



CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee

MPC Jerry Surrency Conference Room -- 2:00 p.m.
112 East State Street, Savannah
Minutes

February 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes of the CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Charles Ackridge	City of Bloomingdale	
Scott Allison	City of Richmond Hill	
Pamela Bernard	Chatham County Engineering	X
John Bennett	Bike Walk Savannah	X
Matt Saxon	City of Pooler	
Byron Cowart	Engineering GDOT - District Five	X
Ned Green	GDOT - Planning	X
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	X
Jackie Jackson	City of Garden City	X
Trent Long	City of Port Wentworth	
Don Masisack	Coastal Regional Commission	
George Shaw	City of Tybee Island	
Grant Sparks	Chatham Area Transit	X
Melanie Wilson	MPC Executive Director	X
Randy Weitman	Georgia Ports Authority	
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Vacant	Effingham County	
Steve Henry	City of Savannah	X
Vacant	Town of Thunderbolt	
<u>Voting Alternate</u>	<u>Representing</u>	
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
<u>Others</u>	<u>Representing</u>	
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO	X
James Small	CORE MPO	X
Tom McQueen	GDOT-Planning	X
Vivian Canizares	GDOT-Planning	X
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County	X
Caila Brown	Bike Walk Savannah	X
Aidan Quirke	Chatham Area Transit	X

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Mark Wilkes motioned to approve the February 7, 2019 CORE MPO TCC meeting agenda; seconded by Ms. Jackie Jackson. The motion was passed with none opposed.

II. Action Items

1. [Approval of December 6, 2018 CORE TCC meeting minutes](#)

📎 [tcc-dec-6-minutes-final.pdf](#)

Mr. Mark Wilkes motioned to approve the December 6, 2018 meeting minutes; seconded by Ms. Pamela Bernard. The motion was passed with none opposed.

2. [CORE MPO's STBG 2018/2019 Call for Projects and Recommendations for Amendments to FY 2018 – 2021 TIP](#)

📎 [Z230 Funds Call for Projects staff report February 2019.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the CORE MPO's STBG 2018/2019 Call for Projects process and ranking results. CORE MPO Staff conducted a Call for Projects in December 2018 to January 2019 to allocate the FY 2019 Z230 funds to one or more projects or project phases. The MPO received five (5) applications in total. TCC members reviewed and scored these applications. Ranked from 1-5, 1 receiving the highest score and 5 receiving the lowest are: 1. Chatham County - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-A, 2. CAT -Intelligent Transit System (ITS) Project, 3. CAT - Electric Bus and Infrastructure, 4. Tybee Island - Marsh Hen Trail, and 5. Savannah Airport Commission - Extend Airways Avenue Turn Lane. Due to the timeline constraints and low rankings, the Savannah Airport Commission - Extend Airways Avenue Turn Lane and Tybee Island - Marsh Hen Trail projects will not qualify for the funds.

Mr. Aiden Quirke motioned to use the requested FY 2019 Z230 funds of roughly \$450,000 - \$500,000 for the Chatham County - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-A Project, and the remaining amount of roughly \$600,000 – \$650,000 for the CAT - Intelligent Transit System (ITS) Project; and allow staff the opportunity to calculate and apply the final financial amounts to the stated projects within the ranges listed; seconded by Ms. Jackie Jackson. The motion was passed with none opposed.

The TCC voted on 2 options for allocating the FY 2020 Z230 funds. Option #1 allocates the entire roughly \$1 million to the I-16 at SR 307 project. Option #2 splits the amount allocating roughly \$500,000 to the I-16 at SR 307 project and the remainder to the CAT - Electric Bus and Infrastructure project.

Mr. Steve Henry, Byron Cowart, George Fiddler, Ned Green, and Ms. Pamela Bernard voted in favor of Option #1. Mr. Aiden Quirke, John Bennett, Ms. Jackie Jackson and Wykoda Wang voted in favor of Option #2. Option #1 won by the majority vote.

Ms. Jackie Jackson motioned to use the requested FY 2020 Z230 funds of roughly \$1,000,000 towards the I-16 at SR 307 Project; seconded by Ms. Wykoda Wang. The motion was passed with one opposed, Mr. Aiden Quirke.

MPO staff will prepare the TIP amendment report for public review and comment based on these TCC recommendations.

3. [CORE MPO's Transportation Alternatives 2018/2019 Call for Projects and Recommendations for Amendments to FY 2018 – 2021 TIP](#)

📎 [TA Selection Process staff report February 2019.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the CORE MPO's Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects process and ranking results. CORE MPO Staff conducted a Call for Projects in December 2018 to January 2019 to allocate the FY 2019-2021 Z301 funds to one or more projects or project phases. The MPO received five (5) applications in total. TCC members reviewed and scored these applications. Ranked from 1-4, 1 receiving the highest score and 4 receiving the lowest are: 1. Chatham County - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-A, 2. City of Savannah - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B, 3. City of Savannah - DeLesseps Avenue, and 4. both Savannah Airport Commission - Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway and City of Tybee Island - Marsh Hen Trail.

