



MPC Mendonsa Hearing Room – 10:00 a.m.
 112 East State Street, Savannah
 Minutes

August 24, 2016, Regular Meeting of the CORE MPO Board

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
James Aberson	ACAT	X
Phillip Claxton	City of Port Wentworth	
Stephanie Cutter	City of Savannah	
Eddie DeLoach	City of Savannah	X
Ron Feldner	City of Garden City	
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	X
Harold Fowler	City of Richmond Hill	X
Caroline Hankins	Town of Thunderbolt	
James Hungerpiller	Town of Vernonburg	
Wendall Kessler	Effingham County Commission	
Curtis Koleber	Chatham Area Transit Authority	
Mike Lamb	City of Pooler	X
Pete Liakakis	CAT Board	X
Tom McQueen	GDOT	X
Jannine Miller	EDFAC	
Tanya Milton	MPC	X
Ben Rozier	City of Bloomingdale	
Diane Schleicher	City of Tybee Island	X
Al Scott	Chatham County Commission	X
Lee Smith	Chatham County	X
Bob Tully	CAC	X
Vacant	City of Savannah Alderman	
Vacant	Chatham County Commissioner	

<u>Regional Coordination Guests</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Ginnie Kozak	LATS MPO	X
Jeff Ricketson	Hinesville Area MPO	X

<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Scott Allison	Richmond Hill	X
Pamela Bernard	Chatham County	X

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Byron Cowart	GDOT District Five	X
Nick Deffley	City of Savannah	X
Jane Love	MPO Staff	X
Troy Pittman	GDOT District Five	X
Stephanie Rossi	MPO Staff	X
Grant Sparks	Chatham Area Transit	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO Staff	X
Mike Weiner	City of Savannah	X
Melony West	MPC	X
Mark Wilkes	MPO Staff	X
Maggie Yoder	GDOT District Five	X

I. Approval of Agenda

1. [Approval of the August 24, 2016, CORE MPO Board Meeting Agenda](#)

The agenda was approved as written.

II. Committee Reports (verbal)

A. Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation

2. [Report](#)

Mr. James Aberson, Chairman of ACAT, reported that there had not been a quorum at the August ACAT meeting. A few of their dedicated members were absent due to health issues.

B. Citizens Advisory Committee

3. [Report](#)

Mr. Bob Tully, Chairman of CAC, reported that the CAC welcomed two new

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members. Staff had held an orientation prior to the CAC meeting. The CAC elected Mr. Tully to continue as Chairman and elected Mr. Chris Middleton to serve as Vice Chairman. They also endorsed the TIP amendments and the Title VI Program changes.

C. Economic Development and Freight Advisory Committee

4. [Report](#)

No report at this time.

D. Technical Coordinating Committee

5. [Report](#)

Mr. Scott Allison, Vice Chairman of TCC, reported that TCC had endorsed the action items. They also had discussed Tybee's request for a different message sign on US 80 on the way to Tybee Island. Nathaniel Panther, in Chatham County Engineering, has briefed the County Manager about this, and Diane Schleicher, Tybee Island City Manager, will report on it later.

E. Executive Director's Report

6. [Report](#)

Mr. Mark Wilkes, Interim Executive Director of CORE MPO, invited those present to attend the retirement celebration for MPC Executive Director Tom Thomson. Mr. Wilkes also reported that staff is beginning development of a web-based Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He noted that MPO member agencies and organizations should have received their dues statement. Finally, he announced a community meeting for the Victory Drive Corridor Study, Phase 3 occurring on August 25.

III. Action Items

7. [Approval of the June 22, 2016, CORE MPO Board Meeting Minutes](#)

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Attachment: [CORE MPO Board Minutes 06-22-16.pdf](#)

The minutes of the June 22 CORE MPO Board meeting were approved as written.

8. [Amendments to FY 2015 - 2018 TIP](#)

Attachment: [FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendment Staff Report August 2016.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang reviewed the proposed amendments to the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These included: 1) adding a preliminary engineering phase for FY 2017 to the Truman Linear Park Trail, Phase 2B and revising the construction cost estimate; and 2) revising the utility and construction cost estimates of the SR 144 widening to reflect on the portion of the project that is located within the CORE MPO planning area. Costs for other portion will be reflected in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). It is still all one project.

Staff recommended approval of the amendments to the FY 2015-2018 TIP.

She noted that a Public Hearing was scheduled for this meeting. She read a statement explaining the purpose of the MPO and the TIP. Chairman Al Scott opened the public hearing. There were no comments. He closed the hearing.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the amendments to the FY 2015-2018 TIP. The motion passed.

