



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Minutes
December 10th, 2024, at 10:00am

December 10th, 2024, CORE MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Voting Members	Representing	Present
Kirra Fields	City of Savannah	X
Damon Rice	Chatham County	
Ambria Berksteiner	Chatham Area Transit	
Grace Tuschak	Go Georgia	X
Asia Hernton	Bike/Ped Coordinator, MPC	X
Shannon Ginn	Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE), Inc.	X
Caila Brown	Bike Walk Savannah	X
Skye Lewis	Coastal Regional Commission	X
Denise Grabowski	Savannah-Chatham County Public School System	
Alden Strandburg	Effingham County	
Representative	City of Rincon	
Representative	Tide to Town	
Armand Turner	Healthy Savannah	X
Rita Greenbush	Interested Citizen	X
Voting Alternate	Representing	
Tina Bockhold	Chatham County	X
Non-Voting		
Connor Booth	GDOT	
Jim Hemphill	East Coast Greenway	
Representative	Georgia Hi-Lo	
Representative	Savannah State University	
Representative	Georgia Southern University	
Representative	Savannah College of Art and Design	
Baird Sills	Savannah Wheelman	
Representative	City of Bloomingdale	
Representative	City of Garden City	
Aaron Higgins	City of Pooler	X
Representative	City of Port Wentworth	
Representative	Town of Thunderbolt	
Brian West	City of Tybee Island	

Representative	City of Richmond Hill	
Representative	Bryan County	
Others	Representing	
Pam Everett	MPC	X
Kieron Coffield	CORE MPO	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
Sadie Esch-Laurent	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Devin Frails	Healthy Savannah	X

Mr. Armand Turner, Healthy Savannah, stated Mr. Devin Frails is Healthy Savannah's REACH Grant Physical Activity Program Manager. He's relatively new to the role, but very excited about this type of work. We are excited to have him on board.

Ms. Wykoda Wang, MPC Director of Transportation Administration, asked about the REACH Grant and the work Healthy Savannah has done as well as what kind of data have been collected.

Mr. Armand Turner stated a lot of our data, especially around physical activity, has been around the Savannah neighborhoods that will likely intersect with the Tide to Town Trail. A lot of what we have looked at are potential connections in those neighborhoods based off the landscape but also based on community input. We put together some blueprints or recommendations for specific neighborhoods. Over the next few years, we are looking to do the same with specific areas around the surrounding county. We should have more data in the coming years.

Ms. Wykoda Wang asked if Mr. Armand Turner and team have collected any inventory data?

Mr. Armand Turner asked to clarify what data?

Ms. Wykoda Wang clarified inventory data for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Study. Have you collected any information on the existence of sidewalks, etc.?

Mr. Armand Turner stated he wouldn't say necessarily no. There's some input that we have on desired trails, but none of already established infrastructure.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated we were trying to have some understanding of what data exists. We had a meeting with CAT yesterday to review a sample of their bus stop inventory data and it's pretty comprehensive.

Mr. Armand Turner stated we can send you some of the stuff we have put together, and you can make a decision on whether or not it's useful.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that would be helpful.

Ms. Rita Greenbush, Interested Citizen, stated that related to the topic Ms. Wykoda Wang was just mentioning, there is a real concern within the community regarding the bikes and pedestrians. Recently 3 pedestrians were hit, two of them by police cars.

Ms. Asia Hernton, CORE MPO Planner, asked if everyone could hear us?

Ms. Wykoda Wang (attending virtually) stated yes, we can hear you now.

Ms. Asia Hernton stated we are live and we do have two people in-person at the MPC meeting room. We have Ms. Calia Brown, Bike Walk Savannah, and Mr. Aaron Higgins, Mayor Pro-Tem for the City of Pooler.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated we can hear them, but it's not very loud.

Ms. Asia Hernton stated she will have them sit closer to the microphone. We are in a different meeting room, so the audio set up is a bit different. She will share the screen so everyone can see the agenda. She then asked "Do we have a quorum?"

