

**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:

- PI# 0013727, I-16 @ SR 307:
  - add the Right-of-Way (ROW) phase to FY 2018;
  - add the Construction (CST) phase to FY 2020; and
- PI# 0007128, CR 787/ISLANDS EXPRESSWAY @ WILMINGTON RIVER/BASCULE BRIDGE:
  - replace the funding code for the Utility (UTL) phase programmed in FY 2018 from Z230 to Local; and
- PI# 0011744, I-16 @ MONTGOMERY ST & @ MLK JR BLVD - RAMP & OVERPASS:
  - delete the scoping phase programmed in FY 2020 from the TIP; 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 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**, 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 May 22, 2018.

Approved this day, May 22, 2018.



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Albert J. Scott, Chairman  
Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

# Amendments to FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

May 2018

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. Since then a series of TIP amendments and administrative modifications have been processed regarding various projects. The original adopted TIP document and the amendment & administrative modification reports are all available for review on the CORE MPO website at <http://www.thempc.org/Dept/Tip>.

In January 2018 the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Planning Office and the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Chairman requested to discuss the Z230 funding balance within the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP. There were several issues for discussion.

- The Z230 funds programmed in FY 2018 for PI# 0007128, CR 787/Islands Expressway @ Wilmington River/Bascule Bridge have not been used. This project was allocated \$322,000 of matched Z230 funds in FY 2018 for utilities during the STBG Call for Projects process, but the project was let for construction before the Z230 funds could be allocated. Thus, Chatham County paid for the utility phase with the County's own funds. The result is that the allocated Z230 funds (\$257,600 federal) in FY 2018 need to be re-allocated and the project sponsor for whichever selected project will provide the 20% local match (\$64,400). These funds are not subject to a "carryover" from one year to the next, i.e., unused funds from FY 2018 will not be available in FY 2019. They must be spent in FY 2018 on another eligible project.
- There is a positive Z230 funding balance in FY 2020 of \$911,441 matched funds (\$729,153 federal + \$182,288 local) that have not been allocated to projects. These funds are not subject to carryover either.

The TCC decided in February that any funding allocations and associated TIP amendments should be processed in April 2018.

By the end of February 2018 Chatham County requested the following changes to fund PI# 0013727, I-16 @ SR 307:

- Use the \$322,000 of matched Z230 funds in FY 2018 released from PI# 0007128 on the Right-of-Way (ROW) phase of PI# 0013727; and Chatham County will provide the 20% local match.
- Program \$6,439,000 of matched Z001 funds in FY 2018 for the ROW phase of PI# 0013727; and GDOT will provide the match to the federal funds.
- Program \$18,400,000 of matched Z001 funds in FY 2020 for the Construction (CST) phase of PI# 0013727; and GDOT will provide the match to the federal funds.
- Program \$2,000,000 of matched Z230 funds in FY 2020 for the Construction (CST) phase of PI# 0013727. This funding amount includes three parts:
  - \$593,241 of federal Z230 funds released from PI# 0011744, I-16 @ MONTGOMERY ST & @ MLK JR BLVD - RAMP & OVERPASS,

- the existing federal Z230 funding balance in FY 2020 of \$729,153, and
- Chatham County's local match of \$677,606 (about 33.88% of total cost).
- Delete the scoping phase of PI# 0011744 currently programmed in FY 2020 with Z230 funds in support of PI# 0013727.

It should be noted that the ROW and CST phases of PI# 0013727 are currently not included in the fiscally constrained 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The pre-requisite for their programming in the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP is that these phases must be amended into Cost Band One of 2040 MTP.

It should also be noted that the 2040 MTP currently has a surplus of funds in Cost Band One due to the allocation of funds from new funding sources such as HB 170, Fast Lane grants and other sources since the Plan was adopted in 2014.

The MTP amendments necessary to support the County requests were processed with the proposed TIP amendments in April and May 2018.

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 and a public hearing in the Savannah Morning News on Sunday, April 8, 2018. 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 April 11, 2018 to April 25, 2018. The item was put on the agendas of the CORE MPO Board and advisory committee meetings for April 2018. Comments received have been incorporated into the revised TIP amendment report. The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT) endorsed the TIP amendments on April 19, 2018 and April 23, 2018 respectively.

The public hearing for the proposed TIP amendments was re-advertised in May so that it could be held in conjunction with the special called May 2018 meeting of the CORE MPO Board. The proposed TIP amendments were adopted by the CORE MPO Board on May 22, 2018.

The following outlines the amendments to the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP.

#### **I-16 @ SR 307**

- **PI #:** 0013727
- **MTP Priority:** The Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase was amended into Cost Band One of 2040 MTP in June 2017. Chatham County proposed that Right-of-Way (ROW) and Construction (CST) phases be amended into Cost Band One of the 2040 MTP. The MTP amendments were approved by the CORE MPO Board in May 2018.
- **Project description:** The proposed project will provide operational improvements to the I-16 at State Route 307/Dean Forest Road Interchange. The project includes widening and relocation of the existing ramps and reconstruction to a diverging diamond interchange (DDI). The SR 307/Dean Forest Road bridge over I-16 will also be replaced.
- **Project Status:** This project was ranked #1 in priority during the 2017 STBG Call for Projects process. The project originated from a GDOT lump sum project and a local project from Chatham County. As the design-build projects of I-16 widening (PI# 0012757) and I-16/I-95 interchange reconstruction (PI# 0012758) are developed, it has been determined to merge the GDOT/Chatham County projects into one for a diverging diamond at I-16/SR 307 and coordinate this project's

development with the other two design-build interstate projects. The concept report for this I-16 @ SR 307 project was approved in August 2017. Preliminary Engineering activities are underway.

