

COASTAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FEBRUARY 2024 MPO MEETINGS

AGENDA ITEM: Amendments to FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program

PRESENTER: Wykoda Wang, MPO Staff

SUMMARY: The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the MPO’s short-range programming document and is a staged, multi-year listing of surface transportation projects proposed for federal, state, and local funding within the metropolitan area. The TIP may be modified in accordance with the procedures outlined in the adopted Participation Plan by resolution of the CORE MPO Board if priorities, area goals, project schedules or funding levels change.

The current FY 2024 – 2027 TIP was adopted by the CORE MPO Board on November 1, 2023 and is referenced in the Statewide TIP (STIP). It is important to make sure that the information contained in the TIP is current and reflective of the most up-to-date cost estimates and development schedules. CORE MPO staff has coordinated with the project managers/sponsors on projects’ development status. It is also important to amend the TIP to add new or delete existing projects/phases at the request of sponsoring agencies based on the project changes and MTP/TIP consistencies.

In January 2024, the City of Savannah requested a TIP amendment be made to Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B. The following summary outlines the proposed changes to the FY 2024 – 2027 TIP.

Recommendation: For endorsement and approval of the proposed TIP amendments.

AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR FY 2024 – FY 2027 TIP

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) must be consistent with the current 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) called Mobility 2045. Before any amendments can be made to the FY 2024 - 2027 TIP, MTP/TIP consistency must be verified. The TIP must also be conformant to the Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP).

Projects/Phases requiring amendments, as opposed to administrative modification, to the TIP require a 15-day public review and comment period.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The adopted TIP/STIP amendment process outlined in the CORE MPO’s Participation Plan requires public review and comment and responses to all comments (either individually or in summary form) for all TIP amendments. To process the proposed amendments in February 2024, CORE MPO advertised a fifteen (15) day public comment period in the Savannah Morning News on Sunday, February 11, 2024 (Appendix B). The notice was sent to the local news media and the consultation agencies as well as neighborhood associations and posted on the CORE MPO website. The comment period starts on February 14, 2024 and closes on February 28, 2024. A public hearing has been advertised – it will be held in conjunction with the CORE MPO Board meeting on February 28, 2024.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FY 2024 – FY 2027 TIP

PI#	Description	Amendment
0015306	TRUMAN LINEAR PARK TRAIL – PHASE II-B	Add a new Construction phase in FY 2024

Proposed Amendments

TRUMAN LINEAR PARK TRAIL – PHASE II-B	
PI#:	0015306
MTP Priority	The construction (CST) phase is included in Cost Band One (2020 – 2027) of the 2045 MTP.
Project Description:	The Truman Linear Park Trail is the demonstration project for initial implementation under the Coastal Georgia Greenway Master Plan. Phase I trail construction is completed. Phase II is proposed as a development of a multiuse trail from Phase I at 52nd Street and Bee Road to Lake Mayer Community Park. Phase II-A (from Lake Mayer to DeRenne) is completed and opened to the public. Phase II-B will complete the multiuse trail from DeRenne Avenue to 52nd Street/Bee Road, to be implemented by the City of Savannah. *ADA compliant trail.
Project Status:	The construction (CST) phase was programmed in the previous FY 2021 – 2024 TIP. In late May/early June 2023, the CST funds (earmark and Y972) were authorized based on the cost estimates provided by the City of Savannah at that time in the amount of \$3,884,522.5. Since then, the City has completed the bidding process and received three bids. The lowest bid is \$7,821,105.60 (\$7,448,672 base bid + 5% contingency cost of \$372,433.6). The City decided to use the 10% contingency cost to the base bid in the construction contract, making the total bid amount to \$8,193,540. The City Council is expected to accept the bid on February 8, 2024. The City staff approached the CORE MPO staff to request assistance in additional funding. CORE MPO coordinated with GDOT and determined that a new CST phase needs to be programmed in the current FY 2024 – 2027 TIP before any additional federal funds can be allocated to the project. The current TIP had small balances in FY 2024 from the Carbon Reduction Program (Y601) and the STBG program (Y230). The City of Savannah needs to come up with the majority of the needed additional funds.
Amendment:	Add the construction phase to FY 2024.
Reason for Update:	The project needs additional funds to cover the additional cost needed for construction.
PBPP:	The project will help achieve the performance targets for Safety and Air Quality.
Requesting Agency:	City of Savannah

Funding/Year:			
Status	Phase	Fund Source	FY 2024
Current in FY 2024 – 2027 TIP	NA	NA	\$0
Updated in FY 2024 – 2027 TIP	CST	Y601(CRP)/Local	\$16,292/\$4,073
	CST	Y230/Local	\$231,455/\$57,864
	CST	Local	\$3,999,334

Appendix

Appendix A: Updated project page for the FY 2024 – 2027 TIP that incorporates the proposed amendments

Appendix B: Public involvement materials

Appendix C: MTP – TIP Consistency Check

Appendix D: TIP Amendment Resolution

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APPENDIX A: UPDATED TIP PROJECT PAGE

NEW PROJECT PAGE

COASTAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FY 2024 - 2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

