



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Resolution to Update the FY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO)

WHEREAS, the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) has been designated by the Governor of Georgia as the Metropolitan Planning Organization of the Savannah urbanized area in accordance with federal requirements of Title 23, Section 134 of the United States Code to have a cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, CORE MPO adopted the FY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on December 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, CORE MPO desires to adopt updates to the FY 2021 - 2024 TIP for the CORE MPO Metropolitan Planning Area to reflect the updated information and the latest developments; and

WHEREAS, the proposed TIP updates include revisions to revenues, project schedules and cost estimate changes for both highway and transit programs as outlined in the TIP update staff report; and

WHEREAS, CORE MPO has completed the public review and comment period for the proposed TIP updates according to the Participation Plan and addressed all comments received; and

WHEREAS, CORE MPO has conducted a virtual public hearing for the proposed updates, and has taken into consideration comments made at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, all requirements of the Participation Plan pertaining to TIP amendments and administrative modifications have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization approves the proposed updates to the FY 2021 - 2024 Transportation Improvement Program as shown in the summary of TIP update staff report with any corrections based upon the motion of August 25, 2021.

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 virtual meeting held on August 25, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chester A. Ellis".

Chester A. Ellis, Chairman
Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization



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UPDATES TO THE FY 2021 – 2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) OF THE COASTAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

August 2021 MPO MEETINGS

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 current FY 2021 – 2024 TIP was adopted by the CORE MPO Board in December 2020 and is referenced in the Statewide TIP (STIP) which was signed by the Governor of Georgia in May 2021.

It is important for the CORE MPO to make sure that the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP is current and reflective of the most up-to-date revenue projections, cost estimates and development schedules. All amendments for the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP have been processed. All TIP related documents are available for review on the CORE MPO website at <https://www.thempc.org/Core/Tip2040#gsc.tab=0>.

The August 2021 TIP updates were endorsed by the CORE MPO's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), the Economic Development and Freight Advisory Committee (EDFAC), and the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on August 19 and the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT) on August 23. The CORE MPO Board adopted the August TIP Amendment Updates on August 25, 2021.

The following summary outlines the changes to the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP.

PROJECT UPDATE SUMMARY FOR FY 2021 – FY 2024 TIP

PI#	Description	Update	Reason for Update
Section 5307	Various: Amendments	Update to individual projects programming and funding amounts in FY 2022 as well as revenue projection for Section 5307 program in FY 2022.	FTA released the actual amount for Section 5307 apportionment for state FY 2021, to replace the estimated amount in the TIP. CAT has made some project adjustments to this program.

It should be noted that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) must be consistent with the current 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) called Mobility 2045. Before amendments can be made to the FY 2021 - 2024 TIP, MTP/TIP consistency must be verified. The TIP must also be conformant to the Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP). The proposed project updates (outlined on the next pages) are requested for August 2021. Projects/Phases requiring amendments, as opposed to administrative modification, to the TIP require a 15-day public review and comment period. All updated project tables for the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP for the proposed amendments are provided in Appendix A.

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. To process the proposed updates in August 2021, CORE MPO advertised a fifteen (15) day public comment period in the Savannah Morning News on Sunday, August 8, 2021 (Appendix B). The notice was sent to the local news media and the consultation agencies as well as neighborhood associations and posted on the CORE MPO website. The comment period starts on August 11, 2021 and closes on August 25, 2021. A virtual public hearing has been advertised – it will be held in conjunction with the virtual CORE MPO Board meeting on August 25, 2021.

