



## CORE MPO Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation

CAT Joe Murray Rivers, Jr. Intermodal Transit Center – 1:00 p.m.  
610 W. Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah  
DRAFT Minutes

### Apr. 23, 2018 Meeting of the CORE MPO Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT)

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
James Aberson	Chatham County	X
Teresa Brenner	Savannah Council of the Blind	X
Wayne Dawson	Savannah - Chatham County Fair Housing Council	
Yolanda Fontaine	Housing Authority of Savannah	
Anika Futch	Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision	X
Carol Hunt	NAACP - Savannah Branch	
Jackie Immel	Georgia Infirmary Day Care Center for Rehabilitation	
Tom Lamar	Interested citizen	
Neil Ligon	Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE), Inc.	X
Jane Love	Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission	X
Patti Lyons	Senior Citizens Savannah - Chatham County, Inc.	
Pamela Oglesby	Savannah - Chatham Council on Disability Issues (SCCDI)	X
Tyrone Palmer	National Federation of the Blind, Local Chapter	
President & CEO	Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire	
Representative	Effingham County	
Representative	GDOT District Five	
Representative	Interested citizen	
Representative	Interested citizen	
Representative	Richmond Hill	
Ashley Shaw	Interested citizen	
Clealice Timmons	Coastal Center for Development Services	
Leslie Wilson	Economic Opportunity Authority	
Christine Woznak	Chatham Area Transit	
<u>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Michael Brown	Chatham Area Transit	X
<u>Others</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Wendy Arden	Chatham Area Transit	X
Dean Stonecipher	Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision	X

## I. Approval of Agenda

### 1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

## II. Action Items

### 2. Approval of the Oct. 24, 2016 ACAT Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

### 3. Amendments to 2040 Total Mobility Plan

Ms. Jane Love told the committee that the amendment to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) are related to the same project and she would give one report. The committee could choose to act on the two items in a single vote or separately. The proposal is to add ROW and Construction to the MTP cost band one and to FY 2018 (ROW) and FY 2020 (CST) of the TIP, for the I-16 at SR 307 (Dean Forest Rd.) interchange project. A positive financial balance is maintained by assigning some funds that were not used on the Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement, some Z001 funds through GDOT, and some of the current balance of Z230 funds from CORE MPO. The public comment period is underway. Staff recommended ACAT endorsement of the amendments to the 2040 MTP and the FY 2018-2021 TIP. Ms. Teresa Brenner asked what is near the project and if the project would have sidewalks. Ms. Love said the interchange is near Garden City's new town center and that GDOT is considering inclusion of a barrier-separated path, for bicyclists and pedestrians, as the road is a bikeway in the CORE MPO Non-motorized Transportation Plan. A motion was made and seconded to endorse the amendments to the MTP and the TIP. The motion passed with none opposed.

#### [4. Amendments to FY 2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program](#)

Please see the notes for the Amendments to the 2040 Total Mobility Plan item, above. This action is related to the same project and was handled in the same vote with that item.

### **III. Status Reports**

### **IV. Agency Reports (verbal)**

#### [5. Reports](#)

CAT -- Mr. Michael Brown said the new paratransit vehicles will come out in May. There will be 28. New drivers are currently being trained. Staff is receiving training on the software also. It is still Route Match. CAT has hired a new call center manager and a new lead scheduler. Also 18 new fixed route buses are coming. These will be diesel, but soon CAT will order another three buses that are electric, to experiment with a small number first. LIFE, Inc. -- Mr. Neil Ligon said LIFE is planning to do some disability etiquette training with CAT. LIFE's Celebrate Abilities event in April went well. He also said LIFE is happy to help the other organizations spread the word about their events.

Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision -- Ms. Anika Futch noted that the Center had hired a new Mobility Specialist -- she introduced Mr. Dean Stonecipher to the committee. The Center is having the Vision Luncheon this Friday at noon. There will be a couple of "e-glasses" presentations -- one in April and one in May. The Center is also planning a teen workshop in June to help youth with low vision or blindness learn to be more independent before graduating. It will last two weeks. About ten teens from various parts of Georgia will attend.

### **V. Other Business**

### **VI. Public Participation Opportunities**

### **VII. Announcements**

#### [6. Next ACAT Meeting: June 25, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the CAT Transit Center Board Room](#)

### **VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference**

#### [7. Administrative Modification to FY 2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program](#)

Ms. Love noted that this is a informational item, to let CORE MPO contacts know that a modification to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) has added some funds from an unused earmark to the I-16 widening project.

### **IX. Adjournment**

## 8. Adjournment

There being no other business, the April 23, 2018 meeting of ACAT was adjourned.

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