



## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

### **Resolution to Amend the FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO)**

**WHEREAS**, the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) desires to adopt amendments to the FY 2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the CORE MPO transportation planning area; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed TIP amendments include the following changes to PI# 532370, SR 144 EB FROM S OF CR 100 TO S OF CR 154:

- delete the project (both construction phase and utility phase) from FY 2018 – 2021 TIP; and
- adjust the project's cost estimates; and

**WHEREAS**, CORE MPO has completed a 15-day public review and comment period for the proposed TIP amendments according to the Participation Plan and addressed all received comments; and

**WHEREAS**, CORE MPO desires to complete the amendment process to incorporate the proposed changes into the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization approves the proposed amendments to the FY 2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program as shown in the summary of TIP amendment report with any corrections based upon the motion of October 25, 2017.

Approved this day, October 25, 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert J. Scott".

---

Albert J. Scott, Chairman  
Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

# Amendments to FY 2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO)

October 2017

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 CORE MPO's FY 2018 - 2021 TIP was adopted by the MPO Board in June 2017. TIP amendments were processed for two projects related to US 17 Widening in August 2017. The original adopted TIP document and the amendment report are both available for review on the CORE MPO website at <http://www.thempc.org/Dept/Tip>.

In September 2017 the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) requested TIP amendments be processed for PI# 532370, SR 144 EB FROM S OF CR 100 TO S OF CR 154. The amendments are to delete the project from the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP and revise cost estimates. GDOT indicated that the amendments are needed because GDOT moved the construction phase of this project (currently programmed in FY 2018) to a later year outside of the 4-year TIP window of FY 2018 – 2021 due to environmental analysis and congressional district balancing.

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. In order to process the proposed TIP amendments, CORE MPO advertised a fifteen (15) day public review and comment period as well as a public hearing in the Savannah Morning News on Sunday, October 8, 2017. 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 official comment period was from October 10, 2017 to October 24, 2017. The public hearing was held in conjunction with the CORE MPO Board meeting on October 25, 2017. No written comments have been received. Comments and questions raised at the October 2017 CORE MPO advisory committee and board meetings have been responded to on the spot.

The proposed amendments to the FY 2018 - 2021 TIP were endorsed by the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on October 5, 2017 and the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on October 11, 2017. The CORE MPO Board approved these TIP amendments on October 25, 2017.

The following summarizes the October 2017 amendments to CORE MPO's FY 2018 – 2021 TIP.

## SR 144 EB FROM S OF CR 100 TO S OF CR 154

- **PI #:** 532370
- **MTP Priority:** Construction (CST) phase (including utility phase) is currently included in the 2040 MTP, Cost Band One. The phase will be moved to Cost Band Two after the TIP amendments are made.
- **Project description:** The proposed project is for widening and reconstruction of SR 144 beginning west of CR 100, Timber Trail Rd. (MP 11.196) and ending east of CR 154, Belfast River Rd. and Capt. Matthew Freeman Rd (MP 16.247). The existing roadway is a 2-lane section with 12 ft. lanes and 4 ft. grassed shoulders. The proposed construction will widen SR 144 from the beginning of the project to SR 144 Spur to an urban 4 lane section of roadway with 2 lanes in each direction. The roadway will consist of 11 ft. inside lanes, 12 ft. outside lanes, 4 ft. bike lane on each edge of the outside travel lanes, 20 ft. raised grass median, 5 ft. sidewalks, and 12 ft. shoulders. From SR 144

Spur to the end of the project, the proposed construction will be a rural 4 lane section of roadway with 2 lanes in each direction. The roadway will consist of 11 ft. inside lanes, 12 ft. outside lanes, 20 ft. raised grass median, and 10 ft. shoulders with 6.5 ft. paved. The existing bridge at Sterling Creek (MP 12.69) will be widened. The total length of the project is 5.051 miles.

