



## 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 amendments includes the following highway change:

- 1) PI# 0018402, I-95 @ Airways Avenue/Pooler Parkway Interchange: add the project's scoping phase in FY 2022; 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

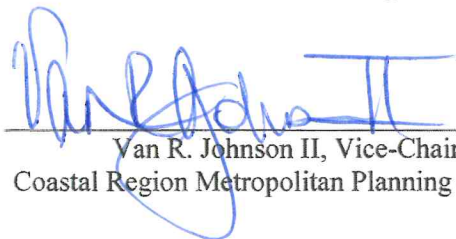
**WHEREAS**, CORE MPO has conducted a virtual/in-person hybrid public hearing for the proposed updates, and has taken into consideration comments made at the public hearing; and

**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 February 23, 2022.

#### **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 February 23, 2022.

  
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Van R. Johnson II, Vice-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

February 2022

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. The TIP has been updated in 2021 through amendments and administrative modifications.

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 TIP related documents (original TIP, TIP amendments, TIP administrative modifications, etc.) are available for review on the CORE MPO website at <https://www.thempc.org/Core/Tip2040#gsc.tab=0>.

The February 2022 TIP updates were endorsed by the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on February 17 and by the CORE MPO Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT) on February 28 at their respective meetings. The CORE MPO Board adopted the February TIP Updates on February 23, 2022.

The following summary outlines the February 2022 changes to the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP.

## **Amendment Process for FY 2021 – 2024 TIP**

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 update (outlined on the next page) was requested for February 2022. Projects/Phases requiring amendments, as opposed to administrative modification, to the TIP require a 15-day public review and comment period. The updated project table for the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP amendment is 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 February 2022, CORE MPO advertised a fifteen (15) day public comment period in the Savannah Morning News on Sunday, February 6, 2022 (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 started on February 9, 2022 and closed on February 23, 2022. A virtual/in-person hybrid public hearing was advertised and held in conjunction with the virtual/in-person hybrid CORE MPO Board meeting on February 23, 2022. No comments were received from the public.

## **PROJECT UPDATE SUMMARY FOR FY 2021 – FY 2024 TIP**

<b>PI#</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Update</b>
0018402	I-95 @ AIRWAYS AVENUE/POOLER PARKWAY INTERCHANGE	Add the project’s scoping phase in FY 2022

## HIGHWAY UPDATE

I-95 @ AIRWAYS AVENUE/POOLER PARKWAY INTERCHANGE			
PI#:	0018402		
MTP Priority:	I-95 at Airways Avenue Improvements are included in the Cost Band One of 2045 MTP (PE and CST phases).		
Project Description:	The project will build upon the completed feasibility study prepared for the Savannah / Hilton Head International Airport and CORE MPO. The completed scoping study and concept phase for this interchange will address congestion, mobility, and safety concerns within the study area.		
Project Status:	New project.		
Amendment:	Add a project phase to the TIP.		
Reason for Update:	An interchange Feasibility Study was completed and showed that interchange improvements are needed. The scoping phase will provide a more detailed traffic study to facilitate a Concept Report and Interchange Modification Report (IMR).		
PBPP:	The study will help achieve the performance targets of Safety, Congestion, and Freight.		
Requesting Agency:	Savannah Airport Commission		
<b>Funding/Year:</b>			
<b>Status</b>	<b>Phase</b>	<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>
Current in FY 2021 – 2024 TIP	N/A	N/A	N/A
Updated in FY 2021 – 2024 TIP	SCP	LOC	\$1,606,537

## **Appendix**

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

*Appendix B:* Public involvement materials.

*Appendix C:* TIP amendment request from project sponsor.