- **Amendment:** Chatham County requested to amend the ROW phase to FY 2018 and the CST phase to FY 2020 in the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP. The accommodation of this request is contingent upon amending these project phases into Cost Band One of the 2040 MTP. The amendments to the 2040 MTP were approved by the CORE MPO Board on May 22, 2018.
- **Funding/Year:** The funding codes and funding amounts for the project phases are shown below.

Phase	Proposed Funding Year	Estimated Total Phase Cost	Federal Share	State Share	Local Share	Fund Source
PE	2018	\$980,494	\$400,000	\$0	\$580,494	Z230/Local
ROW	2018	\$322,000	\$257,600	\$0	\$64,400	Z230/Local
ROW	2018	\$6,439,000	\$5,151,200	\$1,287,800	\$0	Z001/State
CST	2020	\$18,400,000	\$14,720,000	\$3,680,000	\$0	Z001/State
CST	2020	\$2,000,000	\$1,322,394	\$0	\$677,606	Z230/Local
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$28,141,494</b>	<b>\$21,851,194</b>	<b>\$4,967,800</b>	<b>\$1,322,500</b>	

\*Purple text indicates proposed TIP amendments.

- **Reason for Amendment:** Adding a project or a phase of a project to the TIP is considered an amendment.
- **Requesting date:** February 2018
- **Requesting Agency:** Chatham County/GDOT
- **Comment Period:** 04/11/2018 – 04/25/2018

### CR 787/ISLANDS EXPRESSWAY @ WILMINGTON RIVER/BASCULE BRIDGE

- **PI #:** 0007128
- **MTP Priority:** Right-of-Way (ROW) and Construction (CST) phases (including utility phase) are included in the 2040 MTP, Cost Band One (2015 – 2020).
- **Project description:** Replace the bascule bridge at Islands Expressway/Wilmington River with a high-level fixed bridge.
- **Project Status:** The project was let for construction by GDOT in October 2017.
- **Amendment:** The project was awarded Z230 funds for the utility (UTL) phase in FY 2018 during the 2017 STBG Call for Projects process. However, the project was let for construction before the Z230 funds could be authorized and allocated. Chatham County provided additional local funds for the UTL phase, thus releasing the allocated Z230 funds for use by other eligible projects.
- **Reason for Amendment:** The funding code change from Z230 to Local is considered an administrative modification. However, this change is being processed in coordination with the amendments for PI# 0013727 mentioned above.
- **Funding/Year:** The funding code Z230 for UTL will be replaced by Local. The funding year will remain FY 2018.

- **Requesting date:** February 2018
- **Requesting Agency:** Chatham County
- **Comment Period:** 04/11/2018 – 04/25/2018

#### **I-16 @ MONTGOMERY ST & @ MLK JR BLVD - RAMP & OVERPASS**

- **PI #:** 0011744
- **MTP Priority:** Currently the Scoping phase is included in Cost Band One and the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase is included in Cost Band Two of the 2040 MTP. Chatham County has requested that the project be moved to the unfunded Vision Plan as a part of the April-May 2018 MTP amendments. Based on the financial analysis and staff recommendations, the CORE MPO Board decided at its May 22, 2018 special called meeting to leave the Scoping phase and PE phase of this project in their respective cost bands.
- **Project description:** The project is to remove and replace the I-16 exit ramps and overpass at Montgomery Street and MLK Jr. Blvd in Savannah in order to restore part of the original grid system removed when I-16 was constructed. Major objectives are to restore efficient connections between the city center, the Downtown Expansion Area to the west, and surrounding neighborhoods; and recreate viable, pedestrian-friendly urban form.
- **Project Status:** CORE MPO has conducted the I-16 Exit Ramp Removal Planning Study and the Interchange Modification Report (IMR) and submitted the IMR to GDOT. The City of Savannah submitted a letter of support to GDOT for this project, and has been identified as the potential sponsor. The next step is for the project sponsor to execute a Project Framework Agreement (PFA) with GDOT, and for GDOT to forward the IMR to FHWA. CORE MPO has been coordinating with the City on actions regarding this project since February 2018 and will continue to do so until a solution is reached.
- **Amendment:** Chatham County requested that the project scoping phase be removed from FY 2020 of the TIP so that the funds can be allocated to PI# 0013727.
- **Reason for Amendment:** Deletion of a project or deletion of a phase of a project from the TIP is considered an amendment.
- **Funding/Year:** None in the TIP as amended.
- **Requesting date:** February 2018
- **Requesting Agency:** Chatham County
- **Comment Period:** 04/11/2018 – 04/25/2018

