

MPC Surrency Conference Room – 3:00 p.m.  
112 East State Street, Savannah  
Minutes

**June 16, 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	X
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	
Kaycee Mertz	GDOT-Atlanta	X
Leon Davenport, P.E.	Chatham County Engineering	
Curtis Foltz	Georgia Ports Authority	
Patrick Graham	Savannah Airport Commission	
Will Ingram	Fort Steward/Hunter Army Airfield	
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	
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	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
<b><u>Others Present</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
Michael Adams	MPO	X
Brad Saxon	GDOT	X
Tyronda Edwards	GDOT Intermodal	
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 April 21, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: TCC minutes 4-21-11.pdf

Minutes were approved as written.

<b>Board Action:</b>	
Approval of the April 21, 2011 Meeting Minutes.	- PASS
<b>Vote Results</b>	
Motion: Ronald Sadowski	
Second: Frank McIntosh	
Russ Abolt	- Not Present
Michael Adams	- Aye
City Administrator	- Not Present
Scott Allison	- Aye
Pamela Bernard	- Not Present
Robert Bonner, Jr.	- Not Present
Daniel Bostek	- Not Present
Sean Brandon	- Aye
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
Michael Brown	- Not Present
Al Bungard	- Not Present
Robbie Byrd	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Not Present

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

## 2. Endorsement of FY 2012 - 2015 TIP

Attachment: FY 2012-2015 TIP Adoption staff report.pdf

Attachment: FY 2012 - 2015 Draft TIP.pdf

Ms. Wkyoda Wang summarized the proposed TIP. Her presentation included a listing of projects in four categories: Highway/Bridge Projects, Non-motorized Projects, Rail Projects, Transit Projects.

Chatham Area Transit (CAT) has a Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) earmark that has been in the TIP since 2006. It is difficult to get all the information on earmarks. It was suggested that CAT should inquire with Jack Kingston's office. CAT should also coordinate with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and with Parris Orr at the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The path for these funds would be from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to FTA to CAT.

There was discussion about the set-aside funds for non-motorized transportation (bicycle and pedestrian). MPO staff has been working with local government staffs to assign the set-aside funds to

specific projects. One is the Delesseps Ave. Road and Sidewalk Project, for which the City of Savannah will provide matching funds. A few projects in the unincorporated county have been discussed with County Engineering staff. MPO staff is waiting to hear whether the County agrees to the local match and the proposed programming schedule for a bikeway project on Islands Expressway, from Goebel Ave. to Bryans Wood Rd. Should the MPO staff go ahead and propose that the MPO Board adopt the TIP with the project included? Or possibly amend it into the TIP after getting an answer from the County?

**Board Action:**

For endorsement of proposed fiscal year 2012-2015  
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the  
CORE MPO Board, also move the bikeway into a  
specific project. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Michael Weiner  
Second: Ronald Sadowski

Russ Abolt	- Not Present
Michael Adams	- Aye
City Administrator	- Not Present
Scott Allison	- Aye
Pamela Bernard	- Not Present
Robert Bonner, Jr.	- Not Present
Daniel Bostek	- Not Present
Sean Brandon	- Aye
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
Michael Brown	- Not Present
Al Bungard	- Not Present
Robbie Byrd	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Not Present
Leon Davenport	- Not Present
Enoch Dumas	- Aye
Glen Durrence	- Not Present
George Fidler	- Not Present
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present
Hugh "Trip" Hollison	- Not Present
Will Ingram	- Not Present
Tim Kassa	- Not Present
Adam Kirk	- Not Present
Jane Love	- Aye
Jonathan Lynn	- Not Present
Doug Marchand	- Not Present

Frank McIntosh	- Aye
Kaycee Mertz	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Not Present
Chad Reese	- Not Present
Seth Rutz	- Not Present
Ronald Sadowski	- Aye
Brad Saxon	- Not Present
Matt Saxon	- Not Present
Bob Scanlon	- Not Present
Teresa Scott	- Aye
Peter Shonka	- Not Present
Linton Smith	- Not Present
Tom Thomson	- Not Present
Wykoda Wang	- Not Present
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Not Present
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

3. FY 2012 UPWP Amendment

Attachment: FY 2012 UPWP Amend 1 Staff Report.pdf

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Mr. Mark Wilkes presented staff’s proposed amendment to reflect updated apportionments of Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) funds and New Freedom funds from the Federal Transit Administration. The revised apportionments affect the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) because the MPO receives part of the 10% allowed for program administration, in order to conduct the annual call for projects and create the Program of Projects for JARC and New Freedom.