PROPOSED TRANSIT UPDATES

FTA SECTION 5307 PROGRAM		
MTP Priority:	Public transportation (consistent with the CAT’s Transit Development Plan (TDP)).	
Project Description:	FTA Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds for various transit projects and programs.	
Project Summary:	FTA Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds will be used for operating assistance and CAT’s capital projects	
Amendment:	Update and add new program funding to FY 2022, updates include: <i>Removing:</i> PM, Operating Assistance, Vehicle Replacement, Facilities Modifications <i>Adding:</i> Planning, ITS, Preventative Maintenance, Safety & Security, Facility Enhancements	
Reason for Update:	Program funding adjustment.	
PBPP:	The projects will help achieve the performance targets of Transit Safety and Transit Asset Management.	
Requesting Agency:	CAT	
Funding/Year:		
Status	Fund Source	FY 2022
Current in FY 2021 – 2024 TIP	Section 5307	\$4,129,228
Updated in FY 2021 – 2024 TIP	Section 5307	\$3,824,868

Appendix

Appendix A: Updated project pages for the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP that incorporate the proposed amendments and administrative modifications.

Appendix B: Public involvement materials.

Appendix A: Updated TIP Project Tables

CURRENT	URBANIZED AREA FORMULA FUNDS SCHEDULE FOR CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (\$)					
Funding	Description	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total
Section 5307	STIP#					
	PM	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$6,000,000
	Operating Assistance	\$3,975,823	\$3,868,000	\$3,868,000	\$3,868,000	\$15,579,823
	Vehicle Replacement	\$215,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$215,000
	Facilities Modifications	\$0	\$457,349	\$0	\$0	\$457,349
	Project Cost	\$5,690,823	\$5,825,349	\$5,368,000	\$5,368,000	\$22,252,172
	Federal Cost	\$3,671,879	\$4,129,228	\$3,671,879	\$3,671,879	\$15,144,865
	State Cost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Local Cost	\$2,018,944	\$1,696,121	\$2,207,046	\$2,207,046	\$8,129,157

UPDATED	URBANIZED AREA FORMULA FUNDS SCHEDULE FOR CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (\$)					
Funding	Description	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total
Section 5307	STIP#					
	Planning	\$0	\$406,250	\$0	\$0	\$406,250
	ITS	\$0	\$1,807,500	\$0	\$0	\$1,807,500
	Preventative Maintenance	\$0	\$937,500	\$0	\$0	\$937,500
	Safety & Security	\$0	\$261,085	\$0	\$0	\$261,085
	Facility Enhancements	\$0	\$1,368,750	\$0	\$0	\$1,368,750
	PM	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$4,500,000
	Operating Assistance	\$3,975,823	\$0	\$3,868,000	\$3,868,000	\$11,711,823
	Vehicle Replacement	\$215,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$215,000
	Facilities Modifications	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Project Cost	\$5,690,823	\$4,781,085	\$5,368,000	\$5,368,000	\$21,207,908
	Federal Cost	\$3,671,879	\$3,824,868	\$3,671,879	\$3,671,879	\$14,840,505
	State Cost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Local Cost	\$2,018,944	\$956,217	\$2,207,046	\$2,207,046	\$7,389,253

Appendix B: Public Involvement Material



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August 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 a draft report titled: Amendments to FY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The report includes updates to transit projects in the Savannah area programmed to receive funds in fiscal years 2021 - 2024. Copies of the draft TIP amendment report will be available for review at the Live Oak public libraries, the Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) office, the MPC website at <https://www.thempc.org/Core#gsc.tab=0>, and other public review agencies. Any changes to the TIP amendment report will be posted on the website.

The comment period starts on August 11, 2021 and written comments on the TIP Amendments will be accepted until the close of business on **Wednesday, August 25, 2021**. Please send your comments to Alicia Hunter, Metropolitan Planning Commission, 110 E. State Street, Savannah, GA 31401, or via email at huntera@thempc.org.

CORE MPO will host one (1) virtual public meeting to answer questions and accept comments on the proposed TIP Amendments in conjunction with the August 2021 CORE MPO Board meeting. Meeting time and link are listed below.

CORE MPO Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

10:00 a.m.

This virtual meeting will be conducted with Go-To-Webinar, so advanced registration is required.

Please register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3573626512278563339>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The public participation process for development and amendment of the TIP meets the FTA public participation requirements related to the development of the Section 5307 Program of Projects and other federal grant projects.

For a complete list of public review agencies, additional information regarding the draft TIP amendments, and information regarding the virtual public meeting, please call (912) 651-1476.

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