



## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

### **Resolution to Amend the FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO)**

**WHEREAS**, the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) desires to adopt an amendment to the FY 2015 - 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the CORE MPO transportation planning area; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed TIP amendment is to program the Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program (5339b) grant funds that the Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) received from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) into the TIP in FY 2017 for purchase of paratransit vehicles; and

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

**WHEREAS**, CORE MPO would like to complete the TIP amendment process to incorporate the project programming updates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization approves the proposed amendment to the FY 2015 - 2018 Transportation Improvement Program as shown in the summary of TIP amendment report with any corrections based upon the motion of February 22, 2017.

Approved this day, February 22, 2017

  
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Albert J. Scott, Chairman  
Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

# **Amendment to FY 2015 - 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO)**

**February 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 current FY 2015 - 2018 TIP was adopted by the MPO Board in August 2014. A series of administrative modifications and amendments have been processed for various projects since the adoption of the TIP.

At the end of November 2016, the Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) proposed a TIP amendment to add to the TIP the 2016 Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant Program (5339b) funds that CAT received recently. CAT applied for and received these grant funds for paratransit vehicle purchase. The 5339b program is administrated by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), so the received grant funds must be programmed in the TIP before CAT can access them.

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 amendment, CORE MPO advertised a fifteen (15) day public comment period in the Savannah Morning News on Sunday, February 5, 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 comment period started on February 7, 2017 and closed on February 21, 2017. A public hearing for the TIP amendment was held in conjunction with the CORE MPO Board meeting on February 22, 2017.

The CORE MPO's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) endorsed the proposed TIP amendment at their February 2017 meetings on February 2 and February 16 respectively. The CORE MPO Board approved the TIP amendment on February 22, 2017.

The following outlines the TIP amendment.

## **Purchase 26 Paratransit Vehicles**

- ***MTP Priority:*** Public Transportation
- ***Project Description:*** The Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) will use the 5339b grant funds to purchase 26 paratransit vehicles.
- ***Amendment:*** Add the 5339b Discretionary Grant funded project to the TIP.
- ***Reason for Amendment:*** Addition of a project to the TIP is considered an amendment.

- **Funding/Year:**

Financial Summary:

- Total amount of \$2,298,400 will be programmed in fiscal year 2017 with 70/30 federal/local split. CAT will use its Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) allocation as matching funds.
  - ❖ Federal grant (5339b) - \$1,608,880
  - ❖ Local match (SPLOST) - \$689,520
  - ❖ Total Section 5339b program funds - \$2,298,400

Project Summary:

- CAT will use the 5339b grant funds to purchase 26 paratransit vehicles, 21 of which are replacements for vehicles dating from 2011 or earlier, much beyond their expected useful lifespan. The vehicle purchase will enhance the quality of life for individuals who depend on paratransit for trips to work, school and healthcare.

- **Requesting date:** November 2016
- **Requesting Agency:** CAT
- **Comment Period:** 2/7/2017 – 2/21/2017

## Appendix

Two appendices are attached with this report:

- Appendix A - the updated project page for FY 2015 – 2018 TIP that incorporates the amendment
- Appendix B - the public involvement materials including the change request from CAT

**Appendix A: updated TIP project page incorporating the amendment**

**FTA- Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program (5339b)**

<b>FTA-Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program (70/30) (Section 5339b)</b>							
<b>FUNDING</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>UNIT COST</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2017</b>	<b>FY2018</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Section 5339b	The Chatham Area Transit Authority will use the grant funds to purchase 26 paratransit vehicles.	VARIES	\$0	\$0	\$2,298,400	\$0	\$2,298,400
<b>PROJECT COST</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,298,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,298,400</b>
FEDERAL COST			\$0	\$0	\$1,608,880	\$0	\$1,608,880
STATE COST			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL COST			\$0	\$0	\$689,520	\$0	\$689,520
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## Appendix B: Public Involvement Materials

**From:** Grant Sparks [mailto:Grant.Sparks@catchacat.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 10:54 AM  
**To:** Wykoda Wang <wangw@thempc.org>  
**Subject:** TIP Update

Hi Wyokda,

Just realized that the our FTA 5339b discretionary fund have not yet been programmed in the TIP (or at least I don't see them). Here's a quick description of the project:

Title: Purchase 26 paratransit vehicles  
FTA Amount: \$1,608,880  
Local Amount: \$689,520

Here's the award page on FTA's website.... <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/fiscal-year-2016-bus-and-bus-facilities-projects>

I've attached a copy of our application. Please be aware that we proposed 5 different projects and only one was selected (replacing the paratransit vehicles). I'm assuming that it's too late to get this in the next TIP update, but could you please insert this into the one after it? Please let me know if you need any additional info or if you have any questions.

Thanks,

**Grant Sparks** | Senior Planner  
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**February 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 FY 2015 - 2018 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 **February 7, 2017** and written comments on the proposed TIP amendments will be accepted until close of business on **February 21, 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 for the proposed TIP amendments in February 2017 in conjunction with the CORE MPO Board meeting. Meeting time and location are listed below:

**CORE MPO Board Meeting**

**February 22, 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.

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