TRUMAN LINEAR PARK TRAIL – PHASE II-B				P.I. #: 0015306		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Truman Linear Park Trail is the demonstration project for initial implementation under the Coastal Georgia Greenway Master Plan. Phase I trail construction is completed. Phase II is proposed as a development of a multiuse trail from Phase I at 52nd Street and Bee Road to Lake Mayer Community Park. Phase II-B will complete the multiuse trail from DeRenne Avenue to 52nd Street/Bee Road, to be implemented by the City of Savannah. *ADA compliant trail.				TIP #: 2015-M-01		
				COUNTY: CHATHAM		
				PROJ. #:		
				Fund: Y601, Y230, Local		
TRAFFIC VOL. 2020 AADT: 0		2050: N/A		CONG. DISTRICT: 1		
NO. OF LANES EXISTING: N/A		PLANNED: N/A		RC: CRC		
LOCAL ROAD #:		STATE/US ROAD #:		LENGTH (MI): 0.76		
COMMENTS/REMARKS: The construction (CST) phase was programmed in the previous FY 2021 – 2024 TIP. In late May/early June 2023, the CST funds (earmark and Y972) were authorized based on the cost estimates provided by the City of Savannah at that time in the amount of \$3,884,522.5. Since then, the City has completed the bidding process and received three bids. The lowest bid with 10% contingency cost is \$8,193,340 (\$7,448,672 base bid + 10% contingency cost of \$744,867). Additional funding is needed to cover the CST cost. A new CST phase is programmed in FY 2024 with funds from the Carbon Reduction Program (Y601) and the STBG program (Y230) as well as local match and additional funds from the City of Savannah.						
PROJECT PHASE	\$ SOURCE	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	TOTAL
PRELIM. ENGR.	Authorized	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RIGHT-OF-WAY	Authorized	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CONSTRUCTION	Y601/Local	\$16,292/\$4,073	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,365
	Y230/Local	\$231,455/\$57,864	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$289,319
	Local	\$3,999,334	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,999,334
PROJECT COST		\$4,309,018	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,309,018
FEDERAL COST		\$247,747	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$247,747
STATE COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL COST		\$4,061,271	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,061,271

Project



APPENDIX B: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MATERIAL

February 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR TIP AMENDMENTS

The Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO), the transportation planning agency for the Savannah urbanized area, is requesting the public to review and provide comments on a draft report titled: February 2024 Amendments to the FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Copies of the draft TIP amendment report will be available for review at the Live Oak public libraries, the Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) office, the MPC website at <https://www.thempc.org/Core>, and other public review agencies. Any changes to the TIP amendment report will be posted on the website.

The comment period starts on **Wednesday, February 14, 2024**, until the close of business on **Wednesday, February 28, 2024**. Comments are accepted via text, email, or mail. Please send your comments to Wykoda Wang via:

- **Text:** Send texts to wangw@thempc.org
- **Email:** wange@thempc.org
- **Mail:** Metropolitan Planning Commission, 110 E. State Street, Savannah, GA 31401

CORE MPO will host one (1) public meeting to answer questions and accept comments on the proposed TIP Amendments in conjunction with the February 2024 CORE MPO Board meeting. Meeting time and location are listed below.

CORE MPO Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 28, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Metropolitan Planning Commission, 110 E. State Street, Savannah, GA 31401

The public can choose to participate and provide comments via virtual meeting. The virtual meeting will be conducted with Go-To-Webinar, so advanced registration is required.

Please register at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3247034194854633824>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The public participation process for development and amendment of the TIP meets the FTA public participation requirements related to the development of the Section 5307 Program of Projects and other federal grant projects.

For a complete list of public review agencies, additional information regarding the draft TIP amendments, and information regarding the public meeting, please call (912) 651-1466.

Disclaimer: The Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) and Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) are committed to the principle of affirmative action and prohibit discrimination against otherwise qualified persons on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, familial status, parental status, political beliefs, genetic information, income, or other protected category in its recruitment, employment, facility and program accessibility or services.

MPC and CORE MPO are committed to enforcing the provisions of the Civil Rights Act, Title VI, and all the related requirements mentioned above. CORE MPO is also committed to taking positive and realistic affirmative steps to ensure the protection of rights and opportunities for all persons affected by its plans and programs.

APPENDIX C: MTP-TIP Consistency Check

The TIP is a subset of MTP. Each project or project phase included in the TIP shall be consistent with the approved Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The table below is an addendum to document consistency check between the CORE MPO’s Mobility 2045 and the amendments to the FY 2024 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

Addendum to Mobility 2045								
GDOT PI #	Identified Projects	Original Mobility 2045			NEW PROJECT NAME	February 2024 Addendum		
	NAME	Phase	Current MTP Cost Band	Cost		Phase	New MTP Cost Band	New Cost
0015306	TRUMAN LINEAR PARK TRAIL – PHASE II-B	CST	One	\$4,405,623	NA	CST	One	\$8,193,540

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APPENDIX D: Resolution to Amend the FY 2024-2027 TIP



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Resolution to Amend the FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO)

WHEREAS, the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) has been designated by the Governor of Georgia as the Metropolitan Planning Organization of the Savannah urbanized area in accordance with federal requirements of Title 23, Section 134 of the United States Code to have a cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, CORE MPO adopted the FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on November 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, CORE MPO desires to adopt amendments to the FY 2024 - 2027 TIP for the CORE MPO Metropolitan Planning Area to reflect the updated information and the latest developments; and

WHEREAS, the proposed TIP amendments include updates to a trail project as outlined in the TIP amendment staff report;

WHEREAS, CORE MPO has completed the public review and comment period for the proposed TIP amendments according to the Participation Plan and addressed all comments received; and

WHEREAS, CORE MPO has conducted a public hearing for the proposed amendments, and has taken into consideration comments made at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, all requirements of the Participation Plan pertaining to TIP amendments and administrative modifications have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization approves the proposed amendments to the FY 2024 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program as shown in the summary of TIP amendment staff report with any corrections based upon the motion of February 28, 2024.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Board at a meeting held on **February 28, 2024**.

Chester A. Ellis, Chairman
Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization