



TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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

**August 16, 2012 Regular Meeting of the CORE MPO TCC**

| <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   |                |
| Al Bungard, P.E.             | Chatham County Engineering           |                |
| Robbie Byrd                  | City of Pooler                       |                |
| Phillip Claxton              | City of Port Wentworth               |                |
| Karon Ivery                  | 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    | X              |
| Lupita McClenning            | Coastal Regional Commission          |                |
| Frank McIntosh               | Savannah Bicycle Campaign            |                |
| Dianne Otto                  | City of Tybee Island                 | X              |
| Chad Reese                   | Chatham Area Transit                 |                |
| Representative, staff        | City of Bloomingdale                 |                |
| Representative, staff        | City of Tybee Island                 |                |
| 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                     |                |
| 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 | X              |
| Mark Wilkes, P.E.,AICP       | MPO                                  | X              |
| <u>Voting Alternates</u>     | <u>Representing</u>                  | <u>Present</u> |
| Sean Brandon                 | City of Savannah                     |                |

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| George Fidler                | Savannah Airport Commission |                       |
| Sarah Rayfield               | Chatham Area Transit        | X                     |
| Chris Emmer                  | Coastal Regional Commission |                       |
| <b><u>Others Present</u></b> | <b><u>Representing</u></b>  | <b><u>Present</u></b> |
| Michael Adams                | MPO                         | X                     |
| Tyronda Edwards              | GDOT Intermodal             |                       |
| Carlos Gonzalez              | FHWA                        |                       |
| Jessica Hagan                | MPO                         | X                     |
| Jane Love                    | MPO                         | X                     |
| Brad Saxon                   | GDOT                        | X                     |
| Wykoda Wang                  | MPO                         | X                     |

**I. Approval of Agenda**

1. Approval of the August 16, 2012 Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as written

**Board Action:**

Approve agenda as written. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Sarah Rayfield

Second: Jane Love

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| Chris Emmer          | - Not Present |
| George Fidler        | - Not Present |
| Curtis Foltz         | - Not Present |
| Patrick S. Graham    | - Not Present |
| Brian Harvey         | - Not Present |
| Hugh "Trip" Hollison | - Not Present |
| Will Ingram          | - Aye         |
| Karen Ivery          | - Not Present |
| Adam Kirk            | - Not Present |
| Jane Love            | - Aye         |
| Frank McIntosh       | - Not Present |
| Tom McQueen          | - Not Present |
| Kaycee Mertz         | - Aye         |
| Dianne Otto          | - Aye         |
| Nathaniel Panther    | - Not Present |
| Sarah Rayfield       | - Aye         |
| Chad Reese           | - Not Present |
| Ronald Sadowski      | - Not Present |

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| Matt Saxon           | - Not Present |
| Brad Saxon           | - Aye         |
| Bob Scanlon          | - Not Present |
| Teresa Scott         | - Not Present |
| Peter Shonka         | - Not Present |
| Rochelle Small-Toney | - Not Present |
| Linton Smith         | - Not Present |
| Tom Thomson          | - Aye         |
| Wykoda Wang          | - Aye         |
| Michael Weiner       | - Aye         |
| Randy Weitman        | - Not Present |
| Mark Wilkes          | - Aye         |
| Russ Abolt           | - Not Present |
| Michael Adams        | - Aye         |
| Charles Akridge      | - 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 |
| Al Bungard           | - Not Present |
| Robbie Byrd          | - Not Present |
| Phillip Claxton      | - Not Present |
| Leon Davenport       | - Not Present |

## II. Action Items

### 2. Approval of the June 21, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: TCC Minutes 6-21-12.pdf

The minutes were approved as written.

