



CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee

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

October 5, 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	
Daniel Brantley	Chatham County	X
Larry Longo	Port Wentworth	X
Christopher Middleton	Savannah	
Anthony Sardinias	Richmond Hill	X
Robert Tully	Chatham County	X
Vacant	Bloomingdale	
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>
Jane Love	CORE MPO Staff	X
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO Staff	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO Staff	X
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO Staff	X

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Action Items

1. Approval of the Aug. 3, 2017 CAC meeting minutes

The minutes of the August 3, 2017 meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee were approved as written.

2. Amendments to FY 2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Wykoda Wang reported that this Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment was requested by GDOT in order to shift the construction and utilities phases for the SR 144 widening out of the FY 2018-2021 TIP. It is now scheduled for 2022 which is not covered in the four-year window of this TIP. The cost estimate was also increased. The phases were funded with a type of federal funds that the state can use anywhere within the state (Z240). The reasons GDOT had cited for the change are environmental analysis and congressional district balancing. Staff recommended endorsement of the amendment, as GDOT had already re-balanced the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in this way.

Mr. Tony Sardinias, representing Richmond Hill on the CAC, spoke against this amendment, noting that GDOT had already worked on right-of-way, including removal of some street lights such as the one at his neighborhood entrance.

A motion was made and seconded to endorse the amendment to the FY 2018-2021 TIP. The motion passed with one opposed. Mr. Sardinias was the opposing vote.

3. Amendments to FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Wang explained that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is proposed to be amended in order to add two studies that were selected by the Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO) to receive Discretionary Highway Planning funds. The studies would be under the Strategic Planning Studies sub-task. Both are interchange traffic studies: one at I-16 and Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy. and the other at I-95 and Airways Ave. Each was selected to receive \$320,000 in federal highway planning funds. Chatham County is contributing \$80,000 of local match for the former study and the Savannah Airport Commission is contributing \$80,000 local match for the latter study. Staff recommended endorsement of the amendment to the FY 2018 UPWP.

A motion was made and seconded to endorse the amendment to the FY 2018 UPWP. The motion passed with none opposed.

4. Endorsement of the 2018 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Jane Love reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for calendar year 2018. The CAC meetings would be changed to later in the month: the Thursday before the MPO Board meeting on the fourth Wednesday. This is usually, but not always, the third Thursday. The meetings would start at 5:30 in the MPC Hearing Room.

A motion was made and seconded to endorse the 2018 meeting schedule. The motion passed with none opposed.

III. Status Reports

5. Update on the Development of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Ms. Love stated that the development of the new Metropolitan Transportation Plan, looking out to 2045, has started and would take about two years. She described what kind of activities are involved in creating the plan. Work has begun on the socioeconomic data for the base year and future year. MPO staff is coordinating with GDOT staff on the schedule for the update of the travel demand model. The committees will be involved in setting the goals and objectives this winter. Adoption is targeted in the summer of 2019, before the deadline that August. This report was provided for information. No action was needed or taken.

6. Awards of Discretionary Highway Planning Funds

Mr. Mark Wilkes explained that at a meeting in September, the Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO) selected two submissions from CORE MPO to receive Discretionary Highway Planning funds: I-16 at Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy. Interchange Study and I-95 at Airways Ave. Interchange Study. Each will receive \$420,000 in federal highway planning funds. Chatham County is contributing \$80,000 of local match for the former study and the Savannah Airport Commission is contributing \$80,000 local match for the latter study. The studies will be conducted by consultants and managed by MPO staff, but the local sponsors will be the major stakeholders coordinating with MPO staff. This report was provided for information. No action was needed or taken.

IV. Agency Reports

7. Reports

Staff had received no questions in advance to forward to other agencies. Thus there were no agency reports.

V. Other Business

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Mr. Larry Longo, of Port Wentworth, commented on the need for certain jurisdictions to make their appointment of members to the CAC. There was some discussion about methods jurisdictions could use to increase awareness and identify nominees.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

[9. Next CAC Meeting: Dec. 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the MPC Hearing Room](#)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

IX. Adjournment

The Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission provides meeting summary minutes which are adopted by the respective Board. Verbatim transcripts of minutes are the responsibility of the interested party.