



## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the proposed TIP amendments include the following changes:

- PI#: 0015704, SR 404 SPUR/US 17 @ BACK RIVER - add the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase to FY 2018;
- PI#: 0015705, SR 404 SPUR/US 17 FM NE OF SAVANNAH HARBOR PKWY TO BACK RIVER – add the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase to FY 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, CORE MPO understands that these amendments to the FY 2015 - 2018 TIP are necessary to facilitate the development of the added projects; 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 received comments; and

**WHEREAS**, CORE MPO desires to complete the amendment process to incorporate the proposed changes into the FY 2015 – 2018 TIP.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization approves the proposed amendments to the FY 2015 - 2018 Transportation Improvement Program as shown in the summary of TIP amendment report with any corrections based upon the motion of August 23, 2017.

Approved this day, August 23, 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert J. Scott".

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Albert J. Scott, Chairman  
Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

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

**August 2017**

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the MPO's short-range programming document and is a staged, multi-year listing of surface transportation projects proposed for federal, state and local funding within the metropolitan area. The TIP may be modified in accordance with the procedures outlined in the adopted Participation Plan by resolution of the CORE MPO Board if priorities, area goals, project schedules or funding levels change. The CORE MPO's FY 2015 - 2018 TIP was adopted by the MPO Board in August 2014. 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 CORE MPO website at <http://www.thempc.org/Dept/Tip>.

In July 2017 GDOT requested TIP amendments be made for PI# 0015704, SR 404 SPUR/US 17 @ BACK RIVER; and PI# 0015705, SR 404 SPUR/US 17 FM NE OF SAVANNAH HARBOR PKWY TO BACK RIVER. The amendments are to add the preliminary engineering (PE) phase of these new projects to FY 2018 of the FY 2015 – 2018 TIP. GDOT indicated that the amendments are needed in this TIP because GDOT might start the project development process in the early months of fiscal year 2018 before the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP is approved by the Governor and takes effect. It should be noted that GDOT also requested amendments be made to CORE MPO's FY 2018 – 2021 TIP for all of the project phases of these two projects.

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 in the Savannah Morning News on Sunday, August 6, 2017. The notice was sent to the local news media and the consultation agencies as well as neighborhood associations, and posted on the CORE MPO website. The official comment period was from August 8, 2017 to August 22, 2017. A public hearing was held for the proposed TIP amendments in conjunction with the CORE MPO Board meeting on August 23, 2017. No written comments have been received. Comments and questions raised at the August 2017 MPO Board and advisory committee meetings have been addressed.

The proposed amendments to the FY 2015 - 2018 TIP were endorsed by the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on August 3, 2017 and the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on August 17, 2017. The CORE MPO Board approved these TIP amendments on August 23, 2017.

The following summarizes the August 2017 amendments to CORE MPO's FY 2015 – 2018 TIP.

## **SR 404 SPUR/US 17 @ BACK RIVER**

- **PI #:** 0015704
- **MTP Priority:** The Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase has been amended into the 2040 MTP, Cost Band One; and the Construction (CST) phase has been amended into the 2040 MTP, Cost Band Two.
- **Project description:** A new two-lane bridge structure would be constructed over the Back River to accommodate the additional travel lanes. The new bridge parallel to the existing bridge would be constructed in order to tie into the four-lane section of the Talmadge Memorial Bridge over the Savannah River. The proposed bridge over the Back River will consist of a 58.5-foot bridge cross section that features two 12-foot lanes, two 10-foot shoulders, a 10-foot multi-use path, and three 1.5-foot parapets. Upon completion of the proposed project, the existing two-lane bridge would

accommodate southbound traffic and the new two-lane bridge would accommodate northbound traffic.

- **Project Status:** The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is developing this new bridge project in coordination with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) as a part of the US 17 Widening project. The bridge is located within Chatham County, Georgia. PE and CST phases were amended into the financially constrained portion of the 2040 MTP in August 2017 before the project could be programmed in the FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

- **Amendment:** GDOT requested to add the PE phase to FY 2018.

- **Reason for Amendment:** Addition of a project or addition of a phase of a project is considered an amendment.

