

COASTAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION OCTOBER 2025 MPO MEETINGS

Agenda Item: FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendments

Presenter: Asia Hernton, CORE 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 planning 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. 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 September and October 2025, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Chatham County requested several amendments to the TIP. The following pages detail the proposed changes to the TIP.

Recommendation: Approve/endorse amendments to the FY 2024-2027 TIP.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The adopted TIP/STIP amendment process outlined in the CORE MPO 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 October 2025, CORE MPO advertised a fifteen (15) day public comment period in the Savannah Morning News on Sunday, October 5, 2025 (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 will start on October 8, 2025 and close on October 22, 2025. A public hearing has been advertised to be held in conjunction with the CORE MPO Board meeting on October 22, 2025.

PROPOSED AMENDEMENTS TO FY 2024 – FY 2027 TIP

PI#	Description	Amendment
0021292	I-95 @ Belfast Keller Road	Amend the project into the TIP, including \$25,000 in PE funds and \$100,000 in ROW funds
0017976	Garrard Avenue Improvement Project	Move UTL and CST funds to FY 2027

I-95 @ Belfast Keller Road

PI#	0021292
MTP Priority:	The 2050 MTP amendments are being processed in October 2025 to include the project (PE, ROW and CST) into Cost Band One.
Project Description:	Ramp (Interchange Improvements).
Project Status:	In September 2025, GDOT requested to amend this project into the 2050 MTP and FY 2024 – 2027 TIP. The estimated PE phase funding is \$25,000 in local funds in FY 2026. The estimated ROW funding is \$100,000 in local funds in FY 2027. The estimated CST funding is \$5.9 million in Y603 funds in FY 2028, which is outside of the scope of this TIP. The federal portion of the CST phase is \$4.78 million, and the local portion is \$1.19 million.
Amendment:	Amend the project into the TIP.
PBPP:	This project will help achieve the performance targets for Bridge and Pavement quality (PM2).
Requesting Agency:	GDOT

Funding/Year:				
Status	Phase	Funding	FY 2026	FY 2027
Current in FY 2024 - 2027 TIP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Updated in FY 2024 -2027 TIP	PE	Local	\$25,000	N/A
	ROW	Local	N/A	\$100,000

Garrard Avenue Improvement Project

PI#	0017976
MTP Priority:	Consistent with the 2050 MTP
Project Description:	The Garrard Avenue Improvement Project proposes to construct operational and safety improvements for non-motorized and motorized roadway users from its intersection with Chatham Parkway to its intersection at Gamble Road, approximately 1.2 miles in length. This project will convert Garrard Avenue from a rural, two-lane roadway section without pedestrian improvements to a new two-lane, urban section with 5-foot sidewalks on both sides of the roadway. The project will also install curb and gutter as well as stormwater and water quality improvements. The project will benefit the densely populated, lower income area where many residents do not have vehicles to get to their destinations.
Project Status:	In October 2025, Chatham County requested to move the funds programmed in FY 2026 for the UTL and CST phases to FY 2027. This includes \$678,260 in the UTL phase and funds totaling \$9.6 million in the CST phase.
Amendment:	Move the UTL and CST phases to a later year.
PBPP:	This project will help achieve the performance targets for Highway Safety (PM1) and Air Quality (PM3).
Requesting Agency:	Chatham County

Funding/Year:				
Status	Phase	Funding	FY 2026	FY 2027
Current in FY 2024 - 2027 TIP	UTL	Local	\$678,260	N/A
	CST	Y601/Local	\$1,200,437/\$300,109	N/A
		Y301/Local	\$331,289/\$82,822	N/A
		Y230/Local	\$5,508,274/\$1,377,06	N/A
		Local	\$152,047	N/A
Updated in FY 2024 - 2027 TIP	UTL	Local	N/A	\$678,260
	CST	Y601/Local	N/A	\$1,200,437/\$300,109
		Y301/Local	N/A	\$331,289/\$82,822
		Y230/Local	N/A	\$5,508,274/\$1,377,06
		Local	N/A	\$152,047