#### **Appendix**

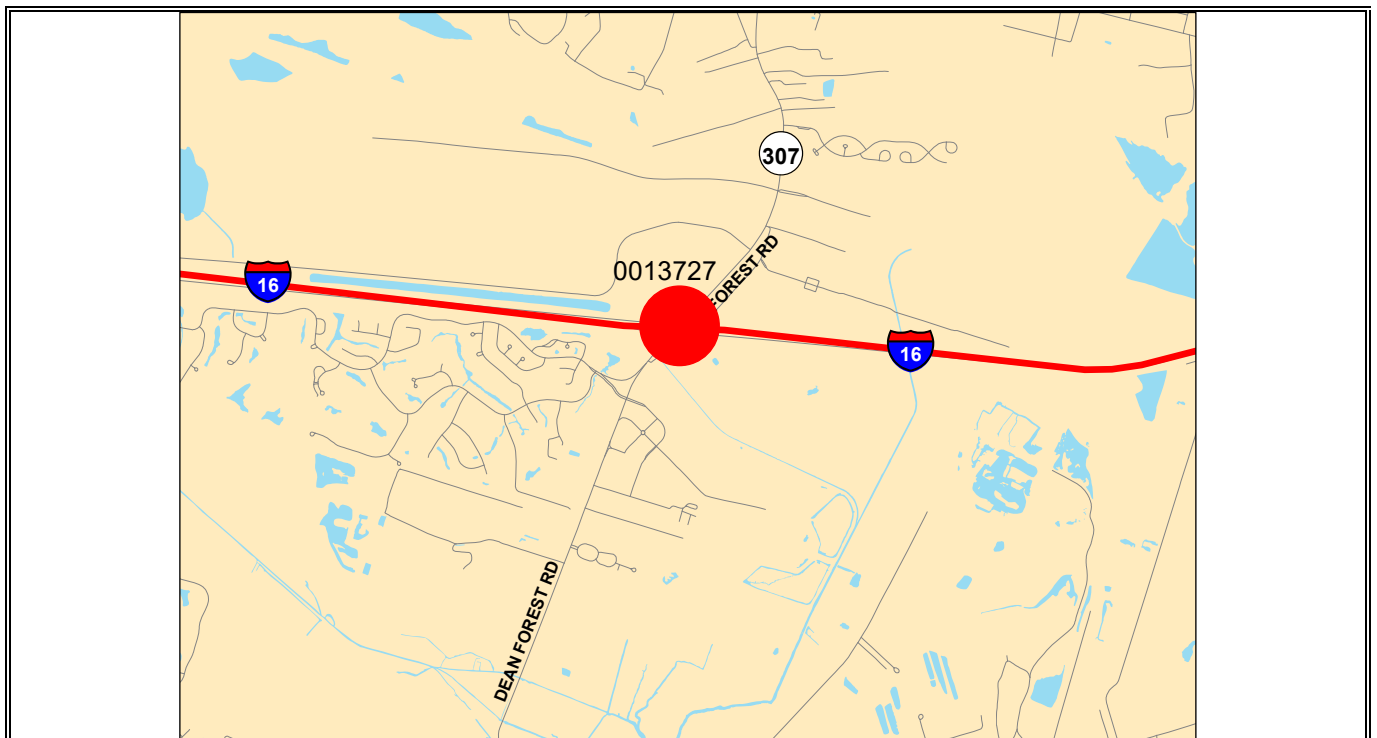
The following appendices are attached to this report:

- Appendix A – current and revised TIP project pages
- Appendix B – 2040 MTP Addendum to document the updates
- Appendix C - the public involvement materials including the change requests

**Appendix A: Current and Updated TIP Project Pages**  
**Current Project Page – PI# 0013727**  
**COASTAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**FY 2018 - 2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

<b>I-16 @ SR 307</b>				P.I. #: 0013727		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project will provide operational improvements to the I-16 at State Route 307/Dean Forest Road Interchange. The project includes widening and relocation of the existing ramps and reconstruction to a diverging diamond interchange (DDI). The SR 307/Dean Forest Road bridge over I-16 will also be replaced.				TIP #: 2017-H-01		
				COUNTY: CHATHAM		
				PROJ. #:		
				FUND: Z230		
				GDOT DISTRICT: 5		
TRAFFIC VOL. 2015 AADT:		2040:		CONG. DISTRICT: 1		
NO. OF LANES EXISTING:		PLANNED:		RC: CRC		
LOCAL ROAD #:		STATE/US ROAD #:		LENGTH (MI):		
		I-16/SR 307				
COMMENTS/REMARKS: This project ranked the 3rd most important project in GDOT's 2008 Interstate Needs Analysis and Prioritization Plan prepared for Chatham County. An update to this plan completed in 2015 ranked this the 2nd most important project in the plan for proposed improvements. Currently Chatham County is the local sponsor and is working with GDOT to incorporate this project into the design-build project of I-16 from I-95 to I-516 (PI# 0012757). The Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase programmed in FY 2018 will be paid for with Z230 funds (400,000), the County's 20% local match (\$100,000), as well as additional local SPLOST funds (\$480,494). The project was ranked #1 during the 2017 STBG Call for Projects.						
PROJECT PHASE	\$ SOURCE	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	TOTAL
PRELIM. ENGR.	Federal/Local	\$980,494	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$980,494
RIGHT-OF-WAY	None	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CONSTRUCTION	None	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>PROJECT COST</b>		<b>\$980,494</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$980,494</b>
FEDERAL COST		\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
STATE COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL COST		\$580,494	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$580,494

