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March 9, 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	X
Stephanie Cutter	City of Savannah	
Eddie DeLoach	City of Savannah	X
Ron Feldner	City of Garden City	X
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	X
Harold Fowler	City of Richmond Hill	X
Caroline Hankins	Town of Thunderbolt	
James Hungerpillar	Town of Vernonburg	
Wendall Kessler	Effingham County Board of Commissioners	X
Curtis Koleber	Chatham Area Transit Authority	
Mike Lamb	City of Pooler	
Pete Liakakis	CAT Board Chairman	X
Tom McQueen	GDOT - Office of Planning	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	
Bob Tully	CAC>	X
Vacant	City of Savannah Alderman>	
Vacant	Chatham County Commissioner>	
<u>Regional Coordination Guest</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Ginnie Kozak	LATS MPO	X
Jeff Ricketson	Hinesville Area MPO	
<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Scott Allison	Richmond Hill	X
Beverly Davis	RS&H	X

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Denise Grabowski	Symbiocity	X
Jessica Hagan	MPO Staff	X
Jane Love	MPO Staff	X
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County	X
Stephanie Rossi	MPO Staff	X
Thomas Thomson	MPC Executive Director	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO Staff	X
Mike Weiner	City of Savannah	X
Mark Wilkes	MPO Staff	X
Maggie Yoder	GDOT	X

I. Approval of Agenda

1. [Approval of the March 9, 2016 Meeting Agenda](#)

The agenda as approved as written.

Board Action:	
Approve the agenda as written.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Harold Fowler	
Second: James Aberson	
James Aberson	- Aye
Don Bethune	- Not Present
Jason Buelterman	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Aye
Stephanie Cutter	- Not Present
Eddie Deloach	- Not Present
Mark Denmark	- Not Present
Wanda Doyle	- Not Present
Ron Feldner	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Harold Fowler	- Aye
Beth Goette	- Not Present

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Caroline Hankins	- Not Present
Nick Helmholdt	- Not Present
James Hungerpillar	- Not Present
Glenn Jones	- Not Present
Gregory Kelly	- Not Present
Wendall Kessler	- Aye
Curtis Koleber	- Not Present
Mike Lamb	- Not Present
Pete Liakakis	- Not Present
Tom McQueen	- Aye
Jannine Miller	- Not Present
Tanya Milton	- Aye
Ben Rozier	- Not Present
Diane Schleicher	- Not Present
Al Scott	- Aye
Pete Shonka	- Not Present
W. Lee Smith	- Not Present
Bob Tully	- Aye
Kewyn Williams	- Not Present

II. Committee Reports (verbal)

A. Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation

2. [Presentation](#)

Mr. James Aberson reported that the ACAT Board did not have a quorum at their March 7, 2016 meeting.

B. Citizens Advisory Committee

3. [Presentation](#)

Mr. Bob Tully reported that the CAC endorsed all of the action items.

C. Economic Development and Freight Advisory Committee

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4. [Presentation](#)

No committee at this time.

D. Technical Coordinating Committee

5. [Presentation](#)

Mr. Mark Wilkes reported all action items were endorsed. The Board had some discussion about adding some Illustrative projects to the UPWP, that would allow the MPO to pursue discretionary Highway Planning (PL) funds through the PL Review Committee with GDOT.

E. Executive Director's Report

6. [Presentation](#)

Mr. Tom Thomson announced, in case some members had not heard, that he would be retiring this year. He noted various other items in his executive report.

III. Action Items

7. [Approval of the December 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes](#)

Attachment: [CORE Board Minutes 12-9-15.pdf](#)

The minutes were approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve the minutes as written.

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Vote Results

Motion: James Aberson

Second: Tanya Milton

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James Aberson	- Aye
Don Bethune	- Not Present
Jason Buelterman	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Aye
Stephanie Cutter	- Not Present
Eddie Deloach	- Not Present
Mark Denmark	- Not Present
Wanda Doyle	- Not Present
Ron Feldner	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Harold Fowler	- Aye
Beth Goette	- Not Present
Caroline Hankins	- Not Present
Nick Helmholdt	- Not Present
James Hungerpiller	- Not Present
Glenn Jones	- Not Present
Gregory Kelly	- Not Present
Wendall Kessler	- Aye
Curtis Koleber	- Not Present
Mike Lamb	- Not Present
Pete Liakakis	- Aye
Tom McQueen	-
Jannine Miller	- Not Present
Tanya Milton	- Aye
Ben Rozier	- Not Present
Diane Schleicher	-
Al Scott	- Aye
Pete Shonka	- Not Present
W. Lee Smith	- Not Present
Bob Tully	- Aye
Kewyn Williams	- Not Present

8. [MTP Modification for Expanded Area: Approval of Addendum to the 2040 Total Mobility Plan](#)

Attachment: [MTP Expansion Final to committees.pdf](#)

Ms. Beverly Davis, with RS&H, gave a presentation about the addendum to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) which addresses the expanded planning area.