# Appendix A: Updated TIP Project Page

**NEW**

## FY 2021 - 2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

<b>I-95 @ AIRWAYS AVENUE/POOLER PARKWAY INTERCHANGE</b>				P.I. #:	0018402	
				TIP #:	2022-H-01	
				COUNTY:	CHATHAM	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The scoping study and concept phase is intended to provide analysis of the I-95 at Airways Avenue Interchange for the purpose of developing alternatives and selection of a preferred alternative, and complete and receive approval for a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) concept report and Interchange Modification Report (IMR).				PROJ. #:		
				FUND:	Local	
				GDOT DISTRICT:	5	
TRAFFIC VOL.	2015 AADT:	N/A	2040:	N/A	CONG. DISTRICT:	1
NO. OF LANES	EXISTING:	N/A	PLANNED:	N/A	RC:	CRC
LOCAL ROAD #:		STATE/US ROAD #:		LENGTH (MI):		
COMMENTS/REMARKS: This phase will build upon the recently completed feasibility study prepared for the Savannah / Hilton Head International Airport and CORE MPO. This phase includes the completion of the Concept Report and the Interchange Modification Report (IMR). The completed scoping study and concept phase for this interchange will address congestion, mobility, and safety concerns within the study area. The Savannah Airport Commission will fund this scoping phase. Federal funds will be pursued for later phases.						
PROJECT PHASE	\$ SOURCE	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	TOTAL
SCOPING	Local	\$0	\$1,606,537	\$0	\$0	\$1,606,537
PRELIM. ENGR.	NA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RIGHT-OF-WAY	NA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CONSTRUCTION	NA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>PROJECT COST</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,606,537</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,606,537</b>
FEDERAL COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
STATE COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL COST		\$0	\$1,606,537	\$0	\$0	\$1,606,537

### PROJECT LOCATION



## Appendix B: Public Involvement Material



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December 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: December 2021 Amendments to FY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The report includes updates highway, transit, bike/pedestrian, as well as other multi-modal 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 **December 1, 2021**, until the close of business on **Wednesday, December 15, 2021**. Comments are accepted via text, email, or mail. Please send your comments to Alicia Hunter via:

**Text:** Send texts to [huntera@thempc.org](mailto:huntera@thempc.org)

**Email:** [huntera@thempc.org](mailto:huntera@thempc.org)

**Mail:** Metropolitan Planning Commission, 110 E. State Street, Savannah, GA 31401

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

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

**Wednesday, December 15, 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/3397127410399274767>. 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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MPC and CORE MPO are committed to enforcing the provisions of the Civil Rights Act, Title VI, and all the related requirements mentioned above. 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.

## Appendix C: TIP Amendment Request

**From:** Mark Denmark <[MDenmark@flySAV.com](mailto:MDenmark@flySAV.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 11:08 AM

**To:** Wykoda Wang <[wangw@thempc.org](mailto:wangw@thempc.org)>; Mark Wilkes <[wilkesm@thempc.org](mailto:wilkesm@thempc.org)>; Jim Aiello <[JAiello@flySAV.com](mailto:JAiello@flySAV.com)>; Jessica Smith <[JSmith@flySAV.com](mailto:JSmith@flySAV.com)>

**Subject:** I-95 airways ave interchange scoping study

Wykoda, per our virtual meeting last week, the Airport is requesting that the 2022 TIP be amended to include the below listed project. This project is the next phase required by GDOT as a follow up to the planning study which was funded by the MPO in 2019. This scoping study phase will eventually lead to the IMR and subsequent phases of the process. It is also our understanding that we will receive a PI on this project when the scoping study phase has been amended into the TIP. As you mentioned in the call, we would like to have this ready to go for the next TCC and MPO board meeting and please let me know if we need to provide any additional information. If we need to have a follow up call I am available any time today or tomorrow. I have also attached the Executive Director's letter to the GDOT Commissioner detailing our understanding of how the GDOT will support the Airport on this project.

**Project:** I-95 at Airways Avenue/Pooler Parkway Interchange Scoping Phase Services

**Funding:** Savannah Airport Commission

**Project cost:** \$1,606,537

**Project Manager:** TBD

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