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that we do have a quorum. She sees Mr. Devin Frails and Mr. Armand Turner for Healthy Savannah, Mr. Shannon Ginn for LIFE, Mr. Tina Bockhold for Chatham County, Ms. Calia Brown the BPAC Chairperson, Mr. Aaron Higgins with Pooler, Ms. Kirra Fields with the City of Savannah, Ms. Skye Lewis with the Coastal Regional Commission. She asked who is Ms. Grace Tuschak representing?

Ms. Grace Tuschak, Go Georgia, stated she is with Go Georgia, formerly Georgia Bikes and she is new to this group.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated welcome.

Ms. Asia Hernton stated we can start. Since we are already over time, we will skip roll call and start with the approval of the agenda.

I. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Calia Brown asked if anyone has any edits or additions the agenda.

Ms. Tina Bockhold stated the agenda has her listed as Tide to Town, which is not correct.

Chairperson Calia Brown stated we will correct the spelling of her name. These are the minutes for the last meeting. Were you with Chatham County then?

Ms. Tina Bockhold stated she is with Chatham County now and is sitting in for Mr. Damon Rice today.

Chairperson Calia Brown stated we will make the adjustments to the meeting minutes and will reach out to Ms. Bridget Lidy to see if they have a different representative for Tide to Town.

Ms. Tina Bockhold stated Tide to Town will have a new person; she is not sure who that is yet. She can probably answer some questions if needed.

Mr. Aaron Higgins, Mayor Pro-Tem of City of Pooler, motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Armand Turner, Healthy Savannah. The motion passed with none opposed.

II. Action Items

1. Approval of the October 15th, 2024, CORE MPO BPAC Meeting Minutes

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated she has a question. In the minutes, the City of Savannah has one vote, which is represented by Ms. Kirra Fields. After reviewing last meeting's minutes, she found out that Mr. Harold Taylor with City of Savannah made the motion. Maybe Mr. Harold Taylor might be the Tide to Town representative? If so, then Ms. Kirra Fields and Mr. Harold Taylor would need separate votes.

Chairperson Calia Brown clarified that Mr. Harold Taylor is the Vision Zero Coordinator for the City of Savannah, so he is not over Tide to Town and doesn't have any involvement in that. We will reach out to the City of Savannah and streamline who their representative will be.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated she just checked the bylaws and 6 is the quorum, so we do have a quorum.

Mr. Shannon Ginn, LIFE, motioned to approve the October 15th, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Tina Bockhold, Chatham County. The motion passed with none opposed.

2. Election of the Chair and Vice Chair of BPAC

Ms. Asia Hernton stated today, this committee will elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson to serve the BPAC for the calendar years of 2025 and 2026. In our bylaws, an election is held every two years and the election will be held at the last BPAC meeting in the calendar year for the purpose of determining the chairperson and vice chairperson. The chairperson and vice chairperson of BPAC will be elected by the voting members present at this meeting by simple majority vote, then that term will be for two years. We will start asking for nominations. Do we have a nomination for a chairperson for BPAC?

Ms. Calia Brown nominated herself as Chairperson of the BPAC. The motion passed with none opposed.

Ms. Kirra Fields, City of Savannah, nominated Ms. Asia Hernton as Vice Chairperson. The motion passed with none opposed.

3. Calendar for 2025

Ms. Asia Hernton stated that Ms. Kieron Coffield, CORE MPO staff, developed a calendar for the BPAC to follow in 2025. That's how we usually operate these meetings, with a set calendar instead of trying to schedule one meeting each month. This is the proposed calendar for next year. Is everyone okay with these dates? Will this be a conflict for anyone or is this falling on a holiday? If so, please let us know. If you are fine with it, then we will move to vote to approve this calendar and follow it for next year.

Mr. Shannon Ginn asked if the calendar dates are in the agenda?

