



**CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee**

MPC Mendonsa Hearing Room – 5:30 p.m.  
 112 East State Street, Savannah  
 Minutes

**June 1, 2017 Meeting of the CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Anthony Abbott	Chatham County	
Tonjes Bolden	Savannah	X
Daniel Brantley	Chatham County	X
Larry Longo	Port Wentworth	X
Christopher Middleton	Savannah	
Anthony Sardinias	Richmond Hill	X
Robert Tully	Chatham County	X
Vacant	Bloomingtondale	
Vacant	Effingham County	
Vacant	Garden City	
Vacant	Pooler	
Vacant	Savannah	
Vacant	Thunderbolt	
Vacant	Tybee Island	
Vacant	Vernonburg	

  

<u>Others</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Heather Gordon	Savannah Tree Foundation	X
Karen Jenkins	Savannah Tree Foundation	X
Neil Ligon	LIFE, Inc.	X
Jane Love	CORE MPO Staff	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO Staff	X

**I. Approval of Agenda**

**II. Action Items**

1. Approval of the Feb. 2, 2017 CAC Meeting Minutes

**Motion**

For approval of the Feb. 2, 2017 CAC meeting minutes.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Dr. Daniel Brantley

Second: Anthony Sardinias

Robert (Bob) Tully - Aye

Anthony Sardinias - Aye

Tonjes Bolden - Aye

Dr. Daniel Brantley - Aye

## 2. Amendments to 2040 Total Mobility Plan

Ms. Wykoda Wang explained that the proposed amendments to the CORE MPO 2040 Total Mobility Plan, which is the long range transportation plan, include changes that would: update project costs; reflect the new revenue source from the state (HB 170 funds); and show projects that have recently been awarded the MPO's Surface Transportation Block Grant (STGB) funds or Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds, if such projects were not already in the plan.

She reviewed the specific projects.

### **Motion**

For endorsement by CAC of the proposed amendments to the 2040 Total Mobility Plan.

### **Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Dr. Daniel Brantley

Second: Anthony Sardinias

Robert (Bob) Tully - Aye

Anthony Sardinias - Aye

Tonjes Bolden - Aye

Dr. Daniel Brantley - Aye

Larry Longo - Aye

## 3. Adoption of FY 2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Wang stated that the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is proposed to be the new short range planning document, replacing the current FY 2015-2018 TIP. The TIP covers four years and shows funding amounts and source by phase and year, for highway and transit projects. Either of those categories also may include eligible bicycle and pedestrian projects.

She reviewed each project page.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Chairman Bob Tully opened the public hearing, which had been advertised for this meeting. Ms. Karen Jenkins, of Savannah Tree Foundation, reminded the committee of the importance of tree preservation or replacement in road projects, as trees provide many societal benefits. She said she would be submitting written comments about specific projects. There were no other public comments. Chairman Tully closed the public hearing.

Mr. Larry Longo, representing Port Wentworth, asked if the pedestrian bridge over Hwy 21 near the new school was included. Ms. Wang noted that all phases of that project are listed as having funds already authorized.

Once funds are authorized for a phase of a project, then that phase no longer appears as a project page in the TIP. Implementation of the funded phase could begin.

### **Motion**

For CAC endorsement of proposed FY 2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

### **Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Larry Longo

Second: Dr. Daniel Brantley

Robert (Bob) Tully - Aye

Anthony Sardinias - Aye

Tonjes Bolden - Aye

Dr. Daniel Brantley	- Aye
Larry Longo	- Aye

4. Amendment to FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Wang explained that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) identifies the planning activities and the budgets for each. The FY 2018 UPWP is proposed for amendment in order to insert under the Transit/Paratransit Planning task the "Section 5307" funds from the Federal Transit Administration that Chatham Area Transit (CAT) is using on the Origin & Destination Study. The FTA funds in the amount of \$113,151 and CAT's local match in the amount of \$28,288 will thus increase this task budget by \$185,189. Other tasks are not affected.

Ms. Tonjes Bolden, representing Savannah, asked if this Origin & Destination Study is related to CAT's route changes. Staff responded that the study identifies where people are and where they need to go, and that CAT would use the findings to inform route design, schedules etc. in the future.

Dr. Daniel Brantley, representing Chatham County, asked if the study includes only the current CAT service area, which omits certain municipalities and parts of the county. Staff answered that the study data and findings include a much broader area, but that the immediate recommendations would have to focus on the current service area.

**Motion**

For CAC endorsement of proposed FY 2018 UPWP Amendment.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Tonjes Bolden

Second: Anthony Sardinias

Robert (Bob) Tully	- Aye
Anthony Sardinias	- Aye
Tonjes Bolden	- Aye
Dr. Daniel Brantley	- Aye
Larry Longo	- Aye

**III. Status Reports**

5. Amendments to FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Wang reported that this is simply an information item to inform the committees that a budget adjustment was made to the current FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This means funding is shifted among task categories, based on needs for staff time that became evident since UPWP adoption. The total UPWP budget did not change. The tasks for Congestion Management Process, Operations & Administration, and Program Coordination had their budgets increased. Other tasks, determined not to be adversely affected, had their budgets reduced to compensate.

This report was for information only. No committee action was necessary.

**IV. Agency Reports**

6. Reports

MPO staff had received no questions from members about other agencies' activities ahead of the CAC meeting.

**V. Other Business**

7. Report

There was no other business.

## **VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)**

### 8. Comments

There were no other public comments.

## **VII. Announcements**

9. Next CORE MPO CAC Meeting: Thursday, Aug. 3, 2017, 5:30 p.m. in MPC Hearing Room

10. The finalized Congestion Management Process report is available on the CORE MPO web pages.

11. The public comment period for the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is underway until close of business on June 24.

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

## **IX. Adjournment**

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