#### **Board Action:**

Approve minutes as written. - PASS

#### **Vote Results**

Motion: Sarah Rayfield

Second: Scott Allison

Dianne Otto -

Russ Abolt - Not Present

Michael Adams - Aye

Charles Akridge - Not Present

Scott Allison - Aye

Pamela Bernard - Not Present

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| Robert Bonner, Jr.   | - Not Present |
| Daniel Bostek        | - Not Present |
| Sean Brandon         | - Not Present |
| Teresa Brenner       | - Not Present |
| Al Bungard           | - Not Present |
| Robbie Byrd          | - Not Present |
| Phillip Claxton      | - Not Present |
| Leon Davenport       | - Not Present |
| Chris Emmer          | - Not Present |
| George Fidler        | - Not Present |
| Curtis Foltz         | - Not Present |
| Patrick S. Graham    | - Not Present |
| Brian Harvey         | - Not Present |
| Hugh "Trip" Hollison | - Not Present |
| Will Ingram          | - Aye         |
| Karen Ivery          | - Not Present |
| Adam Kirk            | - Not Present |
| Jane Love            | - Aye         |
| Frank McIntosh       | - Not Present |
| Tom McQueen          | - Not Present |
| Kaycee Mertz         | - Aye         |
| Nathaniel Panther    | - Not Present |
| Sarah Rayfield       | - Aye         |
| Chad Reese           | - Not Present |
| Ronald Sadowski      | - Not Present |
| Matt Saxon           | - Not Present |
| Brad Saxon           | - Aye         |
| Bob Scanlon          | - Not Present |
| Teresa Scott         | - Not Present |
| Peter Shonka         | - Not Present |
| Rochelle Small-Toney | - Not Present |
| Linton Smith         | - Not Present |
| Tom Thomson          | - Aye         |
| Wykoda Wang          | - Aye         |
| Michael Weiner       | - Not Present |
| Randy Weitman        | - Not Present |
| Mark Wilkes          | - Aye         |

### 3. FY 2013 - 2016 TIP Highway Program Updates

Attachment: FY 2013-2016 TIP Highway Program Updates.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the staff report. She explained that GDOT requested two revisions to the TIP, programming funds in FY 2013. One to add preliminary engineering (PE) phase to the TIP to bring the plans of the I-95 Welcome Center project up to date, and one to program additional funds for project oversight of the Brampton Road connector

project.

**Board Action:**

For endorsement of the proposed updates to the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Sarah Rayfield

Second: Brad Saxon

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| Russ Abolt           | - Not Present |
| Michael Adams        | - Aye         |
| Charles Akridge      | - 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 |
| Al Bungard           | - Not Present |
| Robbie Byrd          | - Not Present |
| Phillip Claxton      | - Not Present |
| Leon Davenport       | - Not Present |
| Chris Emmer          | - Not Present |
| George Fidler        | - Not Present |
| Curtis Foltz         | - Not Present |
| Patrick S. Graham    | - Not Present |
| Brian Harvey         | - Not Present |
| Hugh "Trip" Hollison | - Not Present |
| Will Ingram          | - Aye         |
| Karen Ivery          | - Not Present |
| Adam Kirk            | - Not Present |
| Jane Love            | - Aye         |
| Frank McIntosh       | - Not Present |
| Tom McQueen          | - Not Present |
| Kaycee Mertz         | - Aye         |
| Dianne Otto          | - Aye         |
| Nathaniel Panther    | - Not Present |
| Sarah Rayfield       | - Aye         |
| Chad Reese           | - Not Present |
| Ronald Sadowski      | - Not Present |
| Matt Saxon           | - Not Present |
| Brad Saxon           | - Aye         |
| Bob Scanlon          | - Not Present |
| Teresa Scott         | - Not Present |
| Peter Shonka         | - Not Present |

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| Rochelle Small-Toney | - Not Present |
| Linton Smith         | - Not Present |
| Tom Thomson          | - Aye         |
| Wykoda Wang          | - Aye         |
| Michael Weiner       | - Aye         |
| Randy Weitman        | - Not Present |
| Mark Wilkes          | - Aye         |

4. FY 2013 – 2016 TIP Transit Amendments

Attachment: CAT TIP FY 2013-2016-update August 2012.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that CAT has requested amendments be made to the Transit section of the FY 2013-2016 TIP, impacting the FY 2013 transit programming. The proposed amendments include corrections and adjustments to Sections 5307, 5316, 5317 and adding in Section 5309. The changes are due to the release of the full funding apportionments from the federal government, and so that CAT can receive the competitive Section 5309 grant funding. At the time of TIP adoption in June, it was unknown whether CAT's application would receive award.

