



TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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

June 21, 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	
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	
Karon Ivery	GDOT-District 5	
Kaycee Mertz	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	
Lupita McClenning	Coastal Regional Commission	
Frank McIntosh	Savannah Bicycle Campaign	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	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	X
<u>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Sean Brandon	City of Savannah	X

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

I. Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the June 21, 2012 Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve as written. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Frank McIntosh

Second: Linton Smith

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	- Aye
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
Al Bungard	- Not Present
Robbie Byrd	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Not Present
Leon Davenport	- Aye
Chris Emmer	- Not Present
George Fidler	- Aye
Curtis Foltz	- Not Present
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present
Brian Harvey	- Not Present

Hugh "Trip" Hollison	- Not Present
Will Ingram	- Not Present
Karen Ivery	- Not Present
Adam Kirk	- Not Present
Jane Love	- Aye
Frank McIntosh	- Aye
Tom McQueen	- Not Present
Kaycee Mertz	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Not Present
Sarah Rayfield	- Not Present
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	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Wykoda Wang	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Not Present
Randy Weitman	- Not Present
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

II. Action Items

2. Approval of the April 19, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: TCC minutes 4-19-12.pdf

Minutes were approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve minutes as written. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Frank McIntosh

Second: Linton Smith

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	- Aye
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
Al Bungard	- Not Present
Robbie Byrd	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Not Present
Leon Davenport	- Aye
Chris Emmer	- Not Present
George Fidler	- Aye
Curtis Foltz	- Not Present
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present
Brian Harvey	- Not Present
Hugh "Trip" Hollison	- Not Present
Will Ingram	- Not Present
Karen Ivery	- Not Present
Adam Kirk	- Not Present
Jane Love	- Aye
Frank McIntosh	- Aye
Tom McQueen	- Not Present
Kaycee Mertz	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Not Present
Sarah Rayfield	- Not Present
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	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Wykoda Wang	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Not Present
Randy Weitman	- Not Present
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

3. Endorsement of FY 2013-2016 TIP

Attachment: FY 2013-2016 TIP Adoption staff report.pdf

Attachment: FY 2013 - 2016 Draft TIP.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang gave a presentation on the FY 2013-2016 TIP. In her report she reviewed the process for developing the new TIP, including the public review and comment period. She gave a review on the list of projects in the following categories: Highway and Bridge projects, Non-motorized projects and Transit projects. She then reviewed all the comments that were received from the public.

Certain projects were discussed by the committee:

US 80 Bridges and Road Improvements -- Russell McMurray of GDOT had informed GDOT Planning and Tom Thomson at MPC that the Department was willing to "adopt" this project. The FY 2013-2016 TIP shows state matching funds, as appropriate.

I-16 Flyover Removal -- Scoping had been moved to FY 2014. Mr. Thomson announced workshop for City Council.

Savannah-Whitemarsh Bikeway -- Mr. Davenport agreed that County would provide the local match since they had previously said so, but his department will not be managing the project. The TIP shows Preliminary Engineering (PE) in FY 2013, so who is going to do that? It was agreed to wait until after the referendum on the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) before making changes in the TIP.

E. President Street Improvements -- The question was whether to keep old Project Identification (PI) number. The new project description doesn't match the old agreement. GDOT committed \$2.5 million to construction. Mr. Thomson will talk with the City. Also, the TIA vote result can affect programming.

W. Gwinnett Street project -- There was a question about inclusion of bike lanes. Mr. Brad Saxon said all such elements were in the project prior to project reduction. Mr. Sean Brandon will check the latest concept.

Back River Bridge Replacement -- There had been questions about inclusion of bike facilities. GDOT Project Manager had said the project does not include them, but committee members believe it has bikeable shoulders. It is possible the GDOT Project Manager did not consider the shoulders to be bike facilities, since they are not proposed as striped bike lanes.

The motion to endorse the FY 2013-2016 TIP carried with none opposed.

Board Action:

For TCC endorsement of the proposed FY 2013-2016 TIP. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Mark Wilkes

Second: Sean Brandon

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	- Aye
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
Al Bungard	- Not Present
Robbie Byrd	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Not Present
Leon Davenport	- Aye
Chris Emmer	- Not Present
George Fidler	- Aye
Curtis Foltz	- Not Present
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present
Brian Harvey	- Not Present
Hugh "Trip" Hollison	- Not Present
Will Ingram	- Not Present
Karen Ivery	- Not Present
Adam Kirk	- Not Present
Jane Love	- Aye
Frank McIntosh	- Aye
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Sarah Rayfield	- Not Present
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	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Wykoda Wang	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Not Present
Randy Weitman	- Not Present
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

III. Other Business

IV. Status Reports

4. Local Project Lists for TIA 2010 Discretionary Funding

Attachment: TIA Update June 2012 Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang gave a update report on the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) 2010 Discretionary Funding. She reviewed all the projects that were sent in from each jurisdiction within Chatham County. The final list is still being compiled.

MPO staff expects Bloomingdale's list on the day after this meeting. Mr. Smith of Thunderbolt said he would be sending a revised list.

Mr. Thomson said MPO staff is encouraging all the mayors to attend next week's MPO meeting. Also, Trip Tollison from the Chamber will be giving an overview to the MPO of the Chamber's TIA-related activities.