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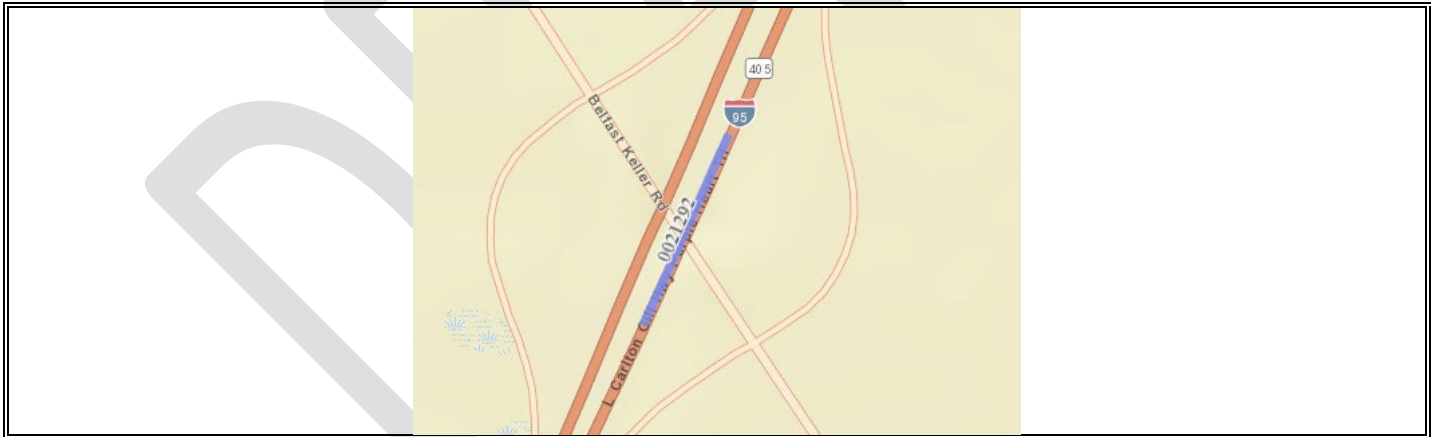
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Appendix A: Updated Project Page

New Project Page

I-95 @ BELFAST KELLER ROAD PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Ramp (Interchange Improvements)					P.I. #: 0021292		
					TIP #:		
					COUNTY: BRYAN		
					PROJ. #:		
					FUND: Y603, Local		
					GDOT DISTRICT: 5		
TRAFFIC VOL.		2022 AADT: N/A		2050: N/A		CONG. DISTRICT: 1	
NO. OF LANES		EXISTING: N/A		PLANNED: N/A		RC: CRC	
LOCAL ROAD #:			STATE/US ROAD #:			LENGTH (MI):	
COMMENTS/REMARKS: In September 2025, GDOT requested to amend this project into the MTP and TIP. PE and ROW phases are being amended into the TIP. Additional funds in the CST phase are programmed for FY 2028, outside of the scope of this TIP.							
PROJECT PHASE	\$ SOURCE	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	TOTAL	
PRELIM. ENGR.	LOC	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	
RIGHT-OF-WAY	LOC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	
UTILITY	NA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
CONSTRUCTION	NA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
PROJECT COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000	
FEDERAL COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
STATE COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
LOCAL COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000	