Mr. Steve Henry motioned to use the requested FY 2019 Z301 funds to pay for PE for the City of Savannah - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B, and the remainder of what is available to Chatham County - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-A; seconded by Mr. Aiden Quirke. The motion was passed with none opposed.

Mr. Steve Henry motioned to use the requested FY 2020 Z301 funds to pay for the City of Savannah - DeLesseps Avenue project; seconded by Mr. Aiden Quirke. The motion was passed with none opposed.

Mr. Steve Henry motioned to use the requested FY 2021 Z301 funds to pay for the City of Savannah - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B; seconded by Mr. John Bennett. The motion was passed with none opposed.

MPO staff will prepare the TIP amendment report for public review and comment based on these TCC recommendations.

4. Adoption of FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program

📎 [FY 2020 UPWP Adoption Staff Report.pdf](#)

📎 [Draft 2020 UPWP consolidated with FHWA and GDOT comments.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the draft CORE MPO FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program. The Draft FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the proposed MPO staff work program for the coming fiscal year that runs from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The UPWP details the staff budget and work projects expected to be undertaken by the MPO in support of the federally mandated 3-C (Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive) transportation planning process. The UPWP outlines what we do and what staff will use the money for. We normally receive money from the Federal PL Grant, from the Federal Highway Administration and the Section 5303 Transit Grant, from the Federal Transit Administration. These funds can only be used for planning purposes and require a 20% match. GDOT is the direct recipient and CORE MPO is the sub recipient. For FY 2020, the total funding is roughly \$606,000. PL Grant is about \$355,000 and the local match is roughly \$89,000. The Section 5303 Transit Grant has roughly \$130,000, the state and local match is \$16,000 respectively. The PL Grant local match of \$89,000 and 5303 Transit Grant local match of \$16,000 are paid by the CORE MPO membership dues. All FHWA and GDOT comments and questions have been addressed in the current draft. TCC endorsement and adoption of the FY 2020 UPWP by the CORE MPO Board will continue the federally required 3-C transportation planning process, ensuring continued eligibility for federal transportation funds.

Mr. George Fidler motioned to endorse the CORE MPO FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program; seconded by Mr. Steve Henry. The motion was passed with none opposed.

Comments on the Draft UPWP should be forwarded to Ms. Wykoda Wang by February 15, 2019 for incorporation into the final FY 2020 UPWP.

III. Other Business

NONE

IV. Status Reports

5. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

☞ [February 2019 MTP Update Staff Report.pdf](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossi presented the status on the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update. Federal planning regulations require that MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTPs) be updated at least every five years, and that a twenty-year planning horizon be maintained. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan is a comprehensive, multimodal “blueprint” for transportation systems and services aimed at meeting the mobility needs of the metropolitan area. CORE MPO staff is working on development of the 2045 MTP which will be adopted in August 2019. The plan update involves model development and applications for performance measurement, socio-economic data preparation, multi-modal planning, and more.

The current project prioritization process was developed with the last MTP update and is intended as a method of evaluating new projects that need to be added to the MTP. This is a tool to help create a final project list for the MTP update. The updated prioritization process required minor changes mostly due to the combining of organizational goals (combining of security and safety goals, and the increase from 8 to 10 planning factors). All goals, planning factors, and additional changes to the planning process have been documented and illustrated in the MTP. CORE MPO staff will apply the updated prioritization process to projects and share the results at the upcoming working group meeting.

GDOT staff provided CORE MPO staff with results that illustrated a list of non-financially constrained projects in an updated travel demand network. The model showed a significant amount of improvement. CORE MPO staff will use the model output, and begin applying the prioritization process and financial information to the projects. The next step is to have a financially constrained project list.

V. Information Reports (verbal)

GDOT

Mr. Byron Cowart, Planning and Programming engineer for District 5, presented the GDOT/Chatham County Projects Status Report.

City of Savannah

Mr. Steve Henry presented the status of the Montgomery 2-way project. The target date for conversion is February 28, 2019. Lane striping will be underway in the upcoming weeks. This project is ongoing.

Airport Commission

Mr. George Fidler stated that the airport commission has an inline bag screening project that will be wrapping up in the next few weeks. The goal of the project is to make screening bags more efficient, and a new screening unit recently went live. The international arrivals terminal construction project is ongoing. A terminal design project adding four gates to the end of the existing concourse will start at the end of 2019.

Chatham Area Transit (CAT)

Mr. Aiden Quirke stated that CAT will host their Core Design Retreat on Monday February 11, 2019. The first concepts for the redesign process will be introduced in roughly 3 weeks.

Bike Walk Savannah

Mr. John Bennett stated that his last day as executive director will be Friday, February 15, 2019. Ms. Caila Brown will be serving as the interim executive director.

Garden City

Ms. Jackie Jackson stated that Garden City’s beautification project extending from Sunshine to Town Center will begin around April 1, 2019. They are currently accepting bids and proposals for work.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

6. [Next TCC Mobility 2045 Working Group Meeting: Thursday, March 7th 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the MPC Jerry Surrency Conference Room](#)

7. [Next TCC Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Chatham Area Transit \(CAT\) ITC Board Room at 610 W. Oglethorpe Ave.](#)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the February 7, 2019 meeting of the CORE MPO TCC was adjourned.

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.