5. 2012 JARC and New Freedom Competitive Project Selection Process

Attachment: 2012 Call for Project Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang explained the process of the project selection and reported which projects were awarded funding. JARC funds were awarded to CAT #2 route bus service, CAT #6 route bus service and the Abercorn Express & Expanded bus service. New Freedom funds were awarded to the Accessible Taxi Program.

6. Fort Pulaski General Management Plan, Proposed Wilderness Area, as Relates to US 80 Transportation Projects

Attachment: Fort Pulaski GMP_Wilderness Area_US 80 staff report.pdf

Ms. Jane Love reported on the MPO staff's concerns about the Wilderness Area proposed in the National Park Service's (NPS's) draft General Management Plan for Fort Pulaski. The NPS is conducting a public comment period until July 13, and MPO staff will prepare a letter of comments. Staff has also notified GDOT and Tybee Island of the public comment period.

The proposed Wilderness Area could complicate implementation of US 80 bridge and road improvements, which are the subject of the MPO's US 80 Bridges Replacement Study. The area around Bull River Bridge is of concern because the Wilderness Area would be on both sides of the eastern end of that bridge. Since bridge improvements occur more to one side of a bridge than to the other, the currently proposed setback of 50 feet off of the US 80 centerline leaves very little flexibility for the alignment of a new bridge, even a two-lane bridge. There is no conflict with the Lazaretto Creek Bridge, as the Wilderness Area would not extend past the boat ramp drive. MPO staff's letter to the NPS will recommend a larger setback from US 80 to allow more space for future improvements.

V. Information Reports (verbal)

A. Federal Highway Administration

7. Presentation

No report at this time.

B. Federal Transit Administration

8. Presentation

No report at this time.

C. Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield

9. Presentation

No report at this time.

D. Georgia Department of Transportation

10. Presentation

Mr. Brad Saxon reported on the following projects:

2 - SR 204 / Abercorn St. from CR 68 / Pine Grove Rd. to CR 975 / Veterans Pkwy. Right-of-way (ROW) plans approved.

7 - CR 9 / Crossgate / Gulfstream Rd. @ CR 1119 / Robert B. Miller Rd. Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR) held and Environmental document has been sent to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for review.

8 - CS 650 / Grange Rd. from SR 21 to SR 25. Public Information Open House (PIOH) held and Environmental document is underway.

20 - SR 204 from CR 803 / Fort Argyle Rd. to CR 770 / Old River Rd. Final Field Plan Review (FFPR) held.

27 - Brampton Rd. Connector from Foundation Dr. to SR 25 / SR 21 / US 80. Working on concept report, Practical Alternatives Report submitted to Office of Environmental Services.

35 - Eisenhower Dr. from SR 204 / Abercorn St. to Truman Pkwy. Project deleted from Construction Work Plan by FHWA due to lack of activity.

37 - Skidaway Rd. from Ferguson Ave. to south of Victory Dr. Project on hold.

Mr. Frank McIntosh asked about the Skidaway Rd. project. Mr. Saxon said it is being transitioned to the County.

E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia

11. Presentation

No report at this time.

F. Chatham Area Transit Authority

12. Presentation

No report at this time.

G. Chatham County

13. Presentation

Mr. Leon Davenport reported on the following projects:

1. Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase II. Revised Concept report submitted. ROW funding will be partially local. MPO funding ROW in TIP for FY 2013. Revised Project Framework Agreement needed between Chatham County and the GDOT.
2. Jimmy DeLoach / US 80 Interchange. Value Engineering Study complete. ROW funding will be partially local. Environmental document submitted. MPO funding ROW in TIP for FY 2013. PFA needed between Chatham County and the GDOT.
3. Bay Street Widening. Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact approved by FHWA on August 31, 2007. ROW acquisitions on hold pending Historical Alternative Avoidance Analysis. Review by FHWA underway. Revised ROW contract between Chatham County and the GDOT is required due to State Historic Preservation Office delay.

Mr. Davenport added that the Bay Street project is expected to start back up late this year.

H. City of Savannah

14. Presentation

Mr. Sean Brandon reported that the parking meters are being changed to "pay-by-space" and they will be able to be tracked by mobile applications. Also the City is continuing to install bike racks.

I. City of Garden City

15. Presentation

No report at this time.

J. City of Tybee Island

16. Presentation

No report at this time.

K. Georgia Ports Authority

17. Presentation

No report at this time.

L. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

18. Presentation

Mr. George Fidler reported that the airport extension should be finished up early next year. There is a new connector road being added across Airways Ave., to the new Gulfstream facility.

M. Savannah Bicycle Campaign

19. Presentation

Mr. Frank McIntosh reported that today was the annual Dump the Pump day with CAT. The bicyclists, for the fourth year in a row, beat the transit rider and the car driver in the commuter challenge, from Twelve Oaks shopping center to City Hall.

The night of September 1st will be the Midnight Garden Ride.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

20. Next CORE MPO TCC Meeting: August 16, 2012

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

21. GDOT District Five response to CAC letter regarding sight lines at I-516/I-16 interchange

Attachment: District 5 Letter to CORE MPO CAC 5-21-12.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.