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| <b>Board Action:</b>  |               |
| For endorsement of transit amendments to the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program. | - PASS        |
| <b>Vote Results</b>   |               |
| Motion: Sarah Rayfield  |               |
| Second: Michael Weiner  |               |
| Russ Abolt  | - Not Present |
| Michael Adams   | - Aye         |
| Charles Akridge   | - 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 |
| Al Bungard  | - Not Present |
| Robbie Byrd   | - Not Present |
| Phillip Claxton   | - Not Present |
| Leon Davenport  | - Not Present |
| Chris Emmer   | - Not Present |
| George Fidler   | - Not Present |
| Curtis Foltz  | - Not Present |
| Patrick S. Graham   | - Not Present |
| Brian Harvey  | - Not Present |
| Hugh "Trip" Hollison  | - Not Present |

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| Will Ingram          | - Aye         |
| Karen Ivery          | - Not Present |
| Adam Kirk            | - Not Present |
| Jane Love            | - Aye         |
| Frank McIntosh       | - Not Present |
| Tom McQueen          | - Not Present |
| Kaycee Mertz         | - Aye         |
| Dianne Otto          | - Aye         |
| Nathaniel Panther    | - Not Present |
| Sarah Rayfield       | - Aye         |
| Chad Reese           | - Not Present |
| Ronald Sadowski      | - Not Present |
| Matt Saxon           | - Not Present |
| Brad Saxon           | - Aye         |
| Bob Scanlon          | - Not Present |
| Teresa Scott         | - Not Present |
| Peter Shonka         | - Not Present |
| Rochelle Small-Toney | - Not Present |
| Linton Smith         | - Not Present |
| Tom Thomson          | - Aye         |
| Wykoda Wang          | - Aye         |
| Michael Weiner       | - Aye         |
| Randy Weitman        | - Not Present |
| Mark Wilkes          | - Aye         |

### III. Other Business

#### 5. New GDOT Planning Director

Mr. Thomson stated that Toby Carr, the new GDOT Planning Director will be at the MPO Board meeting on August 22, 2012. The position is a Governor-appointed one.

### IV. Status Reports

#### 6. 2010 Census Savannah Urbanized Area

Attachment: 2010 Savannah UA Boundary.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang gave a report on the 2010 census, that it will have an impact on the current MPO boundaries and funding. The new census would have Richmond Hill in Bryan County and a little of Effingham County included in our MPO boundary. The staff is still working on determining definite boundaries. The MPO is to include urbanized areas plus any area that is expected to be urbanized within the next twenty years. This analysis is underway by the MPO staff. Once this is determined, changes in the MPO membership could be made and a Memorandum of Understanding with GDOT will be issued.

Ms. Wang explained that part of Hunter Army Airfield, part of the airport, part of Bloomingdale and Pooler, and part of the Crossroads business center are not included in the Savannah urbanized area. The MPO has sent a letter questioning this decision.

Ms. Kaycee Mertz, of GDOT Planning, said that a letter is coming to the MPO regarding urban area boundaries with respect to the determination of functional classification for roadways.

Mr. Mark Willkes asked Ms. Mertz whether GDOT had spatial information for Effingham County and Bryan County at a smaller scale than what the MPO has so far, so the MPO can better incorporate the new area into the travel demand model. She said she would check.

