Garden City	X
Robert H. Bonner Jr.	LDH Corporation	
Daniel Bostek	Norfolk Southern Railroad Industry	
Sean Brandon	Director of Mobility and Parking Services	
Teresa Brenner	CORE MPO Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation	
Al Bungard, P.E.	Chatham County Engineering	
Robbie Byrd	City of Pooler	
Phillip Claxton	City of Port Wentworth	
Tony Collins	GDOT-District 5	
Jason Crane	GDOT-Atlanta	X
Leon Davenport, P.E.	Chatham County Engineering	X
Curtis Foltz	Georgia Ports Authority	
Patrick Graham	Savannah Airport Commission	
Will Ingram	Fort Steward/Hunter Army Airfield	X
Jonathan Lynn	City of Tybee Island	
Lupita McClenning	Coastal Regional Commission	
Frank McIntosh	Savannah Bicycle Campaign	X
Chad Reese	Chatham Area Transit	
Representative, staff	City of Bloomingdale	
Representative, engineering	CSX Transportation	
Representative	CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee	
Representative, staff	Town of Vernonburg	
Peter Shonka, P.E.	City of Savannah Engineering	
Rochelle Small-Toney	City of Savannah City	
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	X
Mark Wilkes, P.E.,AICP	MPO	X

<u>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Enoch Dumas	Chatham Area Transit	X
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	X
Ronald Sadowski	Coastal Regional Commission	X
Teresa Scott	GDOT	X
Joe Wilson	City of Tybee Island	X
<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Michael Adams	MPO	X
Brad Saxon	GDOT	X
Tyronda Edwards	GDOT Intermodal	X
Carlos Gonzalez	FHWA	X
Jessica Hagan	MPO	X
Jane Love	MPO	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO	X

**I. Approval of Agenda**

**II. Action Items**

1. Approval of the October 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: TCC minutes 10-21-10.pdf

**Board Action:**

Approval of the October 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Ronald Sadowski

Second: Linton Smith

Russ Abolt	- Not Present
Michael Adams	- Not Present
City Administrator	- Not Present
Scott Allison	- Aye
Pamela Bernard	- Not Present
Robert Bonner, Jr.	- Not Present
Daniel Bostek	- Not Present
Sean Brandon	- Not Present
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
Michael Brown	- Not Present
Al Bungard	- Not Present
Robbie Byrd	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Not Present

Jason Crane	- Aye
Leon Davenport	- Aye
Enoch Dumas	- Aye
Glen Durrence	- Not Present
George Fidler	- Aye
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present
Hugh "Trip" Hollison	- Not Present
Will Ingram	- Aye
Tim Kassa	- Not Present
Adam Kirk	- Not Present
Jane Love	- Not Present
Jonathan Lynn	- Not Present
Doug Marchand	- Not Present
Frank McIntosh	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Not Present
Chad Reese	- Not Present
Seth Rutz	- Not Present
Ronald Sadowski	- Aye
Matt Saxon	- Not Present
Brad Saxon	- Not Present
Bob Scanlon	- Not Present
Teresa Scott	- Aye
Peter Shonka	- Not Present
Linton Smith	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Wykoda Wang	- Not Present
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Not Present
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

2. Amendment to the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program

Attachment: FY 2011 UPWP Mod-Amend 2 Staff Report.pdf  
Attachment: 2011 UPWP As Amended Feb 2011.pdf

Mr. Wilkes stated CORE MPO staff propose an amendment to reflect the addition of PL funds in the amount of \$157,759.35 (matched) carried forward from FY 2010. The proposed amendment will enable CORE MPO staff to access these funds through a funding contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation in order to carry out staff activities in the FY 2011 UPWP.

**Board Action:**

For endorsement of the amendment to the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Frank McIntosh	
Second: Linton Smith	
Russ Abolt	- Not Present
Michael Adams	- Not Present
City Administrator	- Not Present
Scott Allison	- Aye
Pamela Bernard	- Not Present
Robert Bonner, Jr.	- Not Present
Daniel Bostek	- Not Present
Sean Brandon	- Not Present
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
Michael Brown	- Not Present
Al Bungard	- Not Present
Robbie Byrd	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Not Present
Jason Crane	- Aye
Leon Davenport	- Aye
Enoch Dumas	- Aye
Glen Durrence	- Not Present
George Fidler	- Aye
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present
Hugh "Trip" Hollison	- Not Present
Will Ingram	- Aye
Tim Kassa	- Not Present
Adam Kirk	- Not Present
Jane Love	- Not Present
Jonathan Lynn	- Not Present
Doug Marchand	- Not Present
Frank McIntosh	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Not Present
Chad Reese	- Not Present
Seth Rutz	- Not Present
Ronald Sadowski	- Aye
Matt Saxon	- Not Present
Brad Saxon	- Not Present
Bob Scanlon	- Not Present
Teresa Scott	- Aye
Peter Shonka	- Not Present
Linton Smith	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Wykoda Wang	- Not Present
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Not Present
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