Ms. Asia Hernton stated yes, the calendar dates are in the agenda. She will read them out loud. The BPAC meeting in 2025 will occur every 3rd Tuesday at 10:00 am on even numbered months, for six meetings per year. The first meeting will be February 18th, the second meeting will be April 15th, the third meeting will be June 16th, the fourth meeting will be August 19th, the fifth meeting will be October 14th, and the sixth and final meeting will be December 9th.

Ms. Wykoda Wang asked about the June 16th date, it says on Monday due to holiday. She checked the calendar and doesn't see that June 17th is a holiday.

Ms. Asia Hernton stated Thursday June 19th is a holiday (Juneteenth), so TCC will meet on Wednesday, June 18th instead of Thursday like normal. Having BPAC on Monday will give more time to prepare for the TCC meeting if any changes come up in the BPAC meeting. She then asked are there any other questions or concerns about this schedule.

Chairperson Calia Brown stated if there are no questions or further comments about the calendar, she would like to get a motion to approve our 2025 meeting calendar.

Ms. Rita Greenbush asked to clarify if she could vote.

Ms. Asia Hernton asked if Ms. Rita Greenbush is the Interested Citizen.

Ms. Rita Greenbush stated she is the Interested Citizen. She doesn't know if she gets to vote.

Chairperson Calia Brown stated we do have space for the Interested Citizen to vote, but now Ms. Rita Greenbush will have to come to all of the meetings.

Ms. Rita Greenbush stated she actually put them down on her calendar while you were talking.

Ms. Wykoda Wang checked the bylaws which indicate we do have 14 voting members. We do have one seat for Interested Citizen. If Ms. Rita Greenbush is going to join the BPAC as the Interested Citizen, she must come to the meetings like Chairperson Calia Brown said. We will put you down to fill that seat and you can vote.

Ms. Rita Greenbush stated she can attend all meetings.

Chairperson Calia Brown asked Ms. Rita Greenbush to put her contact information in the Zoom chat. We will make sure you are added to the calendar invites.

Ms. Rita Greenbush, Interested Citizen, motioned to approve the BPAC Calendar for 2025, seconded by Ms. Tina Bockhold, Chatham County. The motion passed with none opposed.

4. RFP - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Study

Ms. Asia Hernton gave the presentation for the RFP - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Study. This project seeks to build inventory data for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure within the CORE MPO region. That includes infrastructure like bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks, etc. Essentially, we want to understand where our crosswalks, bike lanes and sidewalks exist, where we don't have them and where those gaps are. We also want to create some type of method or database to keep track of this data. Maybe some type of GIS database. So, when there are updates to the infrastructure system, we can keep everything up to date.

In brief, we will be looking at the scope in the RFP. We are aiming to release this RFP in January. We want to make sure it's in a good place, and it's an understandable RFP, so that the RFP process is smooth. The scope hasn't changed much since we first presented it at the BPAC.

The type of work that we want to see from the study:

- An inventory and map of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the CORE MPO area in GIS format.
- The identification of current network connectivity, opportunities for improvement, and the potential economic development impact.
- The identification of safety improvements by overlaying Numetric crash data over maps.
- The creation of a system or database to provide continuous updates to the Study and to reduce future CORE MPO and member agency staff time needed to capture data collection efforts. This includes developing an SOP and/or training manual for CORE MPO staff, municipalities, and agencies.

In terms of the results, we want that to include:

- Taking inventory of existing data and integrating it with local GIS data houses such as SAGIS.
- Creating an app or database for current and future facility tracking.
- Creating a bicycle and pedestrian facility prioritization system.
- Using CORE MPO's map survey for public input.
- Collaborating with CORE MPO member municipalities and supporting agencies for information.
- Creating a condition matrix of bike and pedestrian.
- Public outreach throughout the community.
- Examine bike and pedestrian facilities using a variety of methods.

That's in general what the scope is and we want to know if the scope needs more detail, or maybe we should be broader, maybe there's something missing that we want to add to the scope. Based off of what she read, is there something that needs to be changed about?

Ms. Rita Greenbush stated she's not sure if it needs to be changed, but basically, she thinks there needs to be more education, regarding the public, regarding bikes and pedestrians.

