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) 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, 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 Metropolitan Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed TIP amendments include the following changes:

1. PI# 0013727, I-16 @ SR 307 – 1) add a Utility phase in FY 2020; and 2) revise cost estimates for the Construction phase in FY 2020.

2. PI# 0010560, SR 26 FM JOHNNY MERCER TO OLD US 80; INC BULL RV&R LAZARETTO – add a Preliminary Engineering phase in FY 2020.

3. PI# 0006328, BRAMPTON ROAD CONN FROM SR 21/SR 25 to SR 21 SPUR – add a Preliminary Engineering phase in FY 2020.

4. PI# 0010028, CS 1097/DELESSEPS/LA ROCHE AVE FM WATERS AVE TO SKIDAWAY RD – 1) add a Preliminary Engineering phase in FY 2020; and 2) add additional local funds to the Construction phase in FY 2020.

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, all requirements of the Participation Plan pertaining to TIP amendments have been met.

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 August 7, 2019.

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 August 7, 2019.

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Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
Amendments to the FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO)

August 2019

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. A series of administrative modifications and TIP amendments have been processed for various projects. The original adopted TIP and the amendment reports are all available for review on the MPO website at https://www.thempc.org/Core/Tip2040.

In July 2019, GDOT requested amendments to four projects.

1. PI# 0013727, I-16 @ SR 307 – 1) add a Utility phase to FY 2020; and 2) revise cost estimates for the Construction phase in FY 2020.
2. PI# 0010560, SR 26 FM JOHNNY MERCER TO OLD US 80; INC BULL RVR&LAZARETTO – add a Preliminary Engineering phase in FY 2020.
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The Transportation Improvement Program must be consistent with the most up-to-date Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The CORE MPO’s 2045 MTP was adopted on August 7, 2019. The four projects mentioned above are consistent with the financially-constrained 2045 MTP.

The TIP must also be in compliance with the Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) requirements, so how projects programmed in the TIP contribute to achieving performance targets should be documented as well.

The information below provides more details on the proposed amendments to CORE MPO’s FY 2018 – 2021 TIP for August 2019.

Proposed TIP Amendments

1. I-16 @ 307

- **PI#: 0013727**

- **MTP Priority**: The Construction (CST) phase (including Utility (UTL)) is included in Cost Band One (2020 – 2027) of the 2045 MTP.

- **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:** Preliminary Engineering is complete. A Public Information Open House (PIOH) was held in 2017. The concept report was approved in 2017. The project is to be let as a design/build project by GDOT.

**Amendment:** 1) add a Utility (UTL) phase to FY 2020 with Z001 funds; and 2) revise cost estimates for the Construction (CST) phase in FY 2020.

**Reason for Amendment:** Adding a project phase to the TIP is considered an amendment; funding increase of more than $2 million for a roadway project phase is also considered an amendment.

**Funding/Year:** The funding codes and funding amounts for the project phases are shown below.

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**Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP):** The project will help achieve the performance targets of safety, pavement and bridge, congestion and freight.

**Requesting date:** July 2019  
**Requesting Agency:** GDOT  
**Comment Period:** 7/24/2018 – 8/7/2019

2. **SR 26 FM JOHNNY MERCER TO OLD US 80; INC BULL RVR&LAZARETTO**

**PI #:** 0010560

**MTP Priority:** The Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase, Right-of-Way (ROW) phase and Construction (CST) phase are included in Cost Band One (2020 – 2027) of 2045 MTP.

**Project description:** The project would replace the bridges at Bull River and Lazaretto Creek with two-lane bridges that include bike and pedestrian improvements. Additionally, the project would widen the roadway from Johnny Mercer Boulevard to Old US 80 on Tybee Island with bike-able shoulders and raise the roadway profile up to two feet to minimize road closures caused by tidal flooding. The total project length is +/- 5.8 miles. The changes have been determined to accomplish the purpose of this project, which is to improve travel between Savannah and Tybee Island and to ensure the integrity of the SR 26/US 80 bridges.

**Project Status:** Scoping funds were authorized in 2013. PE funds were authorized in 2017. The project is currently going through the federal environmental process called NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act). A Public Information Open House (PIOH) was held by GDOT earlier in 2019 on Tybee Island.