9. [Title VI Amendment](#)

Attachment: [Title VI Program Amendment August 2016.pdf](#)

Ms. Wang explained that the revision to the Title VI Program involved changing the window for submittal of complaints to 180 days.

Staff recommended approval of the amendment.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment to the Title VI Program. The motion passed.

IV. Other Business

10. [Presentation on FY 2017 CORE MPO Member Dues Statement](#)

Attachment: [Final Dues Letter with Attachments.pdf](#)

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Ms. Melony West, MPC Finance Director, gave a presentation to explain the MPO member dues statement for FY 2017. The dues support the local match for the formula planning funds, as well as staff leave time and professional association dues.

Expenses that are not included in the budget are: additional local matches for grants; administrative assistance.

In-kind match (e.g. member agencies' staff time in MPO board and committee meetings) is allowed as counting toward member dues. Ms. West noted that a form is provided for tracking that.

The MPO membership dues will be billed quarterly.

11. [Schedule Change for October MPO Board Meeting](#)

Ms. Jane Love explained that staff is proposing to move the next meeting of the CORE MPO Board from October 26 to November 2, which is one week later than scheduled, due to a scheduling conflict. A couple of Board members said they would not be able to attend on November 2. Chairman Scott said that staff would poll the members via email about the date.

V. Status Reports

12. [FAST Act Final Rule on Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning and Metropolitan Transportation Planning](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossi reported on the changes in statewide and metropolitan transportation planning in the final rule of the FAST Act. Some of the changes were performance-based planning framework, with targets. Reporting on targets would also be required. Two new planning factors related to system resiliency and consideration of tourism. As a result of reporting on targets, the MPO's Memorandum of Understanding may need to be updated to cover additional responsibilities for data collection.

A final rule on MPO boundaries and coordination is coming up in the near future.

Savannah Mayor Eddie DeLoach said elected officials need some help in understanding these things. Chairman Scott instructed staff to set up an additional briefing and invite all

Board members.

VI. Information Reports (verbal)

A. Georgia Department of Transportation

13. [Report](#)

Ms. Maggie Yoder and Mr. Byron Cowart reviewed the status of GDOT projects on the handout.

B. Member Governments

14. [Report](#)

Chatham County: Ms. Pamela Bernard reviewed the status of a few Chatham County Engineering projects.

City of Savannah: Mr. Mike Weiner reviewed some of the City of Savannah projects.

City of Richmond Hill: Mr. Scott Allison gave an update on planning and construction projects.

City of Pooler: Mayor Mike Lamb reported on some signal improvements.

City of Tybee Island: City Manager Diane Schleicher explained the objectives for Tybee's request for an improved message sign on US 80/Tybee Rd., approximately near Bryans Wood Rd.: 1) Work on an agreement with Chatham County; 2) Obtain a more modern, mobile sign; 3) Allow City Tybee to be able to change the message.

C. Chatham Area Transit Authority

15. [Report](#)

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Mr. Grant Sparks reported that CAT has a \$13.5 million in federal and local funds to spend on bus replacements, which will be phased in.

D. Georgia Ports Authority

16. [Report](#)

No report at this time.

E. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

17. [Report](#)

Mr. George Fidler reported the status of projects at the airport.

F. Hinesville Area MPO (neighboring MPO)

18. [Report](#)

Mr. Jeff Ricketson, of Hinesville Area MPO, reported that development of their Freight Plan is underway.

G. Low-country Area Transportation Study (neighboring MPO)

19. [Report](#)

Ms. Ginnie Kozak, of Lowcountry Area Transportation Study in SC, reported that SC DOT had talked to them about coordinating with CORE MPO, given the proposed federal rule on MPO coordination.

VII. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

20. [Comments](#)

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There were no comments.

VIII. Announcements

21. [Regular meetings of the CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee \(TCC\) now begin at 2:00 p.m. All else unchanged.](#)

22. [Appointment of Mark Wilkes as Interim CORE MPO Executive Director](#)

Attachment: [Thomson MPC Staff Appointment of Interim CORE MPO Executive Director 080816 \(2\).pdf](#)

IX. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

23. [Effingham County Transportation Advisory Board July 2016 Meeting Summary](#)

Attachment: [Effingham TAB Meeting Summary.pdf](#)

X. Adjournment

24. [Adjournment](#)

There being no further business, the August 24, 2016 meeting of the CORE MPO Board was adjourned.

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