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Staff recommended that the MPO Board approve the addendum to the 2040 Total Mobility Plan.

The Chairman opened a Public Hearing. There were no comments. He closed the Public Hearing.

Board Action:

For approval of the Addendum to the 2040 Total Mobility Plan. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Bob Tully

Second: James Aberson

James Aberson	- Aye
Don Bethune	- Not Present
Jason Buelterman	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Aye
Stephanie Cutter	- Not Present
Eddie Deloach	- Aye
Mark Denmark	- Not Present
Wanda Doyle	- Not Present
Ron Feldner	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Harold Fowler	- Aye
Beth Goette	- Not Present
Caroline Hankins	- Not Present
Nick Helmholdt	- Not Present
James Hungerpillar	- Not Present
Glenn Jones	- Not Present
Gregory Kelly	- Not Present
Wendall Kessler	- Aye
Curtis Koleber	- Not Present
Mike Lamb	- Not Present
Pete Liakakis	- Aye
Tom McQueen	- Aye
Jannine Miller	- Not Present
Tanya Milton	- Aye

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Ben Rozier	- Not Present
Diane Schleicher	- Aye
Al Scott	- Aye
Pete Shonka	- Not Present
W. Lee Smith	- Not Present
Bob Tully	- Aye
Kewyn Williams	- Not Present

9. Adoption of the Updated CORE MPO Participation Plan

- Attachment: [Resolution for Participation Plan Update 2016.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [CORE MPO Participation Plan 2015 Final Draft.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [COREMPO FHWA PPP COMMENTS FY 15 and MPO Responses.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [GDOT PP Comments Follow-up with MPO Responses.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Summary of comments from Additional TCC Workshop 12-08-16.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [GDOT Public Review Period Comments MPO responses.pdf](#)

Ms. Jane Love, with the CORE MPO, presented the updated CORE MPO Participation Plan. She explained all types of changes that had been made between the first and second comment period, and also read the new paragraph in Section 5, about the committee review process as the backbone of the participation process, whether considering funding for studies or for projects. She noted that the comments from Georgia Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration, as well as CORE MPO staff's responses, had been attached to this meeting's agenda.

She said staff's recommendation is for the MPO Board to adopt the updated Participation Plan.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments. He closed the Public Hearing.

Board Action:

For adoption of the updated Participation Plan. - PASS

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Motion: Harold Fowler
 Second: James Aberson
 James Aberson - Aye
 Don Bethune - Not Present

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Jason Buelterman	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Aye
Stephanie Cutter	- Not Present
Eddie Deloach	- Aye
Mark Denmark	- Not Present
Wanda Doyle	- Not Present
Ron Feldner	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Harold Fowler	- Aye
Beth Goette	- Not Present
Caroline Hankins	- Not Present
Nick Helmholdt	- Not Present
James Hungerpiller	- Not Present
Glenn Jones	- Not Present
Gregory Kelly	- Not Present
Wendall Kessler	- Aye
Curtis Koleber	- Not Present
Mike Lamb	- Not Present
Pete Liakakis	- Aye
Tom McQueen	- Aye
Jannine Miller	- Not Present
Tanya Milton	- Aye
Ben Rozier	- Not Present
Diane Schleicher	- Aye
Al Scott	- Aye
Pete Shonka	- Not Present
W. Lee Smith	- Not Present
Bob Tully	- Aye
Kewyn Williams	- Not Present

10. [CORE MPO Title VI Updates](#)

Attachment: [Title VI Update Status Report March 2016.pdf](#)

Attachment: [environmental justice documentation updated November 2015.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CORE MPO Limited-English-Proficiency-Plan October 2015 Updates.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CORE MPO Title VI Report November 2015.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang, with the CORE MPO, stated that, as the CORE MPO’s expanded Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary has been approved by the Governor, the current Title VI

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program documents must be updated to reflect changes incurred by the finalized MPA.

Staff recommended that the MPO Board approve the CORE MPO Title VI Updates.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments. He closed the Public Hearing.

Board Action:

For review of, comment on, and final approval of the Title VI documents. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Bob Tully

Second: Tanya Milton

James Aberson	- Aye
Don Bethune	- Not Present
Jason Buelterman	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Aye
Stephanie Cutter	- Not Present
Eddie DeLoach	- Aye
Mark Denmark	- Not Present
Wanda Doyle	- Not Present
Ron Feldner	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Harold Fowler	- Aye
Beth Goette	- Not Present
Caroline Hankins	- Not Present
Nick Helmholdt	- Not Present
James Hungerpillar	- Not Present
Glenn Jones	- Not Present
Gregory Kelly	- Not Present
Wendall Kessler	- Aye
Curtis Koleber	- Not Present
Mike Lamb	- Not Present
Pete Liakakis	- Aye
Tom McQueen	- Aye
Jannine Miller	- Not Present
Tanya Milton	- Aye