**Amendment:** GDOT proposed to add a Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase in FY 2020 with HB 170 funds.

**Reason for Amendment:** Adding a project phase to the TIP is considered an amendment.

**Funding/Year:** The funding codes and funding amounts for the project phases are shown below.
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- **Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP):** The project will help achieve the performance targets of safety, pavement and bridge, and congestion.
- **Requesting date:** July 2019
- **Requesting Agency:** GDOT
- **Comment Period:** 7/24/2018 – 8/7/2018

3. **BRAMPTON ROAD CONN FROM SR 21/SR 25 to SR 21 SPUR**
   - **PI #:** 0006328
   - **MTP Priority:** The Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase and Construction (CST) phase are included in Cost Band One (2020 – 2027) of the 2045 MTP.
   - **Project description:** Construct a 4-lane highway and State Route Spur to connect Brampton Road, Georgia Ports Authority Gate 2 and Foundation Drive to SR 25, SR 21, and US 80. This project will provide direct access to the Interstate System for the heavy commercial truck traffic related to the intermodal terminal transfers and will improve the efficiency of the transfer of goods between the port, rail, and interstate highway systems.
   - **Project Status:** Right-of-Way (ROW) activities are ongoing.
   - **Amendment:** Add a Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase to FY 2020 with HB 170 funds and local funds.
   - **Reason for Amendment:** Adding a project phase to the TIP is considered an amendment.
   - **Funding/Year:** The funding codes and funding amounts for the project phases are shown below.

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- **Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP):** The project will help achieve the performance targets of safety, pavement and bridge, congestion and freight.
- **Requesting date:** July 2019
- **Requesting Agency:** GDOT
- **Comment Period:** 7/24/2018 – 8/7/2018

4. **CS 1097/DELESSEPS/LA ROCHE AVE FM WATERS AVE TO SKIDAWAY RD**
   - **PI#:** 0010028
   - **MTP Priority:** The Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase and Construction (CST) phase (including Utility (UTL)) are included in Cost Band One (2020 – 2027) of the 2045 MTP.
• **Project Description:** The Delesseps Avenue Road and Sidewalk Improvements project involves a minor road widening to 11’ travel lanes and curb and gutter to improve drainage from Waters Avenue to Skidaway Road. By providing an accessible route for pedestrians by installing curb & gutter, curb ramps, sidewalk, and crosswalks, push buttons and pedestrian signals at the three existing signals, pedestrians will be encouraged to walk to work and school. This project is ADA compliant for pedestrian accommodations.

• **Project Status:** Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition and final design are ongoing.

• **Amendment:** 1) add a Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase in FY 2020 with HB 170 funds; and 2) add additional local funds to the Construction (CST) phase in FY 2020.

• **Reason for Amendment:** Adding a project phase to the TIP is considered an amendment.

• **Funding/Year:** The funding codes and funding amounts for the project phases are shown below.

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• **Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP):** The project will help improve pedestrian safety, pavement and bridges, as well as air quality.

• **Requesting date:** July 2019

• **Requesting Agency:** GDOT

• **Comment Period:** 7/24/2018 – 8/7/2019

**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. In order to process the proposed amendments in August 2019, CORE MPO advertised a fifteen (15) day public review and comment period in the Savannah Morning News on Sunday, July 21, 2019. 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 July 24, 2019 and closed on August 7, 2019. A public hearing was held for the proposed TIP amendments in conjunction with the CORE MPO Board meeting on August 7, 2019. All received written comments have been responded to. All comments raised at the CORE MPO Board and advisory committee meetings have been addressed on the spot.

**Action**

The proposed TIP amendments were endorsed by the CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on August 1, 2019 and by the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT) on August 5, 2019. The CORE MPO Board adopted the TIP amendments on August 7, 2019.
Appendix

The following appendices are attached with this report:

- Appendix A - the updated project pages for FY 2018 – 2021 TIP that incorporate the proposed amendments
- Appendix B - the public involvement materials
I-16 @ SR 307

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.