**PROJECT LOCATION**

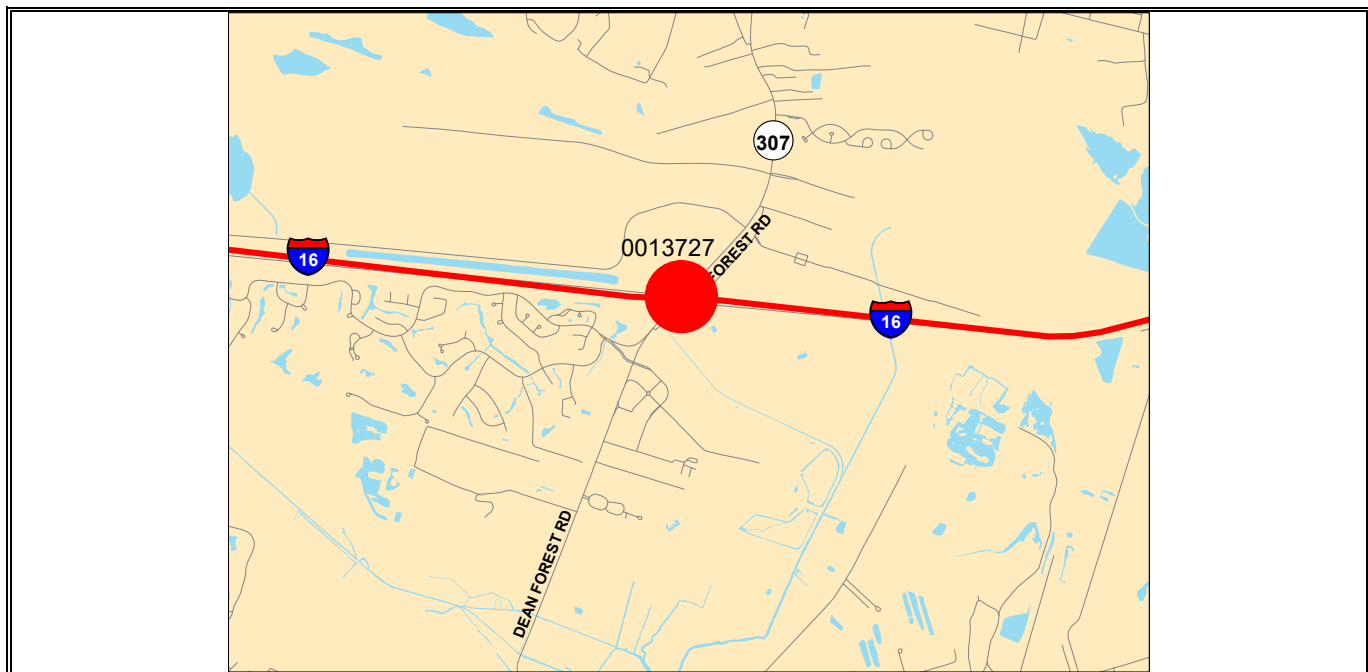


**Revised Project Page – PI# 0013727**

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				COUNTY: CHATHAM		
				PROJ. #:		
				FUND: Z001, Z230, Local		
				GDOT DISTRICT: 5		
TRAFFIC VOL. 2015 AADT:	2040:		CONG. DISTRICT: 1			
NO. OF LANES EXISTING:	PLANNED:		RC: CRC			
LOCAL ROAD #:	STATE/US ROAD #: I-16/SR 307		LENGTH (MI):			
<p>COMMENTS/REMARKS: This project ranked the 3rd most important project in GDOT's 2008 Interstate Needs Analysis and Prioritization Plan prepared for Chatham County. An update to this plan completed in 2015 ranked this the 2nd most important project in the plan for proposed improvements. <b>Currently Chatham County is the local sponsor and is working with GDOT to coordinate this project's development with the design-build project of I-16 from I-95 to I-516 (PI# 0012757).</b> The Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase programmed in FY 2018 are paid for with Z230 funds (400,000), the County's 20% local match (\$100,000), as well as additional local SPLOST funds (\$480,494). The project was ranked #1 during the 2017 STBG Call for Projects. <b>The County and GDOT requested in February 2018 to program Z230 funds (\$322,000) and Z001 funds (\$6,439,000) in FY 2018 for the ROW phase, and program Z230 funds (\$2,000,000) and Z001 funds (\$18,400,000) in FY 2020 for the CST phase. Chatham County will pay the required 20% local match and any additional local match to the Z230 funds.</b></p>						
PROJECT PHASE	\$ SOURCE	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	TOTAL
PRELIM. ENGR.	Federal/Local	\$980,494	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$980,494
RIGHT-OF-WAY	Federal/State/Local	\$6,761,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,761,000
CONSTRUCTION	Federal/State/Local	\$0	\$0	\$20,400,000	\$0	\$20,400,000
<b>PROJECT COST</b>		<b>\$7,741,494</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,400,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$28,141,494</b>
FEDERAL COST		\$5,408,800	\$0	\$16,042,394	\$0	\$21,851,194
STATE COST		\$1,287,800	\$0	\$3,680,000	\$0	\$4,967,800
LOCAL COST		\$644,894	\$0	\$677,606	\$0	\$1,322,500