- **Project Status:** GDOT is moving this project to 2022 (corresponding to Cost Band Two of the 2040 MTP), outside of the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP window due to environmental analysis and congressional district balancing.
- **Amendment:** GDOT requested to delete the project (both construction phase and utility phase) from FY 2018 – 2021 TIP. GDOT also requested to adjust the project’s cost estimates.
- **Reason for Amendment:** Deletion of a project or deletion of a phase of a project is considered an amendment.
- **Funding/Year:**

Phase	Old Program Year	Fund Source	Old Total Fed/State Cost	Old MPO Total Fed/State	Updated Program Year	Updated Total Federal/State Cost	Updated MPO Total Fed/State Cost
CST	2018	Z240	\$21,447,168	\$12,439,357	Long Range	\$23,215,104	\$13,464,761
UTL	2018	Z240	\$1,396,987	\$810,252	Long Range	\$1,512,144	\$877,044

- **Requesting date:** September 2017
- **Requesting Agency:** GDOT
- **Comment Period:** 10/10/2017 – 10/24/2017

## Appendix

Several appendices are attached with this report:

- Appendix A – current project page of the project in the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP
- Appendix B – 2040 MTP Addendum to document the updates
- Appendix C - the public involvement materials including the change requests

## Appendix A: Current TIP project page for the project

### COASTAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FY 2018 - 2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

<b>SR 144 EB FROM S OF CR 100 TO S OF CR 154</b>  PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project is for widening and reconstruction of SR 144 beginning west of CR 100, Timber Trail Rd. (MP 11.196) and ending east of CR 154, Belfast River Rd. and Capt. Matthew Freeman Rd (MP 16.247). The existing roadway is a 2-lane section with 12 ft. lanes and 4 ft. grassed shoulders. The proposed construction will widen SR 144 from the beginning of the project to SR 144 Spur to an urban 4 lane section of roadway with 2 lanes in each direction. The roadway will consist of 11 ft. inside lanes, 12 ft. outside lanes, 4 ft. bike lane on each edge of the outside travel lanes, 20 ft. raised grass median, 5 ft. sidewalks, and 12 ft. shoulders. From SR 144 Spur to the end of the project, the proposed construction will be a rural 4 lane section of roadway with 2 lanes in each direction. The roadway will consist of 11 ft. inside lanes, 12 ft. outside lanes, 20 ft. raised grass median, and 10 ft. shoulders with 6.5 ft. paved. The existing bridge at Sterling Creek (MP 12.69) will be widened. The total length of the project is 5.051 miles. *ADA compliant sidewalks in the urban section.				P.I. #:	532370	
				TIP #:	2017-Bry-01	
				COUNTY:	BRYAN	
				PROJ. #:	STP00-0630-00(010)	
				FUND:	Z240	
GDOT DISTRICT:		5				
TRAFFIC VOL. 2015 AADT: 21,600		2040 AADT:	1			
NO. OF LANES EXISTING: 2		PLANNED: 4	RC: CRC			
LOCAL ROAD: Ford Ave.	STATE/US ROAD: SR 144		LENGTH (MI): 5.051			
COMMENTS/REMARKS: This project is located in Bryan County and the urban segment has been included in the CORE MPO's 2040 MTP per March 2016 addendum for the expanded MPA. Since the urban portion of the project is located in the CORE MPO MPA, it needs to be included in the TIP. Preliminary Engineering (PE) and Right-of-Way (ROW) funds have been authorized. Utility (UTL) and Construction (CST) phases are programmed in FY 2018 in the TIP with Z240 funds and reflect cost estimates for the urban segment. The total project costs for both the urban and rural segments are \$20,614,348.35 for CST and \$1,944,887 for UTL.						
PROJECT PHASE	\$ SOURCE	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	TOTAL
PRELIM. ENGR.	Authorized	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RIGHT-OF-WAY	Authorized	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
UTILITY	Federal/State	\$810,252	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$810,252
CONSTRUCTION	Federal/State	\$12,439,357	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,439,357
<b>PROJECT COST</b>		<b>\$13,249,609</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$13,249,609</b>
FEDERAL COST		\$10,599,687	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,599,687
STATE COST		\$2,649,922	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,649,922
LOCAL COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### PROJECT LOCATION