3. Endorsement of Staff to Submit Proposed Projects for HB 277 Regional Funding

Attachment: HB 277 Update February Staff Report.pdf

Attachment: Recommended\_Projects\_for\_HB277\_Regional\_Funding.pdf

Mr. Thomson gave a full detailed presentation on the House Bill 277, Transportation Investment Act of 2010.

He reviewed the process: the GDOT Planning Director requests all submittal from the local governments by March 30, 2011. The Planning Director will review submitted projects to ensure conformity with the approved criteria and then create a fiscally unconstrained investment list. The GDOT Planning Director will then send all the projects that meet the criteria to the Executive Committee of the Roundtable, and then the roundtable process has to be completed by October 15, 2011. Mr. Thomson said MPO staff is asking the City and County to look at the list and criteria and let us know if any projects are missing.

The MPO staff built a 10 year work program including the cost for all projects. The total amount was about \$2 billion dollars. The MPO staff would like to know before the MPO meeting if anybody has any changes to the project list.

Mr. Leon Davenport asked if utilities were included in the project cost estimates.

Mr. Jason Crane stated that utilities would be a part of construction.

Ms. Wang stated that she would add a utility phase to the projects if she receives the numbers.

Mr. Brad Saxon stated that there is a "other" section on the submittal form where you can put the utilities estimate.

Mr. Ron Sadowski believes the money generated is considered "Local".

Mr. Thomson stated that the question has come up and the answer is that is considered "State" funds.

Mr. Leon Davenport asked how would the projects be prioritized within the region.

Mr. Jason Crane stated the project schedule will be very important. GDOT wants to avoid having everything in the construction phase in years nine and ten of the tax. Some projects need to be ready for construction earlier.

Mr. George Fidler stated the Airport will be sending the MPO some projects.

Mr. Sadowski stated that the CRC does not want to submit projects, since their staff is helping screen all the projects being submitted.

**Board Action:**

For endorsement of staff to submit proposed projects as presented or amended to be considered for HB 277 regional - funding. No Motion was made.

**Vote Results**

Motion:

Second:

**III. Other Business**

**IV. Status Reports**

**V. Information Reports (verbal)**

**A. Federal Highway Administration**

4. Presentation

Mr. Carlos Gonzalez stated that the President sent a draft proposal of reauthorization. Its a 6-year bill.

**B. Federal Transit Administration**

5. Presentation

No report at this time.

**C. Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield**

6. Presentation

Mr. Will Ingram stated that I-516 at Hunter is at the NEPA documentation stage for one of the Project DeRenne recommendations.

**D. Georgia Department of Transportation**

7. Presentation

Ms. Teresa Scott went over the GDOT/Chatham County projects status reports handout, highlighting #13 - Grange Rd. project, #26 - Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy. Ext ("Last Mile") project, and #35 - SR 204 operational improvement between Veterans Pkwy. and Rio Rd.

**E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia**

8. Presentation

Mr. Ron Sadowski stated that the CRC will be working on the Regional Tax Process. CRC also is working with the Savannah Bicycle Campaign to help collect data for an evaluation of a state bike route.

**F. Chatham Area Transit Authority**

9. Presentation

Mr. Enoch Dumas stated that they have received nine more Hybrid buses.

**G. Chatham County**

10. Presentation

No report at this time.

**H. City of Savannah**

11. Presentation

Mr. Mike Weiner stated that the City's stimulus-funded traffic signal projects are being

completed.

**I. City of Garden City**

12. Presentation

No report at this time.

**J. City of Tybee Island**

13. Presentation

No report at this time.

**K. Georgia Ports Authority**

14. Presentation

No report at this time.

**L. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport**

15. Presentation

Mr. George Fidler presented a diagram of changes planned at the airport.

**M. Savannah Bicycle Campaign**

16. Presentation

Mr. Frank McIntosh stated that Savannah Bicycle Campaign had sent MPO staff their priorities for regional tax projects, based mainly on the Bikeway Plan. He emphasized that such projects are for transportation, not merely recreation.

**VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)**

**VII. Announcements**

17. Next Meeting: April 21, 2011



**VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference**

18. February 2011 Update on MPO Plans and Studies

Attachment: February 2011 Update on CORE MPO Plans and Studies 2-7-11.pdf

**IX. Adjournment**

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