**PROJECT LOCATION**

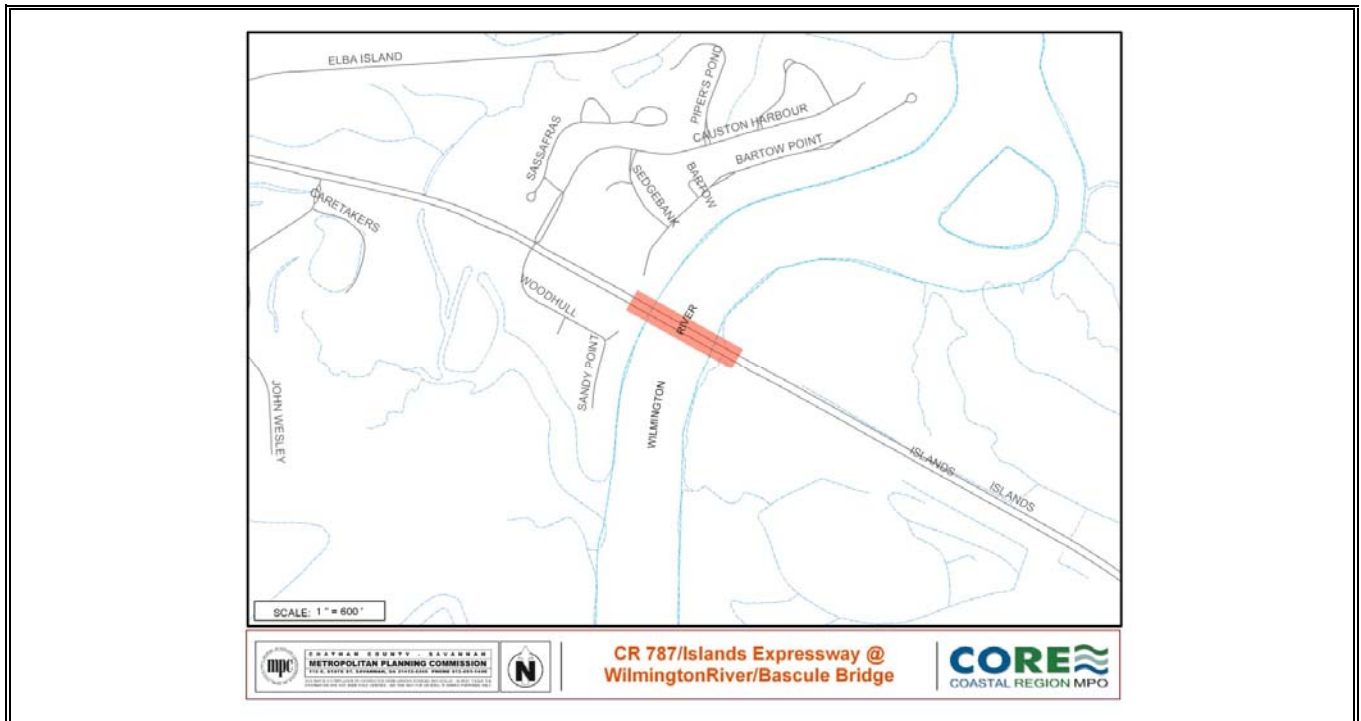


**Current Project Page – PI# 0007128**

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FY 2018 - 2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

<b>CR 787/ISLANDS EXPRESSWAY @ WILMINGTON RIVER/BASCULE BRIDGE</b>				P.I. #: 0007128		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Replace the bascule bridge at Islands Expressway/Wilmington River with a high-level fixed bridge.				TIP #: 2005-H-03		
				COUNTY: CHATHAM		
				PROJ. #: CSBRG-0007-00(128)		
				FUND: Z001, Z230		
				GDOT DISTRICT: 5		
TRAFFIC VOL. 2015 AADT: 21,100				2040:		
NO. OF LANES EXISTING: 4				PLANNED: 4		
LOCAL ROAD #: CR 787		STATE/US ROAD #:		LENGTH (MI): 1.2		
COMMENTS/REMARKS: Chatham County is the project sponsor. Preliminary Engineering (PE) and Right-of-Way (ROW) funds programmed in previous years have been authorized. The revised concept report was approved on March 9, 2012. Final design is on-going. ROW acquisition is complete. Utility (UTL) phase is programmed in FY 2018 with Z230 funds as the project was ranked #3 during the 2017 STBG Call for Projects, and Chatham County will provide the local match. Construction (CST) is programmed in FY 2018 with Z001 funds. The project is scheduled for letting by GDOT in August 2017.						
<b>PROJECT PHASE</b>	<b>\$ SOURCE</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
PRELIM. ENGR.	Authorized	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RIGHT-OF-WAY	Authorized	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
UTILITY	Federal/Local	\$322,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$322,000
CONSTRUCTION	Federal/State	\$56,038,682	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$56,038,682
<b>PROJECT COST</b>		<b>\$56,360,682</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$56,360,682</b>
FEDERAL COST		\$45,088,546	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,088,546
STATE COST		\$11,207,736	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,207,736
LOCAL COST		\$64,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$64,400