COUNTY: CHATHAM
PROJ. #: 0013727
TIP #: 2017-H-01

TRAFFIC VOL. 2015 AADT: 2040:

LOCAL ROAD #: STATE/US ROAD #: I-16/SR 307 LENGTH (MI):

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 coordinate this project’s development with the design-build project of I-16 from I-95 to I-516 (PI# 0012757). 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 ranked #1 during the 2017 STBG Call for Projects. 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. In February 2019 Chatham County was awarded additional Z230 funds ($1,008,082) in FY 2020, thus reducing the amount from the Z001 funds and the local match.

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COUNTY: CHATHAM

PROJ #: 0013727

TIP #: 2017-H-01

GDOT DISTRICT: 5

TRAFFIC VOL. 2015 AADT: 2040:

NO. OF LANES EXISTING: PLANNED:

LOCAL ROAD #: STATE/US ROAD #: I-16/SR 307 LENGTH (MI):

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 coordinate this project’s development with the design-build project of I-16 from I-95 to I-516 (PI# 0012757). 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 ranked #1 during the 2017 STBG Call for Projects. 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. In February 2019 Chatham County was awarded additional Z230 funds ($1,008,082) in FY 2020, thus reducing the amount from the Z001 funds and the local match. In July 2019 GDOT requested to add a Utility phase in FY 2020 with matched Z001 funds ($1,492,000) and revise the cost estimates for the Construction phase in FY 2020 - $23,750,402 of matched Z001 funds and $2,913,095 of matched Z230 funds.

PROJECT PHASE | $ SOURCE | FY 2018 | FY 2019 | FY 2020 | FY 2021 | TOTAL
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LOCAL COST | $644,894 | $0 | $582,619 | $0 | $1,227,513

PROJECT LOCATION
SR 26 FM JOHNNY MERCER TO OLD US 80; INC BULL RVR&LAZARETTO

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project would replace the bridges at Bull River and Lazaretto Creek with two-lane bridges that include bike and pedestrian improvements. Additionally, the project would widen the roadway from Johnny Mercer Boulevard to Old US 80 on Tybee Island with bike-able shoulders and raise the roadway profile up to two feet to minimize road closures caused by tidal flooding. The total project length is +/- 5.8 miles. The changes have been determined to accomplish the purpose of this project, which is to improve travel between Savannah and Tybee Island and to ensure the integrity of the SR 26/US 80 bridges.

COUNTY: CHATHAM
PROJ. #: FUND: Z001, Local
GDOT DISTRICT: 5

TRAFFIC VOL. 2005 AADT: 2030:
NO. OF LANES EXISTING: 2 PLANNED: 2
LOCAL ROAD #: STATE/US ROAD #: US 80 LENGTH (MI): 5.8

COMMENTS/REMARKS: Scoping funds were authorized in 2013. PE funds were authorized in 2017. The project is currently going through the federal environmental process. Tybee Island requested to add the ROW phase to FY 2019 with local funds to expedite the project development process, and the ROW phase was moved to FY 2020 with a slight cost increase in June 2019. CST is in long range. In November 2018 GDOT requested to add additional funds for PE in FY 2019.

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**COUNTY:** CHATHAM  
**PROJ. #:**  
**FUND:** Z001, HB 170, Local  
**GDOT DISTRICT:** 5

**TRAFFIC VOL.**  
**2005 AADT:** 2030:  
**CONG. DISTRICT:** 1

**NO. OF LANES**  
**EXISTING:** 2  
**PLANNED:** 2  
**RC:** CG

**LOCAL ROAD #:**  
**STATE/US ROAD #:** US 80  
**LENGTH (MI):** 5.8

**COMMENTS/REMARKS:** Scoping funds were authorized in 2013. PE funds were authorized in 2017. The project is currently going through the federal environmental process. Tybee Island requested to add the ROW phase to FY 2019 with local funds to expedite the project development process, and the ROW phase was moved to FY 2020 with a slight cost increase in June 2019. CST is in long range. In November 2018 GDOT requested to add additional Z001 funds for PE in FY 2019 and the funds have been authorized. In July 2019 GDOT requested to add additional HB 170 funds of $1 million for PE in FY 2020.