Ms. Asia Hernton stated so we need to add a public education piece.

Ms. Rita Greenbush stated maybe through the schools, the news outlets.

Chairperson Calia Brown stated she thinks that's a great idea. She does think that is more appropriate for the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (NMTP) itself versus the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Study. She thinks that's something that we can add to the NMTP content, highlighting that education piece.

Mr. Connor Booth, GDOT, stated he can speak to that briefly. He thinks that would definitely fall under the Safe Routes to Schools program that offers educational programs for schools, specifically on bicycle riding and pedestrian safety. And then we also have some educational materials for teachers, specifically teaching safe walking, safe biking. So, was there a specific concern Ms. Rita Greenbush had, that she wanted to maybe address some of those materials?

Ms. Rita Greenbush stated she agrees that the children really should be educated. Her daughter's a teacher and she wasn't too much aware of this at all. The other thing is that she thinks that some of these pedestrian incidents and the bike incidents are adult oriented. If you're driving down in Savannah or at all, the adult situation, whether you want to call it jaywalking or whatever, they walk right in front of bikes; bikes pull out in front of cars; and the walkers walk right in front of cars. She doesn't know if we could also hit the local news. She noticed that the local news stations are doing pieces on why you need to be vaccinated to help prevent disease. She is wondering if maybe we could actually go through the news and put data through there to help people understand or through the radio for the education.

Mr. Connor Booth stated that he can bring that up with our venues. We have our CNBC campaign, which is our pedestrian safety program. That's definitely something we can incorporate into our program. That's a good comment.

Ms. Asia Hernton stated, she can take Mr. Connor Booth's resources and then we can include them in what we're doing in the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan update, because it might be a little bit outside of the scope of what we're looking for in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Study. She will quickly go through each task and won't read it all.

These are the expectations that we have of the consultant team that will take over this project and actually do the project, collect the data, create the database, etc.:

- Manage the project and coordinate with everyone
 - Coordinating with this BPAC committee, also coordinating with other committees at CORE MPO
- Engage in public outreach
- Look at some of the existing data that we have on bike and pedestrian facilities
 - We do have some existing data, but there are a lot of gaps in the data.
- Take updated bicycle and pedestrian inventory
 - Either use technology or go in person to record where bike lanes exist, where sidewalks exist and where they do not exist
 - Create some type of map of that data collected
- Assess the conditions of those facilities
- Assess how they connect to each other
- Safety analysis
- Prioritization
 - based on the data that they have taken in
- Provide recommendations on improvements that can be made to the system
 - based on all of that prioritization, all of that prior work
- Provide strategies and solutions to some of the problems associated with the system.
- Create some type of database so we can track everything in the future.
- Optional task to explore right of way impacts
 - This is based on a meeting with the City of San Antonio who did a similar project. They said if they could go back in time, they would want to know how bike and pedestrian development would impact right of way, or right of way information associated with bike and pedestrian resources.

That's a general list of what we want the consultant team to do in this study. There are deliverables associated with all of these tasks and she can scroll up and have them shown on the page. In a general sense, after reading the tasks, do you feel like this covers everything? Maybe something needs to change about this, or some edits that need to be made to this?

Ms. Rita Greenbush stated no.

Ms. Asia Hernton stated that she is hearing some no's, that is good.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that among herself, Ms. Asia Hernton, and Chairperson Calia Brown, we have attended several demonstrations by the vendors that provide bicycles and pedestrian and inventory data. Some of them are cheap, some of them are very expensive, which we cannot afford, and some are in the middle. They use AI and satellite imagery to do the digitizing. We found out the problem in our area is that we have a lot of tree coverage. It is very hard for the AI to penetrate the tree coverage to collect the correct data. We only have \$300,000, so if we cannot do the later tasks, we can at least focus on collecting the data to build the inventory. Then we can pursue other funding to do the later steps. If we don't have good data, we cannot do a good analysis as garbage in means garbage out. Depending on what we decide to do, she thinks quality control might be a very important task as we need to make sure the data we collect is accurate. We probably need to do field work to validate the data. We have been doing research and trying to figure out how we can undertake these tasks.