**PROJECT LOCATION**



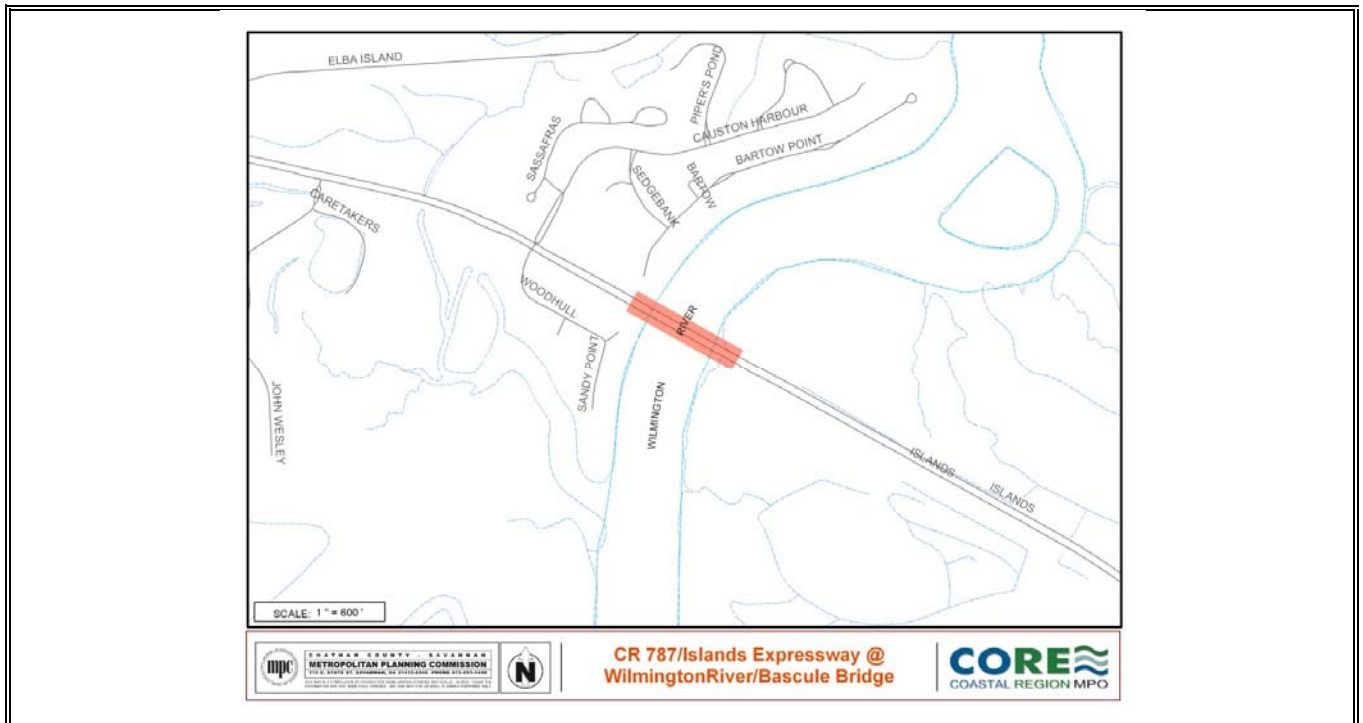


**Revised Project Page – PI# 0007128**

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		COUNTY: CHATHAM				
		PROJ. #: CSBRG-0007-00(128)				
		FUND: Z001, Local				
		GDOT DISTRICT: 5				
TRAFFIC VOL. 2015 AADT: 21,100		2040:		CONG. DISTRICT: 1		
NO. OF LANES EXISTING: 4		PLANNED: 4		RC: CRC		
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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	Local	\$322,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$322,000
CONSTRUCTION	Federal/State	\$56,038,682	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$56,038,682
<b>PROJECT COST</b>		<b>\$56,360,682</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$56,360,682</b>
FEDERAL COST		\$44,830,946	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,830,946
STATE COST		\$11,207,736	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,207,736
LOCAL COST		\$322,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$322,000

**PROJECT LOCATION**



**Current Project Page – PI# 0011744**  
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<b>I-16 @ MONTGOMERY ST &amp; @ MLK JR BLVD - RAMP &amp; OVERPASS</b>				P.I. #: 0011744		
				TIP #: 2013-H-02		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</b> The project is to remove and replace the I-16 exit ramps and overpass at Montgomery Street and MLK Jr. Blvd in Savannah in order to restore part of the original grid system removed when I-16 was constructed. Major objectives are to restore efficient connections between the city center, the Downtown Expansion Area to the west, and surrounding neighborhoods; and recreate viable, pedestrian-friendly urban form.				COUNTY: CHATHAM		
				PROJ. #:		
				FUND: Z230*		
				GDOT DISTRICT: 5		
TRAFFIC VOL. 2015 AADT: N/A		2040: N/A		CONG. DISTRICT: 1		
NO. OF LANES EXISTING: 0		PLANNED: 0		RC: CRC		
LOCAL ROAD #:		STATE/US ROAD #: I-16		LENGTH (MI):		
<b>COMMENTS/REMARKS:</b> CORE MPO has conducted the I-16 Exit Ramp Removal Study and is developing the study recommendations into a highway and economic development project. The funds programmed in FY 2020 are to be used for GDOT oversight of the project and for initiating the 1 <sup>st</sup> phase of preliminary engineering work (scoping). Construction (CST) phase is in long range.						
* GDOT and the City of Savannah are working on executing a Project Framework Agreement (PFA) for the project.						
PROJECT PHASE	\$ SOURCE	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	TOTAL
SCOPING	Federal/Local*	\$0	\$0	\$741,551	\$0	\$741,551
PRELIM. ENGR.	None	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RIGHT-OF-WAY	None	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CONSTRUCTION	None	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>PROJECT COST</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$741,551</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$741,551</b>
FEDERAL COST		\$0	\$0	\$593,241	\$0	\$593,241
STATE COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL COST*		\$0	\$0	\$148,310	\$0	\$148,310

**PROJECT LOCATION**



**Revised Project Page – PI# 0011744**

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				COUNTY: CHATHAM		
				PROJ. #:		
				FUND: <b>None</b>		
				GDOT DISTRICT: 5		
TRAFFIC VOL. 2015 AADT:	N/A	2040:	N/A	CONG. DISTRICT: 1		
NO. OF LANES EXISTING:	0	PLANNED:	0	RC: CRC		
LOCAL ROAD #:	STATE/US ROAD #:		I-16	LENGTH (MI):		
<p>COMMENTS/REMARKS: <b>CORE MPO has conducted the I-16 Exit Ramp Removal Planning Study and Interchange Modification Report (IMR). The funds originally programmed in FY 2020 (\$741,551) are to be used for GDOT oversight of the project and for initiating the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of preliminary engineering work (scoping). The project phase has been deleted from the FY 2018 -2021 TIP pending execution of a Project Framework Agreement between the City of Savannah and GDOT.</b></p>						
PROJECT PHASE	\$ SOURCE	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	TOTAL
SCOPING	<b>None</b>	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
PRELIM. ENGR.	None	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RIGHT-OF-WAY	None	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CONSTRUCTION	None	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>PROJECT COST</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
FEDERAL COST		\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
STATE COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL COST*		\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	<b>\$0</b>

**PROJECT LOCATION**



**Appendix B: 2040 MTP Addendum for February 2018 TIP Amendments to FY 2018 – 2021 TIP**

<b>Addendum to 2040 MTP</b>														
<b>2040 MTP Original</b>						<b>June 2017 Addendum</b>						<b>April-May 2018 Addendum</b>		
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		
None	SR 307/Dean Forest Rd Interchange Reconstruction @ I-16	PE, ROW, CST	Vision Plan	\$68,331,494	0013727	I-16 @ SR 307	PE ROW, UTL, CST	One (2015 - 2020) To be amended into cost-feasible plan.	\$1,080,494	PE, ROW, CST	One (2015-2020)	\$28,141,494		

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

**April 2018**

### **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 requesting the public to review and provide comments on proposed amendments to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The MTP evaluates transportation system performance and is a source of policies, projects and actions that implement community vision of transportation improvements needed to reach the community goals. The TIP is the short-term programming document that lists transportation improvement projects to receive funding in the next four years. Reports providing details of the proposed MTP and TIP amendments are 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 reports will be posted on the website.