**PROJECT LOCATION**

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FEDERAL COST | $0 | $400,000 | $0 | $0 | $400,000 |
STATE COST | $0 | $100,000 | $1,000,000 | $0 | $1,100,000 |
LOCAL COST | $0 | $0 | $280,500 | $0 | $280,500 |
BRAMPTON ROAD CONN FROM SR 21/SR 25 to SR 21 SPUR

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construct a 4 lane highway and State Route Spur to connect Brampton Road, Georgia Ports Authority Gate 2 and Foundation Drive to SR 25, SR 21, and US 80. This project will provide direct access to the Interstate System for the heavy commercial truck traffic related to the intermodal terminal transfers and will improve the efficiency of the transfer of goods between the port, rail, and interstate highway systems.

TRAFFIC VOL. 2015 AADT: N/A 2040: N/A
NO. OF LANES EXISTING: 0 PLANNED: 4
LOCAL ROAD #: STATE/US ROAD #: LENGTH (MI):

PROJECT LOCATION

PROJECT PHASE $ SOURCE FY 2018 FY 2019 FY 2020 FY 2021 TOTAL
PRELIM. ENGR. State $0 $4,000,000 $0 $0 $4,000,000
RIGHT-OF-WAY Authorized $0 $0 $19,120,800 $0 $19,120,800
UTILITY State $0 $0 $41,229,623 $0 $41,229,623
CONSTRUCTION State $0 $0 $60,350,423 $0 $60,350,423
PROJECT COST $0 $4,000,000 $60,350,423 $0 $64,350,423
FEDERAL COST $0 $0 $0 $0 $0
STATE COST $0 $4,000,000 $60,350,423 $0 $64,350,423
LOCAL COST $0 $0 $0 $0 $0

P.I. #: 0006328
TIP #: 2004-H-08
COUNTY: CHATHAM
PROJ. #: CSSTP-0006-00(328)
FUND: HB 170
GDOT DISTRICT: 5

COMMENTS/REMARKS: The Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) is the local project sponsor and funded the preliminary engineering (PE) phase. Additional PE funds programmed for GDOT oversight in previous years have been authorized. Right-of-Way (ROW) funds programmed in FY 2016 have been authorized. ROW advanced acquisition is ongoing. Both the utility (UTL) and construction (CST) phases were programmed in FY 2019 with state HB 170 funds. In November 2018 GDOT requested to add additional PE funds to FY 2019, move CST from FY 2019 to FY 2020 with a cost increase, and move UTL from FY 2019 to FY 2020 with a cost increase.
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**PROJECT LOCATION**

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TRAFFIC VOL. 2015 AADT: 8,440 | 2040: | CONG. DISTRICT: 1
NO. OF LANES EXISTING: 2 | PLANNED: 2 | RC: CRC
LOCAL ROAD #: CS 1097 | STATE/US ROAD #: | LENGTH (MI): 1.39

PROJECT PHASE | $ SOURCE | FY 2018 | FY 2019 | FY 2020 | FY 2021 | TOTAL
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PRELIM. ENGR. | Authorized | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0
RIGHT-OF-WAY | Authorized | $0 | $0 | $1,600,000 | $0 | $1,600,000
UTILITY | Federal/Local | $0 | $4,000,000 | $0 | $4,000,000
CONSTRUCTION Federal/Local | $0 | $4,480,000 | $0 | $4,480,000
PROJECT COST | $0 | $5,600,000 | $0 | $5,600,000
FEDERAL COST | $0 | $4,480,000 | $0 | $4,480,000
STATE COST | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0
LOCAL COST* | $0 | $0 | $1,120,000 | $0 | $1,120,000