**Board Action:**

For endorsement to the CORE MPO Board. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Scott Allison

Second: Sean Brandon

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

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

4. Endorsement of Revised Coordinated Plan and Program Management Plan

Attachment: HST\_June\_2011.pdf

Attachment: PMP\_June\_2011.pdf

Attachment: Coordinated Plan Amendments Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Wang stated that in order to access the the funds for some of the newly programmed JARC and New Freedom projects, they need to be included in the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (HST) and Program Management Plan (PMP). MPO staff took this opportunity to also revise any out-dated information in the plan, usually making descriptions (such as on committee memberships) more general, to avoid the need for frequent revisions. Ms. Wang reviewed all changes that need to be made.

**Board Action:**

For endorsement of the revised Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan for the Savannah Area and the revised Program Management Plan to the CORE MPO Board. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Enoch Dumas

Second: Michael Weiner

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

Tom Thomson	- Not Present
Wykoda Wang	- Not Present
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Not Present
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

### III. Other Business

#### 5. Prioritization of Transportation Investment Act Projects

Attachment: Memo on TIA 2010 Unconstrained Regional Project Prioritization  
061511.pdf

Attachment: CORE\_MPO\_TIA\_Project\_Selection.pdf

Mr. Thomson explained the Chatham County Unconstrained Project List as proposed by GDOT Planning Director and asked the committee members each to pick their top 25 projects. The other MPO advisory committees and the MPO Board will also have the opportunity to indicate their top 25 projects. This will help the MPO to inform the Executive Committee of the Coastal Region Roundtable about the priorities for the Chatham area.

The Executive Committee will propose a financially balanced, regional project list to the full Roundtable later this summer.

### IV. Status Reports

#### V. Information Reports (verbal)

##### A. Federal Highway Administration

###### 6. Presentation

Mr. Carlos Gonzalez stated that FHWA and the Florida DOT are looking for buyers for the New Smyrna Beach ferry boats.

##### B. Federal Transit Administration

###### 7. Presentation

No report at this time.

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

###### 8. Presentation



No report at this time.

Mr. Thomson noted for the committee that LTC Aguilar's duty at Hunter Army Airfield is ending this month and he will be departing for an assignment in Missouri.

#### **D. Georgia Department of Transportation**

##### 9. Presentation

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

SR 307/Dean Forest Rd from R.B. Miller Rd. to SR 21

SR 204 from CR 975 / Veterans Parkway to CS 1202/Rio Rd

SR 204 Spur from Haneys Crk to CR 767/Ferguson Ave

CS 650/GRange Rd from SR 21 to SR 25

CR 787/Islands Expressway@ Wilmington River/Bascule Bridge

SR 21 Signal Upgrade-SR 73 and SR 25, Chatham, Effingham and Evan Counties

#### **E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia**

##### 10. Presentation

Mr. Ron Sadowski stated that they have received their contract from GDOT for the next fiscal year and we will be doing updates to the regional bike and ped plan.

Ms. Love asked when was the last update done on the bike and ped plan.

Mr. Sadowski stated about six years ago.

#### **F. Chatham Area Transit Authority**

##### 11. Presentation

Mr. Enoch Dumas stated that CAT has implemented a new, limited-stop service for route #14, from Downtown to Savannah Mall. He also noted that today was the National Dump the Pump day.

#### **G. Chatham County**

12. Presentation

No report at this time.

**H. City of Savannah**

13. Presentation

Mr. Sean Brandon stated that Mobility and Parking Services will be changing their software for the garages.

He also updated the committee on the progress of the potential Price Street bike lanes. City staff has been working with the fire department about a few design details.

Mr. Mike Wiener stated that they are submitting responses for the concerns that were submitted by Federal Highway Administration for the Gwinnett St. widening project. The city conducted a study on MLK Blvd and Hall St. and it determined that a traffic signal was warranted and that installation will proceed. The upgrade of lighting along Factor's Walk is underway, with a grant from the Department of Energy. This will lead to energy and financial savings.

**I. City of Garden City**

14. Presentation

No report at this time.

**J. City of Tybee Island**

15. Presentation

No report at this time.

**K. Georgia Ports Authority**

16. Presentation

No report at this time.

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

17. Presentation

No report at this time.

**M. Savannah Bicycle Campaign**

18. Presentation

Mr. Frank McIntosh stated that they have launched the online registration for the Midnight Garden Ride, to be held on September 3, 2011.

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

**VII. Announcements**

19. Next TCC Meeting: August 18, 2011

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

20. 2010-2011 Transportation Enhancement Awards within Chatham County

21. High Speed Rail Stakeholder Material

Attachment: High Speed Rail Stakeholder Materials\_May2011.pdf

22. 3rd Infantry Division Highway Corridor Study Information

**IX. Adjournment**

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