The comment period starts on **April 11, 2018** and written comments on the proposed MTP and TIP amendments will be accepted until close of business on **April 25, 2018**. 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 two separate public hearings at the April 2018 CORE MPO Board meeting – one for the proposed 2040 MTP amendments, and the other for the proposed FY 2018 – 2021 TIP amendments. Meeting time and location are listed below:

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

**April 25, 2018**

**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 MTP and TIP amendments, please call (912) 651-1466.

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**May 2018**

**NOTICE FOR MTP and TIP AMENDMENTS PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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CORE MPO will host two separate public hearings at the May 2018 special called CORE MPO Board meeting – one for the proposed 2040 MTP amendments, and the other for the proposed FY 2018 – 2021 TIP amendments. Meeting time and location are listed below:

**Special Called CORE MPO Board Meeting**

**May 22, 2018**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Chatham County Commission Chambers, the Old Courthouse  
124 Bull Street, Second Floor, Savannah GA 31401**

Please contact Wykoda Wang via email at [wangw@thempc.org](mailto:wangw@thempc.org) if you have any questions.

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**From:** Delgadillo Canizares, Marlene V. [<mailto:mcanizares@dot.ga.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 11:19 AM  
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**Cc:** Nathaniel Panther <[NPanther@chathamcounty.org](mailto:NPanther@chathamcounty.org)>; Eastin, William <[weastin@dot.ga.gov](mailto:weastin@dot.ga.gov)>  
**Subject:** CORE MPO managed Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) for Urbanized Areas over 200k —Z230 and Z301

Miss Pam,

This is FYI, and the purpose is to inform you on items concerning CORE MPO.

Federal Z230 and Z301 funds are available to the CORE MPO to be used following federal guidelines. Last year, CORE MPO undertook a “call for projects” application process for Z230 and Z301 funds. At the end of the process, projects were ranked and funds were allocated within TIP years (FY 2018-2021). These funds are not subject to a “carryover” from one year to the next, for example, unused funds from FY 2018 will not be available for FY 2019.

PI 0007128 CR 787/Islands Expressway @ Wilmington River/Bascule Bridge had allocated \$322,000 (matched) of Z230 in FY 2018 for utilities, however this project was let before the Z230 funds could be allocated in our system. I have attached the TIP sheet and the Z230 financial plan table. Currently, those funds are available until the end of this fiscal year and are able to be reallocated.

Eligible projects are those contained the financial table (Example: Truman Linear Pkwy Trail, DeRenne, I-16 @ SR-307). The selected project (by the TCC/PC committees) may need an amendment or administrative modification, once Planning requests the changes in our system, the PM has to update project cost before the end of current fiscal year (June 30, 2018). You may choose to add this item to the next meeting agenda. PI 0007631 Truman Linear Pkwy is an example on how long it may take to update project cost.

Also, the MPO committees may revisit the “call for projects” processes at any point; however, funds are already allocated through FY 2021. You may find more information in the Z230 Manual 2017 attached to this email.

Let us know if you need help, we understand this subject may be confusing; also, we will coordinate with the MPO staff once a decision has being made.

Sincerely,

**Vivian Canizares**

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**DATE:** February 23, 2018

**TO:** Mark Wilkes, P.E., Interim MPO Executive Director

**FROM:** Nathaniel Panther, P.E., Senior Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Proposed TIP Updates for April 2018 CORE MPO Board Meeting P.I. No. 0013727, I-16 at S.R. 307

The I-16 at S.R. 307 project was the #1 ranked project from the CORE MPO's call for projects during the 2018-2021 TIP update. This project has regional impacts that will provide direct improvements to Unincorporated Chatham County, City of Savannah, Garden City and Pooler. It will also provide improved access to the Mega-Site and the Georgia Ports Authority. The project proposes to improve the safety of the interchange by replacing the existing, deteriorated bridge with a new structure. Improvements also include converting from a standard diamond interchange to a diverging diamond interchange to improve operations. Chatham County partnered with the Georgia Department of Transportation to develop preliminary plans to let a design-build contract for the project. However, there is a construction funding shortfall. The proposed TIP update will show a local commitment to the project to help offset some of the shortfall and let a design build construction contract.

Staff previously requested \$322,000 of matched Z230 funds be allocated to the Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement Project (P.I. No. 0007128) in FY2018. Because the project was let prior to the funds being approved by FHWA, these funds cannot be used on the Island's Expressway Bridge. This request is to shift the \$322,000 of matched Z230 funds from Island's Expressway to the I-16 at S.R. 307 project. The \$322,000 will be programmed towards ROW and Chatham County will provide the required match (\$64,400).

There is also a Z230 fund balance of \$911,441 in FY2020. Staff is requesting these funds be allocated towards a CST phase for the I-16 at S.R. 307. Chatham County will provide the required match (\$182,288).