## Appendix B: 2040 MTP Addendum for October 2017 TIP Amendment to FY 2018 – 2021 TIP

Addendum to 2040 MTP																					
2040 MTP Original			March 2016 Addendum			June 2016 Addendum		August 2016 Addendum		June 2017 Addendum		October 2017 Addendum									
PI#	DESCRIPTION	Phase	Current MTP Cost Band	Cost	PI#	Revised Project Name	Phase	New MTP Cost Band	New Cost	Phase	New MTP Cost Band	New Cost	Phase	New MTP Cost Band	New Cost						
None	NA	NA	NA	\$0	532370	SR 144 EB FROM S OF CR 100 TO S OF CR 154	CST	One (2015-2020)	\$9,762,464	UTL, CST	One (2015-2020)	\$22,559,235	UTL, CST	One (2015-2020)	\$13,084,337	UTL, CST	One (2015-2020)	\$13,249,609	UTL, CST	Two (2021-2030)	\$14,341,805

## **Appendix C: Public Involvement Materials**

**OCTOBER 2017**

### **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 proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is the short-term programming document that lists transportation improvement projects to receive funding in the next four years. A report providing details of the proposed TIP amendments is available for review at the Live Oak public libraries, the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) office, the MPC website at <http://www.thempc.org/Dept/Tran>, and other public review agencies. Any changes to the report will be posted on the website.

The comment period starts on **October 10, 2017** and written comments on the proposed TIP amendments will be accepted until close of business on **October 24, 2017**. Please send your comments to Wykoda Wang, Metropolitan Planning Commission, 110 E. State Street, Savannah, GA 31401, or via email at [wangw@thempc.org](mailto:wangw@thempc.org).

CORE MPO will host a public hearing at the October 2017 CORE MPO Board meeting for the proposed FY 2018 – 2021 TIP amendments. Meeting time and location are listed below:

#### **CORE MPO Board Meeting**

**October 25, 2017**

**10:00 a.m.**

**MPC Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room**

**112 East State Street, Savannah, GA 31401**

For a complete list of public review agencies or additional information regarding the proposed TIP amendments, 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, religion, national origin, age, physical or mental disability, and where applicable, sex (including gender identity and expression), marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, political beliefs, genetic information, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program in its recruitment, employment, facility and program accessibility or services. MPC and CORE MPO are committed to complying with and enforcing the provisions of the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and other federal and state non-discrimination authorities. 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.



**From:** Delgadillo Canizares, Marlene V. [mailto:mcanizares@dot.ga.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2017 10:23 AM  
**To:** Wykoda Wang <wangw@thempc.org>  
**Cc:** Eastin, William <weastin@dot.ga.gov>; McQueen, Thomas <tmcqueen@dot.ga.gov>  
**Subject:** Amendment to the 2040 Total Mobility Plan (TMP) and Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to PI 532370-

Wykoda,

Please update the proposed fiscal year to PI 532370- for the October TCC and PC meeting agendas. Your expeditious processing is greatly appreciated.

In addition to the table below, here is a summary of the proposed changes for PI 532370-

- o Total CST cost has increased from \$21,447,168.02 to \$23,215,104.41 (from which CORE MPO has 58% of segment)
- o Total UTL cost has increased from \$1,396,986.90 to \$1,512,143.55 (from which CORE MPO has 58% of segment)
- o Reason for Amendment: Environmental analysis and congressional district balancing
- o Work type: Widening

**PI 532370- SR 144 EB FROM S OF CR 100 TO S OF CR 154**

Phase	Old Program Year	Fund Source	Old Total Fed/State Cost	Old MPO Total Fed/State	Updated Program Year	Updated Total Federal/State Cost	Updated MPO Total Fed/State Cost
CST	2018	Z240	\$21,447,168	\$12,439,357	Long Range	\$23,215,104	\$13,464,761
UTL	2018	Z240	\$1,396,987	\$810,252	Long Range	\$1,512,144	\$877,044

Thank you for your help with this! Let me know if you have any questions.

–Vivian

**Vivian Canizares**

Planner II —Office of Planning  
 Georgia Department of Transportation  
 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta GA 30308  
 404.631.1794 (o)  
 404.631.1957 (f)