Mr. Connor Booth stated GDOT has been looking at some of that AI data as well, and he knows we've run into the same problem with the tree coverage throughout the state. He will get together with Ron and Dave, as they have been looking more at the data side of things to see where we're at. He doesn't know if GDOT has made any decisions yet to purchase the data, but if we did, he believes it would be available to everyone in the state. He will double check before y'all go spending any money, to make sure that GDOT is not going to do something for the whole state.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated if GDOT can purchase some of the AI data even if they're not accurate, that will help us. We want to go into more details in our area. When GDOT does the AI data, it's at higher level so they might just do state highways, but our data would be for all of the roadways in our area.

Mr. Connor Booth stated that's a good point. He is not sure if the plan is for the AI data to just be the state route system, or if it's statewide. Let him check with Ron, as he's been more involved in those conversations.

Ms. Asia Hernton stated if there are no other comments about the scope and tasks, she will move down to the schedule. This is another important piece, because we have from April 2025 to March 31st, 2027, to complete the project. So, the later we release the RFP, the later we can start the project and then the less time we have. This is a proposed draft schedule where we release the RFP on January 20th, 2025, and the project will start on April

18th, 2025 and end on March 31st, 2027. This is kind of a schedule that included a lot of padding because the holidays are coming up and a lot of people are going to be out of office. This was under the assumption that maybe this RFP needed a lot more work and we would need a couple more weeks to work on it.

However, we could go with an earlier and quicker schedule that is attached to the agenda. There's also an alternative schedule where the RFP is released a couple weeks earlier on January 2nd. Then the project can start on April 1st instead of starting on April 18th, so we have a couple more weeks to work on that project. She wanted to present both schedules for the RFP, because she wants to know which schedule we should aim for. These aren't our only two options; this is just a ballpark, and it could even be a schedule that's in between there. So, based on the information in the RFP and the details in it, does BPAC think it will be ready to be released in early January or a little bit later in January?

Chairperson Calia Brown stated Mr. Connor Booth with GDOT, please correct her if she's wrong, but she thinks it depends on if GDOT does have information that we're able to access or if GDOT is planning to have information that BPAC can access. That would slightly change the scope of the RFP and so we might want to go on the slightly delayed.

Mr. Connor Booth stated he is talking to Ron with GDOT right now. It sounds like GDOT's intent is to get the statewide data that would be available to BPAC. He doesn't think that GDOT has a timeline yet for when that data would be available, but there has been some movement on it and there is interest on the GDOT side.

Chairperson Calia Brown stated having that other later timeline might work, because if we can, over the next week or two, get a firmer idea of what the GDOT data looks like or when it might be available, we can adjust the RFP slightly to say the GDOT data is an available data set.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated she agrees with Chairperson Calia Brown. CORE MPO staff coordinated with CAT yesterday and requested them to send us the bus stop inventory data. At the last BPAC meeting, Ms. Denise Grabowski also mentioned the Savannah Chatham County Public School System did collect some information on Title I schools, so we might want to compile that data as well. Before this project even starts, we need to evaluate what data we have. Ms. Kirra Fields can probably talk about some of the City of Savannah data they already have. City of Savannah, Chatham County, and Effingham County all did an SS4A grant-funded study, so we want to see what kind of data they already have. She knows that is listed as one of the tasks that consultants will do the inventory, but BPAC needs to have some understanding before we release the RFP.

Ms. Asia Hernton stated if it starts on April 1st, we might have that information anyway, maybe we could still aim to release it a little bit earlier?

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated April 1st and April 18th, really there's like two weeks between those dates. She doesn't think it will make a big difference if we release the RFP a little later.

Ms. Asia Hernton asked if there are any other comments on this. This is the last action item on the agenda. The CORE MPO is asking for the BPAC to endorse the release of the RFP, while also keeping in mind that some additional edits might be made before it is released in January.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated if BPAC members have comments or edits on the draft RFP, please send them to Ms. Asia Hernton by the end of next week and we can incorporate them into the RFP.