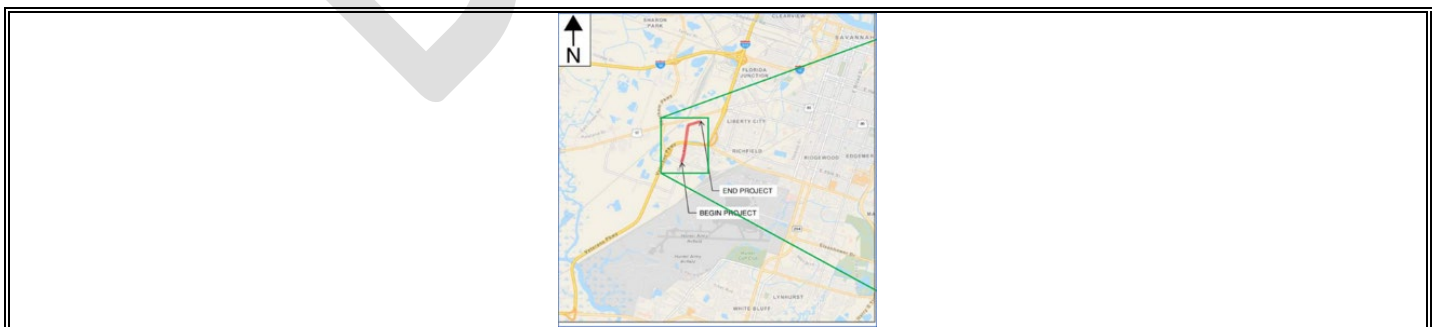
PROJECT LOCATION



Current Project Page

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				TIP #:		2020-TA-02							
				COUNTY:		CHATHAM							
				PROJ. #:									
				FUND:		Y230, Y301, Y601, Local							
				GDOT DISTRICT:		5							
TRAFFIC VOL.		2022 AADT:		N/A		2045:		N/A					
NO. OF LANES		EXISTING:		N/A		PLANNED:		N/A					
LOCAL ROAD #:			STATE/US ROAD #:			LENGTH (MI):			1.2				
COMMENTS/REMARKS: Chatham County is the project sponsor and provider of local funds. This project needs additional PE funds in FY 2025. It will receive carryover funds in the PE phase from unobligated CRP funds that are at risk of lapsing. The project will receive \$1,215,770 in CRP funds for the PE phase in FY 2025. The federal portion of that is \$972,616 and the local match is \$243,154. In April 2025, \$1.3 million in local funds was added to the ROW phase; \$678,260 in local funds was added to the UTL phase, \$152,047 was added to the CST phase. In May 2025, CORE MPO processed administrative modification to move the local ROW funds from FY 2026 to FY 2025.													
PROJECT PHASE		\$ SOURCE		FY 2024		FY 2025		FY 2026		FY 2027		TOTAL	
PRELIM. ENGR.		NA		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0	
		Y601/Local		\$0		\$972,616/\$243,154		\$0		\$0		\$1,215,770	
RIGHT-OF-WAY		Y601/Local		\$0		\$706,806/\$176,701		\$0		\$0		\$883,507	
		Y301/Local		\$0		\$893,194/\$223,299		\$0		\$0		\$1,116,493	
		Local		\$0		\$1,342,000		\$0		\$0		\$1,342,000	
UTILITY		Local		\$0		\$0		\$678,260		\$0		\$678,260	
CONSTRUCTION		Y601/Local		\$0		\$0		\$1,200,437/\$300,109		\$0		\$1,500,546	
		Y301/Local		\$0		\$0		\$331,289/\$82,822		\$0		\$414,111	
		Y230/Local		\$0		\$0		\$5,508,274/\$1,377,069		\$0		\$6,885,343	
		Local		\$0		\$0		\$152,047		\$0		\$152,047	
PROJECT COST				\$0		\$4,557,770		\$9,630,307		\$0		\$14,188,077	
FEDERAL COST				\$0		\$2,572,616		\$7,040,000		\$0		\$9,612,616	
STATE COST				\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0	
LOCAL COST				\$0		\$1,985,154		\$2,590,307		\$0		\$4,575,461	

PROJECT LOCATION



Updated Project Page

Garrard Avenue Improvement Project				P.I. #:	0017976	
				TIP #:	2020-TA-02	
				COUNTY:	CHATHAM	
				PROJ. #:		
				FUND:	Y230, Y301, Y601, Local	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Garrard Avenue Improvement Project proposes to construct operational and safety improvements for non-motorized and motorized roadway users from its intersection with Chatham Parkway to its intersection at Gamble Road, approximately 1.2 miles in length. This project will convert Garrard Avenue from a rural, two-lane roadway section without pedestrian improvements to a new two-lane, urban section with 5-foot sidewalks on both sides of the roadway. The project will also install curb and gutter as well as stormwater and water quality improvements. The project will benefit the densely populated, lower income area where many residents do not have vehicles to get to their destinations.				GDOT DISTRICT:	5	
				CONG. DISTRICT:	1	
TRAFFIC VOL.	2022 AADT:	N/A	2045:	N/A	RC:	CRC
NO. OF LANES	EXISTING:	N/A	PLANNED:	N/A		
LOCAL ROAD #:		STATE/US ROAD #:			LENGTH (MI): 1.2	
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	Y601/Local	\$0	\$972,616/\$243,154	\$0	\$0	\$1,215,770
RIGHT-OF-WAY	Y601/Local	\$0	\$706,806/\$176,701	\$0	\$0	\$883,507
	Y301/Local	\$0	\$893,194/\$223,299	\$0	\$0	\$1,116,493
	Local	\$0	\$1,342,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,342,000
UTILITY	Local	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$678,260	\$678,260
CONSTRUCTION	Y601/Local	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200,437/\$300,109	\$1,500,546
	Y301/Local	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$331,289/\$82,822	\$414,111
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	Local	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$152,047	\$152,047
PROJECT COST		\$0	\$4,557,770	\$0	\$9,630,307	\$14,188,077
FEDERAL COST		\$0	\$2,572,616	\$0	\$7,040,000	\$9,612,616
STATE COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL COST		\$0	\$1,985,154	\$0	\$2,590,307	\$4,575,461