PROJECT LOCATION

CS 1097/DELESSEPS/LA ROCHE AVE FM WATERS AVE TO SKIDAWAY RD

P.I. #: 0010028
TIP #: 2012-BP-01
COUNTY: CHATHAM
PROJ. #: TIP #: 2012-BP-01
FUND: Z230, Z301, Local
GDOT DISTRICT: 5

COMMIS/REMARKS: CORE MPO set aside some Z230 funds starting in FY 2013 to fund non-motorized small transportation improvement projects identified in the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. MPO staff coordinated with the local project sponsors in identifying local funding sources to provide the needed match. The preliminary engineering (PE) and oversight funds programmed in FY 2013, 2015 and 2016 for the Delesseps Avenue Road and Sidewalk Improvement project have been authorized. Right-of-Way (ROW) funds programmed in FY 2017 have been authorized. The project is going through ROW acquisition. Utility (UTL) is programmed in FY 2020 with Z230 funds. The project ranked #5 during the 2017 STBG Call for Projects and #3 during the 2018 - 2019 Z301 Call for Projects. City of Savannah was awarded Z301 funds ($1,008,082) and Z230 funds ($2,191,918) in FY 2020 for the construction phase and will provide the 20% local match.

PROJECT COST

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PROJECT LOCATION

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COUNTY: CHATHAM
PROJ. #: 0010028
TIP #: 2012-BP-01
P.I. #: 0010028
GDOT DISTRICT: 5
FUND: Z230, Z301, Local, HB 170
NO. OF LANES EXISTING: 2
PLANNED: 2
LOCAL ROAD #: CS 1097
STATE/US ROAD #:  LENGTH (MI): 1.39

TRAFFIC VOL.  2015 AADT: 8,440  2040:  CONG. DISTRICT: 1
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Appendix B: Public Involvement Materials

July 2019

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 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is the short-term programming document that lists transportation improvement projects to receive funding in fiscal years 2018 – 2021. The report providing details of the proposed TIP amendments will be available for review on or before July 24, 2019 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 report will be posted on the website.

The comment period starts on July 24, 2019 and written comments on the proposed TIP amendments will be accepted until close of business on August 7, 2019. Please send your comments to Wykoda Wang, Metropolitan Planning Commission, 110 E. State Street, Savannah, GA 31401, or via email at wangw@thempc.org.

CORE MPO will host a public hearing at the August 2019 CORE MPO Board meeting for the proposed FY 2018 – 2021 TIP amendments. Meeting time and location are listed below:

CORE MPO Board Meeting
August 7, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Chatham County Commission Chamber, 2nd Floor
124 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31401

This notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comment on the TIP will satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Program.

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, 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: Green, Nedric D <NGreen@dot.ga.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 11:05 AM
To: Wykoda Wang <wangw@thempc.org>
Cc: Delgadillo Canizares, Marlene V. <mcanizares@dot.ga.gov>; Mark Wilkes <wilkesm@thempc.org>; McQueen, Thomas <tmcqueen@dot.ga.gov>; Stephanie Rossi <rossis@thempc.org>
Subject: Request for project amendments to the FY 18-21 TIP/ LRTP

Good morning Wykoda,

The Planning Office is requesting project amendments and administrative modifications to the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Please add these proposed project amendments and administrative modifications to the TCC and PC agendas for the August TCC and PC meetings. All other aspects of these projects will remain the same. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Ned Green  
*Transportation Planning Specialist*

Office of Planning  
600 West Peachtree Street NW  
Atlanta, GA, 30308  
404.631.1806 office
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
I understand that when the subject project is completed, the Bull River Bridge; the Wilmington River Bridge, that is bicycle accessible and the Lazaretto Creek Bridge will all be bicycle accessible as will US 80 that links these bridges. Please confirm that the project bicycle facilities will complete a bike/ped connection to the existing US 80 multi-purpose trail, east of the Lazaretto Creek Bridge on the north side of US 80. This is a GDOT funded greenway, 5.47 mi., http://www.dot.ga.gov/BuildSmart/Projects/Pages/SR26US80.aspx
Also, to the west of the US 80 Bull River bridge please complete 1.86 mi. of new bike lanes by widening and striping road shoulders and signing as a bicycle facility linking the Daffin Park Trail, to Tybee!
Also, recommended is a new 10-ft wide greenway trail along the eastern side of the Truman Parkway between US 80 and the Truman Linear Park Trail, currently under construction. This link would further connect recreational faciliteis on Bona Bella and to Lake Mayer park. These trail costs are small compared to the construction cost of highways and bridges yet, completion of these bicycle facilities will link the following recreational facilities:
Truman linear park trail, phase I
Daffin Park & loop trail
Washington Ave. bike lanes
Truman linear part trail, phase II
Lake Mayer Park
Bull Street Bike lanes and via 47th St, (1 block)
Barnard Street Bike lanes and via Park Ave. (1/2 block)
Also, via the Barnard bike lanes going north,
   River Street waterfront park
   Ferry to Hutchinson Island waterfront park
   And proposed bicycle facilities linking to the Back River Bridge bike lanes, and South Carolina
Going east on the Marsh Hen trail, it links to existing bike lanes on US 80 and to Fort Pulaski National Monument & trails and the Tybee Island Trail and 2nd Ave. bike route.
For such a small budget increase, surely this project should be expanded as recommended to link these major tourism destination sites; it would greatly enhance the economic impact of destination tourism in Savannah by making possible new distance cycling opportunities!