Ms. Rita Greenbush motioned to endorse the RFP for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Study, seconded by Mr. Shannon Ginn. The motion passed with none opposed.

III. Status Reports

5. Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Status Report

Ms. Asia Hernton gave the presentation on the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan updates. It's a project that's been moved a lot because a lot has been happening with the CORE MPO in terms of our long range plan and some other plans. The Non-Motorized Transportation Plan is a bicycle and pedestrian plan. The goal of this plan update is to identify new projects, assess the needs of the community, and set new goals for bike and pedestrian infrastructure.

The NMTP has been in the works since 2022, and this is what we have done so far.

- Collected Data from multiple sources including:
 - Numetric
 - Strava Metro

- Census
- USDOT
- Environmental Justice
- Identified Projects
- Identified information sources that help guide the conversation

What needs to be done?

- Finalize scoring methodology
- Recommendations and Next Steps Section
- Adding language on BPAC and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Study
- Finalizing the report

Our target adoption date is June 2025. We aim to adopt the updated Non-Motorized Transportation Plan update in June 2025. From there, some next steps will occur:

- Complete the update of the Thoroughfare Plan, which will be one of the new focuses of the BPAC.
- Incorporate the findings of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility study into the Non-Motorized Plan and other MPO planning products.

BPAC and NMTP Steering Committee:

- We currently have a steering committee for the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Update
- Many of the members of the steering committee overlap with the BPAC
- Should we have weekly or bi-weekly progress meetings?

Ms. Asia Hernton asked should BPAC meetings serve as a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Steering committee meeting? Or should we keep the NMTP Steering Committee and BPAC meetings separate, then have those NTMP Steering Committee meetings more frequently than we have to BPAC meetings?

Chairperson Calia Brown stated she thinks it makes sense to have the NMTP Steering Committee and the BPAC meetings stay separate, because the NMTP Steering Committee meetings are more working meetings than the BPAC meetings, which serve as status update meetings. And that way, for everybody who doesn't want to drill down into the policy and just wants to have their status updates heard, it will save some time overall.

Mr. Armand Turner stated that he agreed.

Ms. Asia Hernton stated that sounds good. In terms of weekly or biweekly meetings, we can determine that with the NMTP Steering Committee at another date. Also, there are a lot of new faces on the BPAC committee, so if anyone wants to join the NMTP Steering Committee, you are welcome to do that. We can move toward finishing this in June 2025, and it will finally be complete. She then asked "are there any questions or comments?"

Mr. Shannon Ginn asked if there have been more NMTP Steering Committee meetings, or no?

Ms. Asia Hernton stated it's been quite a while since we've had an NMTP Steering Committee meeting. The Non-Motorized Transportation Plan was pushed back as we had to work on the Long Range Transportation Plan.

[6. 2050 MTP Executive Summary](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang gave the presentation on the 2050 MTP Executive Summary. We adopted our 2050 MTP in August. Ms. Anna McQuarrie developed this executive summary. It's supposed to be graphically driven and easier for the public to digest. We are still finalizing this document. We will try to finish this the latter half of fiscal year 2025, probably by March. After finalizing this document, we also need to translate it into the various Limited English Proficiency Languages. Please take a look and let us know if you have any questions, comments, or edits.

[7. 2050 MTP Amendments](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated we already have some amendments to make to the 2050 MTP. Two of the amendments actually relate to the IIJA/BIL grants have a lot of discretionary programs, which was very confusing. We didn't get any guidance from FHWA and FTA. Now they decided they want to organize them into a separate tracking table for grant funded studies or projects. For this MTP amendment, we revised the cost estimates for the Volterra Electric project because we didn't include the additional local match for that project when we adopted the 2050 MTP in August, but now it has been revised. Another amendment was that we added the SS4A grant for the 37th Street project.

8. FY 2024 - 2027 TIP Amendments December 2024

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated the TIP amendment report is attached to the agenda. We are in the 15-day public review comment period, so if you have any comments, please send the comments to Ms. Asia Hernton.