- **Funding/Year:**

Year	Phase	Funding Code	Fed\$	State\$	Other\$	Total Funding	Comment
2018	PE	Z001	\$160,000	\$40,000	\$0.00	\$200,000	New

- **Requesting date:** July 2017
- **Requesting Agency:** GDOT
- **Comment Period:** 8/8/2017 – 8/22/2017

#### SR 404 SPUR/US 17 FM NE OF SAVANNAH HARBOR PKWY TO BACK RIVER

- **PI #:** 0015705
- **MTP Priority:** The Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase and the Right-of-Way (ROW) phase have been amended into the 2040 MTP, Cost Band One; and the Construction (CST) phase has been amended into the 2040 MTP, Cost Band Two.
- **Project description:** The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), proposes widening and improvements of U.S. 17 (Speedway Boulevard) from Hutchinson Island in Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia to South Carolina (S.C.) 315 (South Okatie Highway) located southwest of Bluffton, South Carolina. Approximately 3,000 feet of the project corridor is located in Chatham County, Georgia and approximately 3.6 miles is located in Jasper County, South Carolina for a total project length of approximately 4.2 miles. The proposed improvements include the widening of U.S. 17 from two to four travel lanes, divided by a grassed median.
- **Project Status:** SCDOT is developing the road widening project in coordination with GDOT. The Georgia portion is located within Chatham County. PE, ROW and CST phases were amended into the financially constrained portion of the 2040 MTP in August 2017 before the project could be programmed in the FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- **Amendment:** GDOT requested to add the PE phase to FY 2018.
- **Reason for Amendment:** Addition of a project or addition of a phase of a project is considered an amendment.

- **Funding/Year:**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Funding Code</i>	<i>Fed\$</i>	<i>State\$</i>	<i>Other\$</i>	<i>Total Funding</i>	<i>Comment</i>
2018	PE	Z001	\$240,000	\$60,000	\$0.00	\$300,000	New

- **Requesting date:** July 2017
- **Requesting Agency:** GDOT
- **Comment Period:** 8/8/2017 – 8/22/2017

## Appendix

Several appendices are attached with this report:

- Appendix A - the updated project pages of FY 2015 – 2018 TIP that incorporate the proposed TIP amendments
- Appendix B – the 2040 MTP Addendum to document the August 2017 TIP amendments
- Appendix C - the public involvement materials including the amendment requests

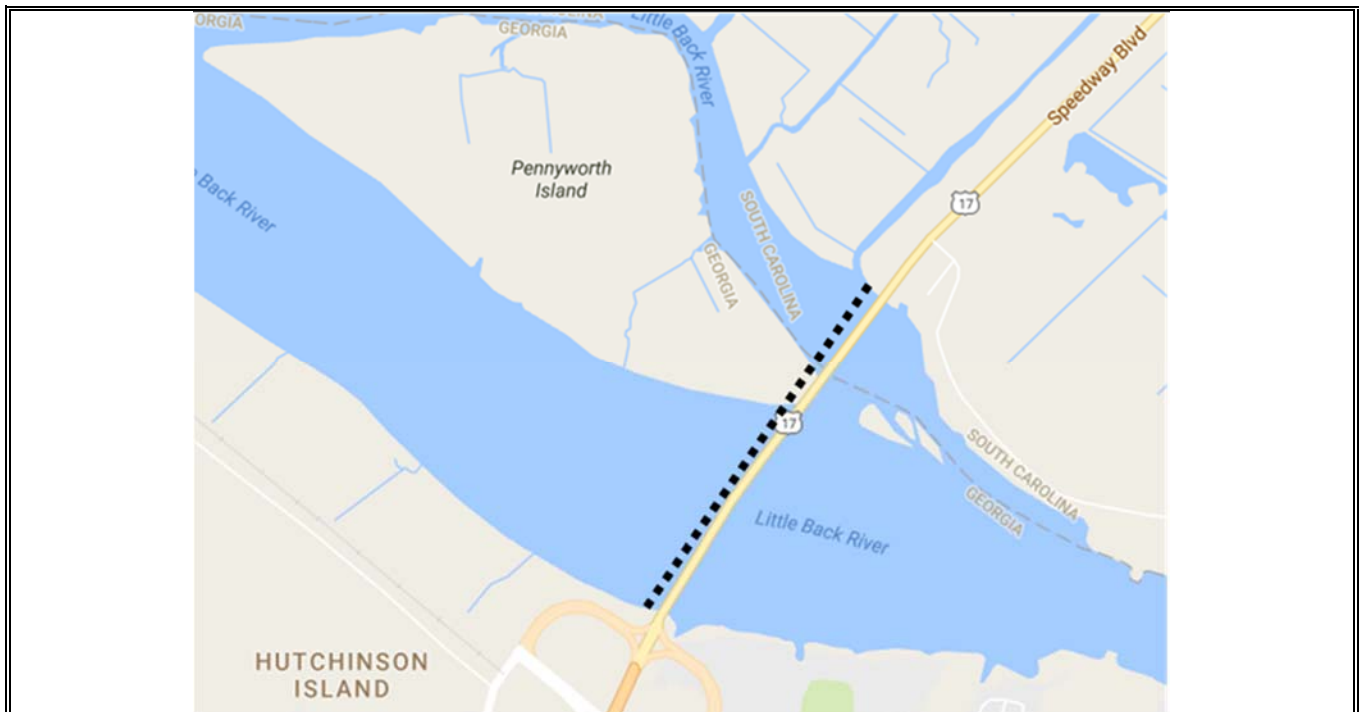
**Appendix A: updated TIP project pages incorporating the proposed amendments**

**New Project Page – PI# 0015704**

**COASTAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FY 2015 - 2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

<b>SR 404 SPUR/US 17 @ BACK RIVER</b>				P.I. #: 0015704		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A new two-lane bridge structure would be constructed over the Back River to accommodate the additional travel lanes. The proposed bridge will consist of a 58.5-foot bridge cross section that features two 12-foot lanes, two 10-foot shoulders, a 10-foot multi-use path, and three 1.5-foot parapets. Upon completion of the proposed project, the existing two-lane bridge would accommodate southbound traffic and the new two-lane bridge would accommodate northbound traffic.				TIP #: 2017-Bridge-01		
				COUNTY: CHATHAM		
				PROJ. #:		
				FUND: Z001		
				GDOT DISTRICT: 5		
TRAFFIC VOL. 2015 AADT:	NA	2030:		CONG. DISTRICT: 1		
NO. OF LANES EXISTING:	0	PLANNED: 2		RC: CG		
LOCAL ROAD #:	STATE/US ROAD #: SR 404 Spur/US 17			LENGTH (MI): 0.2		
COMMENTS/REMARKS: The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is developing this new bridge project in coordination with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) as a part of the US 17 Widening project. The bridge is located within Chatham County, Georgia. PE and CST phases were amended into the financially constrained portion of the 2040 MTP in August 2017. PE is programmed in FY 2018 with Z001 funds.						
PROJECT PHASE	\$ SOURCE	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	TOTAL
PRELIM. ENGR.	Federal/State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
RIGHT-OF-WAY	NA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
UTILITY	NA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CONSTRUCTION	NA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>PROJECT COST</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
FEDERAL COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$160,000	\$160,000
STATE COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
LOCAL COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**PROJECT LOCATION**

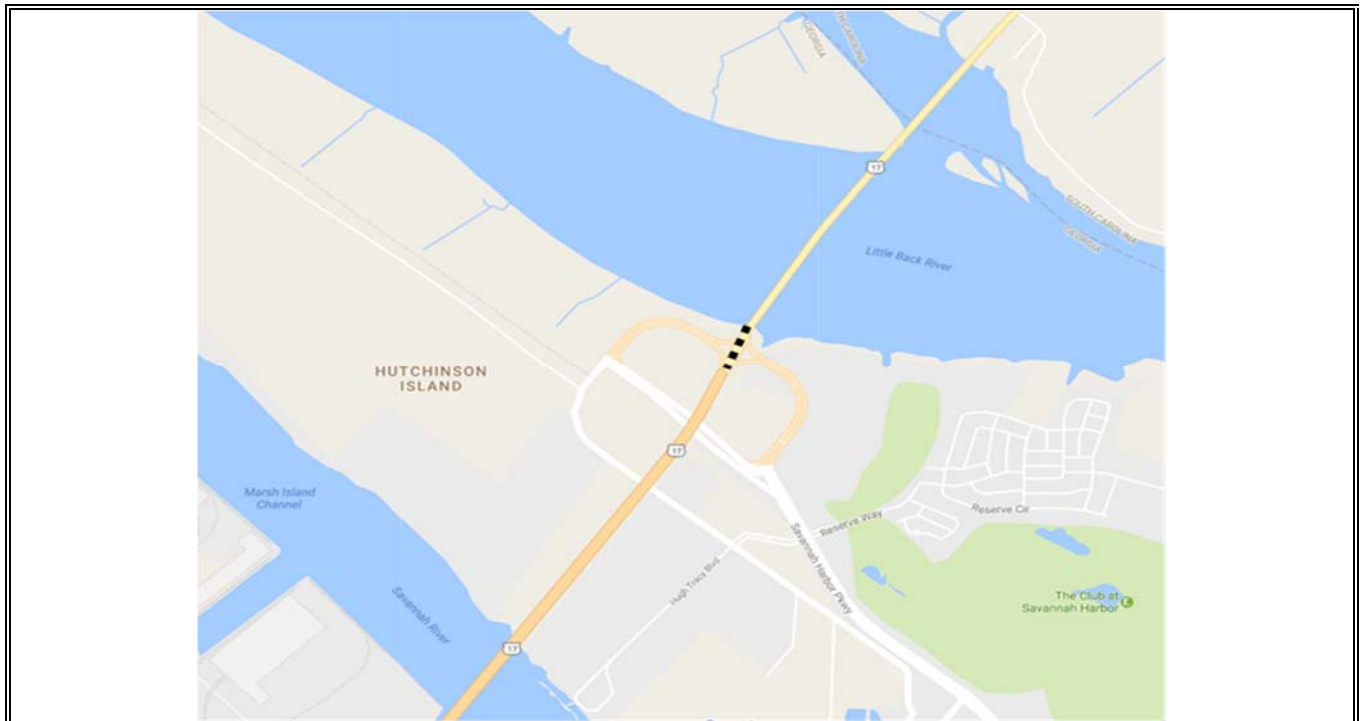


**New Project Page – PI# 0015705**

**COASTAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FY 2015 - 2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

<b>SR 404 SPUR/US 17 FM NE OF SAVANNAH HARBOR PKWY TO BACK RIVER</b>				P.I. #: 0015705		
				TIP #: 2017-H-02		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: SCDOT in cooperation with FHWA and GDOT, proposes widening and improvements of U.S. 17 from Hutchinson Island in Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia to South Carolina (S.C.) 315 located southwest of Bluffton, South Carolina. Approximately 3,000 feet of the project corridor is located in Chatham County, Georgia. The proposed improvements include the widening of U.S. 17 from two to four travel lanes, divided by a grassed median.				COUNTY: CHATHAM		
				PROJ. #: Z001		
TRAFFIC VOL. 2015 AADT: _____ 2030: _____				FUND: 5		
				GDOT DISTRICT: 1		
NO. OF LANES EXISTING: 2		PLANNED: 4		CONG. DISTRICT: CG		
LOCAL ROAD #: _____		STATE/US ROAD #: SR 404 Spur/US 17		LENGTH (MI): 0.46		
COMMENTS/REMARKS: The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is widening US 17 in coordination with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). This portion is located in Chatham County, Georgia. PE and CST phases were amended into the financially constrained portion of the 2040 MTP in August 2017. PE is programmed in FY 2018 with Z001 funds.						
PROJECT PHASE	\$ SOURCE	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	TOTAL
PRELIM. ENGR.	Federal/State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
RIGHT-OF-WAY	NA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
UTILITY	NA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CONSTRUCTION	NA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>PROJECT COST</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
FEDERAL COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$240,000	\$240,000
STATE COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000
LOCAL COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**PROJECT LOCATION**



**Appendix B: 2040 MTP Addendum for August 2017 Amendments  
to FY 2015 – 2018 TIP**

<b>Addendum to 2040 MTP</b>										
<b>2040 MTP Original</b>					<b>August 2017 Addendum</b>					<b>Comments</b>
<b>PI #</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>Phase</b>	<b>Current MTP Cost Band</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>PI#</b>	<b>Revised Project Name</b>	<b>Phase</b>	<b>New MTP Cost Band</b>	<b>New Cost</b>	
None	NA	NA	NA	\$0	0015704	SR 404 SPUR/US 17 @ BACK RIVER	PE	One (2015 - 2020)	\$200,000	Project phases were amended into 2040 MTP in August 2017.
							CST	Two (2021 - 2030)	\$1,620,000	
None	NA	NA	NA	\$0	0015705	SR 404 SPUR/US 17 FM NE OF SAVANNAH HARBOR PKWY TO BACK RIVER	PE, ROW	One (2015 - 2020)	\$800,000	Project phases were amended into 2040 MTP in August 2017.
							CST	Two (2021 - 2030)	\$2,000,000	

## Appendix C: Public Involvement Materials

### AUGUST 2017

#### 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), FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and FY 2018 – 2021 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 **August 8, 2017** and written comments on the proposed MTP and TIP amendments will be accepted until close of business on **August 22, 2017**. Please send your comments to Wykoda Wang, Metropolitan Planning Commission, 110 E. State Street, Savannah, GA 31401, or via email at [wangw@thempc.org](mailto:wangw@thempc.org).

CORE MPO will host three separate public hearings at the August 2017 CORE MPO Board meeting – one for the proposed 2040 MTP amendments, one for the proposed FY 2015 – 2018 TIP amendments, and one for the proposed FY 2018 – 2021 TIP amendments. Meeting time and location are listed below:

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

**August 23, 2017**

**10:00 a.m.**

**MPC Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room**

**112 East State Street, Savannah, GA 31401**

For a complete list of public review agencies or additional information regarding the proposed MTP and 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, religion, 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:** Eastin, William [mailto:weastin@dot.ga.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 2:54 PM  
**To:** Wykoda Wang <wangw@thempc.org>; Delgadillo Canizares, Marlene V. <mcanizares@dot.ga.gov>  
**Cc:** Jane Love <lovej@thempc.org>; McQueen, Thomas <tmcqueen@dot.ga.gov>; Mark Wilkes <wilkesm@thempc.org>; Jane Love <lovej@thempc.org>; Stephanie Rossi <rossis@thempc.org>  
**Subject:** RE: August Amendments for the Back River projects-US 17

Good Afternoon Wykoda,

We are not sure when they want to start work on these projects, so we decided it would be best to update both TIP documents. This is just in case it takes longer than expected to approve the 18-21 STIP and they want to start work before that approval happens.

Thanks,  
William

**From:** Wykoda Wang [mailto:wangw@thempc.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 2:20 PM  
**To:** Delgadillo Canizares, Marlene V.  
**Cc:** Jane Love; Eastin, William; McQueen, Thomas; Mark Wilkes; Jane Love; Stephanie Rossi  
**Subject:** RE: August Amendments for the Back River projects-US 17

Vivian,

Is there a reason that we have to amend the FY 2015 – 2018 TIP? Do the FY 2018 funds need to be authorized in July or August?

Wykoda

**From:** Delgadillo Canizares, Marlene V. [mailto:mcanizares@dot.ga.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 1:12 PM  
**To:** Wykoda Wang <wangw@thempc.org>  
**Cc:** Jane Love <lovej@thempc.org>; Eastin, William <weastin@dot.ga.gov>; McQueen, Thomas <tmcqueen@dot.ga.gov>  
**Subject:** August Amendments for the Back River projects-US 17

Good Afternoon, Wykoda,

The Planning Office is requesting amendments to the 2040 Total Mobility Plan (MTP), FY 2015 – FY 2018 and FY 2018 – FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Spearheaded by the South Carolina DOT, these new projects are phase two of the US 17 widening, located on Hutchinson Island in Chatham County, Georgia to SC 315 in Jasper County, South Carolina. Please add proposed amendments to the TCC and PC agendas for the August 2017 meetings. Detailed descriptions with funding amount and phase fiscal years are described below:

PI Number: **0015704**  
Description: **SR 404 SPUR/US 17 @ BACK RIVER**  
Work Type: Bridges

Sponsor: GDOT  
 Length: 0.20 miles

County: Chatham

Phase	Proposed Funding Year	Estimated Total Phase Cost	SCDOT Share of Cost	GDOT Share of Cost	GDOT Funding Detail (80/20)	GDOT Fund Source
PE	2018	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,800,000	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	\$160,000/\$40,000	Z001/State
CST	2021	\$ 16,000,000	\$ 14,580,000	<b>\$ 1,620,000</b>	\$1,296,000/\$324,000	Z001/State

Side note: SCDOT funding amounts are identified as “Local” per Financial Office.

PI Number: **0015705**

Description: **SR 404 SPUR/US 17 FM NE OF SAVANNAH HARBOR PKWY TO BACK RVR**

Work Type: Widening

Sponsor: GDOT

Length: 0.46 miles

County: Chatham

Phase	Proposed Funding Year	Estimated Total Phase Cost	Federal Share	State Share	Fund Source
PE	2018	<b>\$ 300,000</b>	\$ 240,000	\$ 60,000	Z001/State
ROW	2020	<b>\$ 500,000</b>	\$ 400,000	\$ 100,000	Z001/State
CST	2021	<b>\$ 2,000,000</b>	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 400,000	Z001/State

For more information please visit the South Carolina DOT webpage at:  
<http://scdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=ac753af0677a423ea950f19023187d55>

Sincerely,  
 Vivian