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

Jo Claire Hickson
August 7, 2019

Ms. Wykoda Wang  
Metropolitan Planning Commission, CORE MPO  
110 E. State Street, Savannah, GA 31401  
via email at wangw@thempc.org

Savannah Tree Foundation comments on the CORE MPO’s FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Savannah Tree Foundation (STF) is a not for profit organization whose mission is to preserve, protect, and plant trees in Chatham County, Georgia. The Savannah Tree Foundation encourages the use of Best Management Practices (BMP) for trees and urban forests in all construction and roadway projects. It is imperative that projects include provisions for proper tree protection to preserve existing trees and sufficient replanting when removal is the last possible option.

To fulfill modern community needs, a broader perspective of transportation improvement must be adopted. Complete street and context sensitive design are the operating standards for road enhancement and new construction programs.

Trees provide life sustaining services such as oxygen and shade to our community, and must be considered as infrastructure of the built environment. Engineers and architects should use the resource of trees to enhance projects rather than considering trees as a burden or liability.

New Road Construction: STF recommends that a tree inventory and assessment by a certified arborist be completed at the conceptual stage, or scoping phase, of a project. In the case of new road construction, the roadway should consider the preservation and protection of stands of mature trees. If a forested area must be traversed, the road design should integrate preservation with a requirement for stringent protection of the healthiest part of the forest. The provisions for protection should be a line item in the project budget with stringent penalties imposed on the contractor for infringement of the protected areas.
Corridor Improvements: STF recommends that a tree inventory and assessment by a certified arborist be completed during the study phase of a project, denoting the health and condition of the trees adjoining the proposed construction site. The study should indicate if adequate space is available for BMP tree protection methods to be installed, and should indicate the provision that tree protection is part of the construction plan and is a line item in the budget. The ingress, egress and storage of equipment, the grading, filling and removal of dirt, and the removal of construction materials should be accounted for in the construction plan at the time of bidding. Penalties should be imposed for inadequate protection of trees.

In the case of canopy loss due to a construction project, a reforestation plan or a mitigation plan should be adopted for trees planted at the site or at a mitigation site.

Savannah Tree Foundation comments on proposed FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendments

I-16 @ SR 307
- The project budget should include an assessment of trees (by a certified arborist) that will be lost due to construction, and a comparable budget for planting and maintaining newly planted trees.

SR 26 FM JOHNNY MERCER TO OLD US 80; INC BULL RVR&LAZARETTO
- The project budget should include an assessment of vegetation that will be lost due to construction, and a comparable budget for planting and maintaining newly planted vegetation.

BRAMPTON ROAD CONN FROM SR 21/SR 25 to SR 21 SPUR
- This project will remove a significant section of forested land, and a survey and economic evaluation of the area to be disturbed should be conducted prior to any tree removal.
- A budget comparable to the forested area lost should be designated for planting and maintaining newly planted trees.

CS 1097/DELESSEPS/LA ROCHE AVE FM WATERS AVE TO SKIDAWAY RD
- Right-of-way should include a tree lawn between the curb and sidewalk.
- The project budget should include size-appropriate trees to be planted in tree lawns.

Sincerely,

Zoe Rinker
Executive Director