PROJECT LOCATION



Appendix B: Public Involvement Materials

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR MTP and TIP AMENDMENTS

The Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO), the transportation planning agency for the Savannah urbanized area, is intending to process amendments to the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the FY 2024 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). CORE MPO is requesting the public to review and provide comments on the draft reports for the MTP and TIP amendments. The reports include proposed updates to the MTP and TIP. Copies of the draft amendment reports for the MTP and the TIP 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 MTP and/or TIP amendment reports will be posted on the website.

The comment period starts on **Wednesday, October 8, 2025**, until the close of business on **Wednesday, October 22, 2025**. Comments are accepted via text, email, or mail. Please send your comments to Asia Hernton via:

Text: Send texts to herntona@thempc.org

Email: herntona@thempc.org

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

CORE MPO will host one (1) hybrid public meeting to answer questions and accept comments on the proposed MTP and TIP Amendments in conjunction with the October 2025 CORE MPO Board meeting. The public can attend the meeting in person or virtually via Go-To-Webinar. The meeting time, location and link are listed below.

CORE MPO Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 22, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Metropolitan Planning Commission
110 E. State Street, Savannah GA 31401

The virtual meeting will be conducted with Go-To-Webinar, so advanced registration is required. Please register at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4875879315589455709>. After registration, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

For a complete list of public review agencies, additional information regarding the draft MTP and TIP amendments, and information regarding the virtual public meeting, please call (912) 651-1456.

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 Moving Forward Together 2050 Plan and the amendments to the FY 2024 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

Highway Addendum to 2050 MTP								
GDOT PI#	Identified Projects	Original MTP 2050 (August 2024)			NEW PROJECT NAME	August 2025 Addendum		
	NAME	Phase	Current MTP Cost Band	Cost		Phase	New MTP Cost Band	New Cost
0017976	Garrard Avenue Improvements	ROW	One	\$2,000,000	Garrard Avenue Improvement Project	ROW	One	\$3,342,000
		UTL	N/A	N/A		UTL	One	\$678,260
		CST	One	\$8,800,000		CST	One	\$8,952,047
0021292	I-95 @ BELFAST KELLER ROAD	N/A			I-95 @ BELFAST KELLER ROAD (Amended into 2050 MTP in October 2025)	PE	One	\$25,000
						ROW	One	\$100,000
						CST	One	\$5,980,000

Appendix D: TIP Amendment Coordination

Good afternoon Wykoda/Asia,

The Office of Planning would like to request an amendment to the current TIP and MTP for adding a new earmark project PI 0021292 based on the information below, and the Congressional Earmark Table (attached). Please add the proposed TIP and MTP project amendment to the next TCC and PC agendas for October 2025. The federal funds have been awarded through the federal fiscal year 2024 Congressional Directed Spending/Earmarks. This earmark should be an addition to the MTP revenues.

Amendment:

Project Identification: PI 0021292

Project Description: I-95 @ BELFAST KELLER ROAD

Primary Work Type: Ramp (Interchange Improvements)

Sponsor: Bryan County

GDOT PI	Fiscal Year	Phase	Fund Code	Federal Amount	State Amount	Local Amount	Total Amount
0021292	2026	PE	LOC	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
	2027	ROW	LOC	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
	2028	CST	Y603	\$4,784,000	\$0	\$1,196,000	\$5,980,000

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you!

Thanks,

Kaniz S. Sathi

Transportation Planning Specialist



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From Deana Brooks <DBrooks@chathamcounty.org>

Date Wed 10/1/2025 3:51 PM

To Asia Hernton <herntona@thempc.org>

Cc Fassler, Kourtney C <kfassler@dot.ga.gov>

Hey Asia,

Garrard 0017976 has a construction let date of April 2027. The CST and UTL funds should be moved to FY 2027.

Let me know if you need additional information.

Thanks,

Deana

Appendix E: Resolution to Adopt TIP Amendments

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 several projects within the CORE MPO Metropolitan Planning Area boundary 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 October 22, 2025.

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 **October 22, 2025**.

Chester A. Ellis, Chairman
Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization