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## ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, December 16, 2015

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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Georgia Center of Innovation for Logistics – PARB 255

**Attendees**

Name	Agency
Tre Wilkins	Effingham IDA
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Randy Weitman	Georgia Ports Authority
Ryan Marks	Florida Department of Transportation
Nils Gustavsan	HAMPO
Don Sullens	CEMA
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission
Joe Drake	Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation
Stephen Henry	City of Savannah
Mark Wilkes	MPC/CORE MPO
Tom Thomson	MPC/CORE MPO
Wykoda Wang	MPC/CORE MPO
Patrick Anater	CDM Smith
Adam Ivory	CDM Smith

**Meeting Summary**

The meeting was called to order. Wykoda Wang, CORE MPO, welcomed the attendees and provided an overview of the project status. She asked for the attendees to introduce themselves.

Adam Ivory, CDM Smith, provided a review of the previous FAC meetings, including summaries of **Technical Memorandums (TM) 2.1 – Existing and Future Freight Goods and Movement, 2.2 – Performance Measures, 2.3 – Forecasting Future Growth, 2.4 – Regional Freight Profiles Development and Assessment, 2.5 – Freight Network Bottleneck, Safety and Security Issues Identification, and 4 – Economic Development Market Assessment.** Next, a summary was provided of **TM 2.6 – Freight Needs Assessment and TM 5 – Environmental and Community Impact Scan and Analysis.** TM 2.6 was described as an overall compilation of all of the TM 2 documents, already presented, into one document, while TM 5 provides an overview of Environmental Justice communities in the study area, as well as the natural, historical, and cultural resource locations.

### Technical Memorandum 3 - Land Use Analysis

In **Technical Memorandum 3**, three land use categories were developed for the analysis – Existing Zoning; Existing Land Use; and Freight Possibilities. A profile of freight-related land uses for each land use category was presented for Bryan, Effingham, and Chatham Counties. The land use categories were defined as the following:

- Existing Zoning – Where are the current Freight-Related Zoning areas in the study area?
- Existing Land Use – Where are the current Freight-Related Land Use areas in the study area?
- Freight Possibilities – Where could Freight-Related Land Use occur in the study area?

#### **Freight Related Land Uses and Zoning by County and Municipalities**

A brief overview of the breakdown of Land Use and Zoning codes was provided for Bryan, Chatham, and Effingham Counties, as well as the municipalities within these counties who have their own Land Use and Zoning codes. Each community was profiled and highlighted, as each has their own independent codes.

The Existing Zoning, Land Use, and Freight Possibilities, a map featuring the coded Vacant or Undeveloped parcels of land, was presented. Comments received included questions about the Effingham County’s land use files.

### Technical Memorandum 6 - Recommendations for Future Land Uses Related to Freight and Goods Movement Needs and Forecasts

The Freight Land Use Development Recommendations were presented and each County’s existing freight clusters and examples of industrial sites were highlighted. Potential Greenfield development areas, a combination of vacant and undeveloped land located along the freight network, were discussed.

The two strategies for future freight land use development in the region presented to the FAC included:

- Prioritize the clustering of industrial development
  - Infill development within existing industrial clusters
  - Greenfield development located adjacent to or in close proximity to freight transportation network
- Counties and municipalities zoning and land use data should reflect future land use plans

## Technical Memorandum 7 – Final Recommendations – Identification of Improvements, Strategies, and Solutions

### Freight Policy Recommendations

After the break, a series of Freight Policy Recommendations which would assist in the improvement of freight operations and safety for the CORE MPO region were discussed. The Freight Policy Recommendations included:

- Establish Truck Operational Hours along Bay Street (Downtown Savannah)
- Establish a Regional Freight Transportation Network
- Grandfather State Freight Transportation Network
- Add local freight roadways onto CORE MPO Regional Freight Network – Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy, Chatham Pkwy
- Develop an ITS/Traffic Messaging System for communication with trucks to utilize alternative routes on transportation network
- Develop corridor signal timing on major truck routes – example GDOT Regional Traffic Operations Program (RTOP)
- Develop a Wayfinding System between Port of Savannah and Interstate Corridors

### Freight Infrastructure Recommendations

A list of the freight infrastructure recommendations was presented to the FAC. This list was developed using a combination of the analysis developed during the CORE MPO Freight Transportation Plan and past studies which included freight oriented projects. The list of projects was divided into three categories:

- Short-term (2015-2020)
- Mid-term (2021-2030)
- Long-term (2031-2040)

### Freight Project Funding

In order to fund the freight recommendations, funding sources were discussed by the FAC. The study was developed following the guidance of MAP-21, though recently both State and Federal transportation bills were adopted and should provide additional funding opportunities for freight-related projects which wasn't available in prior years.

### Next Meeting

After the group discussion on the project recommendations, Wykoda Wang reminded the FAC that all documents were available on the project website. Ms. Wang also discussed the future of the FAC with a future meeting time and date to be announced in 2016.