9. FY 2026 UPWP Preliminary Draft

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated CORE MPO staff developed the preliminary draft for the UPWP. If anyone wants to review, it's the staff budget for the next Fiscal Year (FY 2026) which starts on July 1st, 2025 and ends on June 30th, 2026. We are ready to send the document to FHWA and GDOT for review, but BPAC will have another round of review after we address the comments in February. If anyone wants to review the UPWP preliminary draft, please let us know.

10. PBPP Targets Adoption

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated for the Performance Based Planning and Programing, Highway Safety Performance Targets are supposed to be adopted every year. Transit Safety Targets are supposed to be adopted every year as well. CORE MPO staff found out that GDOT updated the Highway Safety Targets this year, but CAT didn't update the transit safety targets. So, we only need to adopt the Highway Safety Targets, which are on the next page. Those are our new targets (attached to the agenda for review).

11. Federal Certification Review

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated for the certification review, she thinks the CORE MPO passed with flying colors. Now we are just waiting for the final report. The draft report will be ready in January and the final report will be done in March. Then FHWA will give a final presentation at the April CORE MPO meetings.

12. RFP - Urban Flood Model Phase II

Report attached to agenda for review.

13. RFP - US 80 Corridor Study Phase II

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated besides the RFP that Ms. Asia Hernton has talked about and the BPAC will be in charge of, there are two RFPs that are being developed by the CORE MPO. One is Urban Flooding Model Phase II, that expands the Phase I from the previous CORE MPO boundary to the updated CORE MPO boundary, and also a training program.

The second is US 80 Corridor Study Phase II for the segment of US 80 in Effingham County. We are still working on the RFP, hopefully to release in December or January.

IV. Agency Reports

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated we want BPAC's input on listing out these agencies. This is the first time we tried this. Does BPAC think this is a good format or do you just want the agency reports? We tried to list the voting members, so you can give your report. Does BPAC want to stick with this new format or use the previous one?

Chairperson Calia Brown stated she thinks it makes sense to have all of the voting members because there are updates that aren't necessarily just Chatham County, or City of Savannah, or municipality specific. She thinks it's helpful to have all the variety.

14. Chatham County Project Status Update

Report attached to agenda for review.

15. City of Savannah Project Status Update

Report attached to agenda for review.

16. Chatham Area Transit Project Status Update

Report attached to agenda for review.

17. LIFE Inc. - Living Independence for Everyone Updates

Report attached to agenda for review.

[18. Bike Walk Savannah Updates](#)

Report attached to agenda for review.

[19. CRC - Coastal Regional Commission Updates](#)

Report attached to agenda for review.

[20. SCCPSS - Savannah Chatham County Public School System Updates](#)

Report attached to agenda for review.

[21. Effingham County Updates](#)

Report attached to agenda for review.

[22. Tide to Town Updates](#)

Report attached to agenda for review.

[23. Healthy Savannah Updates](#)

Report attached to agenda for review.

[24. Georgia Bikes Updates](#)

Report attached to agenda for review.

V. Other Business

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Notices

[25. FY 2025 UPWP Administrative Modifications](#)

Report attached to the agenda.

[26. PROTECT Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

Report attached to the agenda.

[27. GDOT Project Status Update](#)

Report attached to the agenda.

[28. Savannah Hilton Head International Airport Status Update](#)

Report attached to the agenda.

[29. LATS-SCDOT Project Status Update](#)

Report attached to the agenda.

[30. Next BPAC meeting February 18th, 2025, at 10:00am](#)

VIII. Adjournment

Hearing no further comments, Chairperson Caila Brown called the meeting to a close at 11:09 am. Thank you all for attending our last BPAC meeting of 2024. If you have any updates to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Study RFP, please email to Ms. Asia Hernton by the end of the week. She hopes everyone has a happy holiday and we'll see you in 2025.

There being no further business, the December 10th, 2024, BPAC meeting was adjourned.

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