#### 7. Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) -- the Congressional Surface Transportation Authorization

Attachment: MAP-21 staff report.pdf

Ms. Jane Love presented the staff report. She stated that MAP-21 replaces SAFETEA-LU. MAP-21 continues current funding levels, with adjustments for inflation. Authorizations for FY 2013 and FY 2014 total \$ 105 billion. It reestablishes solvency of the Highway Trust Fund in the short-term with transfers from the General Fund and from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank fund, to supplement the usual federal fuel tax revenue. However the Highway Trust Fund will be in the negative again in FY 2015. MAP-21 includes no earmarks, which is unlike previous authorizations.

Ms. Love also reviewed details under topics of consolidation of programs, metropolitan planning; and environmental streamlining, as outlined in the staff report provided prior to the meeting.

### **V. Information Reports (verbal)**

#### **A. Federal Highway Administration**

##### 8. Presentation

No report at this time.

#### **B. Federal Transit Administration**

##### 9. Presentation

No report at this time.

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



10. Presentation

No report at this time.

**D. Georgia Department of Transportation**

11. Presentation

Mr. Brad Saxon gave a report on the following projects:

Three projects related to Project DeRenne all had an initial concept team meeting held on 8/9/2012:

- # 3 West DeRenne Ave. / Hampstead Ave. Connector;
- # 4 East DeRenne Ave. from Abercorn St. to HST Pkwy.;
- # 5 SR 21 from CS 346 / Mildred St. to SR 204.

There will need to be an Interchange Justification Report (IJR), related to the treatment of I-516, in the western segment of Project DeRenne.

# 7 CR 9 / Crossgate Rd. / Gulfstream Rd. @ CR 1119 / Robert B. Miller Rd. - ROW plans submitted for approval.

# 10 Gwinnett St. / CS 1504 from Stiles Ave. to I-16 - City revising concept.

Active Construction Projects:

#5 Traffic Signal upgrades and installation of intersection video detection system (VDS) at various locations on SR 21, 25 and 73 - Summer of 2012.

Mr. Thomson asked about the I-95 lighting agreement. Mr. Saxon said the ownership issue does not look promising.

**E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia**

12. Presentation

No report at this time.

**F. Chatham Area Transit Authority**

13. Presentation

Ms. Sarah Rayfield stated they are currently working on the Transit Development Plan. Their consultants would like to meet with MPO staff as part of this update.

CAT now has a new Chief Development Officer and also has a new ferry coming in September. The new Transit Center should be ready in May or June of 2013.

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

##### 14. Presentation

No report at this time.

#### **H. City of Savannah**

##### 15. Presentation

Mr. Mike Weiner reported that installation of a signal at MLK Blvd. and Hall St. will be underway shortly and should be completed by next month.

Concept meeting for the three phases of DeRenne Ave. took place earlier this month, as reported by Mr. Saxon. They will be doing the value engineering study in Atlanta in September.

The other project is a pedestrian safety project on DeLesseps Ave. The city has approved an agreement with GDOT for this project.

He reported that the improvement project on Victory Dr. at the Truman Pkwy. has just been awarded.

#### **I. City of Garden City**

##### 16. Presentation

No report at this time.

#### **J. City of Tybee Island**

##### 17. Presentation

No report at this time.

**K. Georgia Ports Authority**

18. Presentation

No report at this time.

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

19. Presentation

No report at this time.

**M. Savannah Bicycle Campaign**

20. Presentation

No report at this time.

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

**VII. Announcements**

21. Next CORE MPO TCC Meeting: October 18, 2012

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

22. MPO Comments submitted to NPS regarding Fort Pulaski GMP, Wilderness Area, and US 80 Projects

Attachment: Thomson Wester MPC-MPO Comments Fort Pulaski GMP signed.pdf

**IX. Adjournment**

*The Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission provides meeting summary minutes which are adopted by the respective Board. Verbatim transcripts of minutes are the responsibility of the interested party.*