Finally, staff is requesting that the \$741,551 of Z230 funds allocated for scoping for the I-16 at Montgomery Street Ramp Removal Project (P.I. No. 0011744) be shifted to a CST phase for the I-16 at S.R. 307 project in FY2020. The Montgomery Street ramp removal project lingered for years without a project sponsor. The allocated funds are only for a scoping phase, and no additional funding for PE, ROW, UTL or CST are identified. This project should be shifted to the unfunded vision plan until a project sponsor commits to developing and funding the project. Chatham County will provide the local match for the Z230 funds (\$148,310) as well as additional local funds to bring the CST phase in FY2020 to \$2,000,000.

The attached spreadsheet shows the existing and requested fundings amounts for the I-16 at S.R. 307 project. If you have any questions or need anything else to put this on the CORE MPO's agenda for the April 2018 meeting, please let me know.

Attachment

Cc: Leon Davenport, P.E., County Engineer  
Lee Smith, County Manager  
Matt Bennett, P.E., GDOT Senior Design/Build Project Manager  
Meg Pirkle, P.E., GDOT Chief Engineer  
Thomas McQueen, GDOT Office of Planning Assistant Administrator



**Chatham County April 2018 TIP Sheet Requested Updates**

**Project: 1-16 at S.R. 307, P.I. No. 0013727**

	<i>FY2018</i>	<i>FY2019</i>	<i>FY2020</i>	<i>FY2021</i>	<i>Totals</i>
<i>P.E.</i>	\$980,494				\$980,494
<i>R.O.W</i>	\$322,000				\$322,000
<i>CST</i>			\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>\$1,302,494</b>		<b>\$2,000,000</b>		<b>\$3,302,494</b>
<i>Federal</i>	\$657,600		\$1,322,394		\$1,979,994
<i>Local</i>	\$644,894		\$677,606		\$1,322,500

**From:** Pamela Bernard <pbernard@chathamcounty.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 4:01 PM  
**To:** Wykoda Wang <>wangw@thempc.org>  
**Subject:** TCC - SR 307 at I-16

Wykoda,

The only comment that I have regarding the amendments for the MTP and the TIP is that the interchange project at I-16 and SR 307 may or may not end up being Let with the I-16 Widening project. My understanding is that it depends on whether or not GDOT can come up with the funding since they did not get the TIGER grant. Either way, Nat says the I-16 at SR 307 Interchange project is a design/build project. So, if it is not included with the I-16 Widening project it will be Let by GDOT sometime after that, presumably as soon as the construction funding is identified.

On a separate note, there are a total of 34 parcels on the Canebrake Road project, 23 of which have been acquired so far. The other 11 are in the process of condemnation.

Thanks,

***Pamela Bernard, P.E.***  
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**From:** Mark Wilkes [<mailto:wilkesm@thempc.org>]  
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**Cc:** Heath Lloyd <[hlloyd@Savannahga.Gov](mailto:hlloyd@Savannahga.Gov)>; Renee Higgins <[RHiggins@Savannahga.Gov](mailto:RHiggins@Savannahga.Gov)>; Rob Hernandez <[RHernandez@Savannahga.Gov](mailto:RHernandez@Savannahga.Gov)>; Melanie Wilson <[wilsonm@thempc.org](mailto:wilsonm@thempc.org)>  
**Subject:** I-16 Flyover Removal and Special Called MPO Meeting May 22nd  
**Importance:** High

Bridget:

We discussed this at some length prior to the April MPO meeting, but since we did not have a quorum I am writing to give you another heads up.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the CORE MPO Board will be considering an amendment requested by the County Engineer's office in February to, among other things, reallocate funds from the proposed scoping phase of the I-16 Flyover Removal project to the I-16 / SR 307 Interchange Reconstruction project. This would effectively remove the I-16 Flyover removal from the four year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). While it would be preferable to keep the project in the TIP until the IMR Report is fully reviewed by GDOT and FHWA, we have been advised by GDOT, that they will take no further action on the IMR report, and will not forward it to FHWA until the City of Savannah enters into a project framework agreement with GDOT.

Please let me know if there has been any further movement on this project by the City, or if you would like to discuss prior to the MPO meeting. When the City is ready to proceed with this project, now or in the future, we will be happy to assist in programming the next phases.

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**From:** Rob Hernandez [<mailto:RHernandez@Savannahga.Gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 21, 2018 8:05 AM  
**To:** Mark Wilkes; Bridget Lidy  
**Cc:** Heath Lloyd; Renee Higgins; Melanie Wilson  
**Subject:** RE: I-16 Flyover Removal and Special Called MPO Meeting May 22nd

All:

This is a conversation that we need to have with the City Council. At this moment, I am uncomfortable suggesting any changes to our approach. I'm going to ask that we schedule this for a discussion at an upcoming City Council work session, but we can't do anything until then.

Rob

**Rob Hernandez**

City Manager

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**From:** Mark Wilkes

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 22, 2018 11:31 AM

**To:** 'Rob Hernandez'

**Cc:** Heath Lloyd; Renee Higgins; Melanie Wilson; 'Bridget Lidy'

**Subject:** RE: I-16 Flyover Removal and Special Called MPO Meeting May 22nd

Rob:

This morning the MPO Board did approve the County's requested TIP amendment which, among other things transferred funds in the amount of \$593,241 federal from the I-16 Flyover Removal Project Scoping Phase (2020) to the SR 307 / I-16 Interchange Reconstruction Project. Since we did not have a voting representative of the City present, I advised the Board of your position before a vote was taken.

If the City so wishes, we will work with GDOT and City staff to identify funding for scoping and other future phases of the I-16 Flyover Removal project during our next update of the TIP. If I can be of any assistance to the City in the interim, please let me know.

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