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Ben Rozier	- Not Present
Diane Schleicher	- Aye
Al Scott	- Aye
Pete Shonka	- Not Present
W. Lee Smith	- Not Present
Bob Tully	- Aye
Kewyn Williams	- Not Present

11. Adoption of the CORE MPO FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Attachment: [FY 2017 UPWP Adoption Staff Report.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2017 UPWP Draft Version 2 With Illustratives.pdf](#)

Mr. Mark Wilkes, with the CORE MPO, explained that the Draft FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the proposed MPO staff work program for the coming fiscal year that runs from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Each year, the UPWP details the staff budget and work projects expected to be undertaken by the MPO in support of the federally mandated 3-C (Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive) transportation planning process.

Appendices E and F contain summaries of comments and responses that were received.

Adoption of the FY 2017 UPWP by the CORE MPO Board will continue the federally required 3-C transportation planning process, thereby ensuring continued eligibility for federal transportation funds.

He said staff recommends that the MPO Board endorse the FY 2017 UPWP to the CORE MPO Board.

Board Action:

For adoption with comments - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Bob Tully

Second: Pete Liakakis

James Aberson - Aye

Don Bethune - Not Present

Jason Buelterman - Not Present

Phillip Claxton - Aye

Stephanie Cutter - Not Present

Eddie Deloach - Aye

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Mark Denmark	- Not Present
Wanda Doyle	- Not Present
Ron Feldner	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Harold Fowler	- Aye
Beth Goette	- Not Present
Caroline Hankins	- Not Present
Nick Helmholdt	- Not Present
James Hungerpiller	- Not Present
Glenn Jones	- Not Present
Gregory Kelly	- Not Present
Wendall Kessler	- Aye
Curtis Koleber	- Not Present
Mike Lamb	- Not Present
Pete Liakakis	- Aye
Tom McQueen	- Aye
Jannine Miller	- Not Present
Tanya Milton	- Aye
Ben Rozier	- Not Present
Diane Schleicher	- Aye
Al Scott	- Aye
Pete Shonka	- Not Present
W. Lee Smith	- Not Present
Bob Tully	- Aye
Kewyn Williams	- Not Present

12. [Amendments to the 2040 Total Mobility Transportation Plan](#)

Attachment: [2040 MTP Amendment Staff Report March 2016.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang with the CORE MPO explained that in December 2015 CORE MPO received a request from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Chatham County Engineering Department to amend the 2040 MTP and the FY 2015 - 2018 TIP for three projects. This request entails the following changes:

- 1) include all of the phases of I-16 Widening from I-95 to I-516 to Cost Band One of the 2040 MTP;
- 2) include all of the phases of I-95/I-16 Interchange Reconstruction to Cost Band One of the 2040 MTP;
- 3) have I-16 Widening and I-95/I-16 Interchange Reconstruction as one design-build

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- project in project development and letting;
- 4) release M230 funds from the Ogeechee Road Widening right-of-way phase for use by the I-16 Widening preliminary engineering phase; and
 - 5) use all state funds to develop the Ogeechee Road Widening for expedited project delivery.

At the December 2015 meeting the CORE MPO Board authorized staff to conduct further analysis to test fiscal feasibility of incorporating these changes regarding the 2040 MTP and the FY 2015 - 2018 TIP.

The staff recommendation was for the MPO Board to endorse the Amendment to the 2040 Total Mobility Transportation Plan.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments. He closed the Hearing.

Board Action:

For approval of amendments to the CORE MPO's 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan to incorporate I-95/I-16 Interchange Reconstruction and I-16 Widening from I-95 to I-16 into Cost Band One. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Harold Fowler

Second: Tanya Milton

James Aberson	- Aye
Don Bethune	- Not Present
Jason Buelterman	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Aye
Stephanie Cutter	- Not Present
Eddie Deloach	- Aye
Mark Denmark	- Not Present
Wanda Doyle	- Not Present
Ron Feldner	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
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Caroline Hankins	- Not Present
Nick Helmholdt	- Not Present

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James Hungerpiller	- Not Present
Glenn Jones	- Not Present
Gregory Kelly	- Not Present
Wendall Kessler	- Aye
Curtis Koleber	- Not Present
Mike Lamb	- Not Present
Pete Liakakis	- Aye
Tom McQueen	- Aye
Jannine Miller	- Not Present
Tanya Milton	- Aye
Ben Rozier	- Not Present
Diane Schleicher	- Aye
Al Scott	- Aye
Pete Shonka	- Not Present
W. Lee Smith	- Not Present
Bob Tully	- Aye
Kewyn Williams	- Not Present

13. [Amendments to FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program](#)

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

Ms. Wang, with the CORE MPO, told the committee that this proposed amendment to the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) addresses the same projects covered in the previous item for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan amendment, as well as several additional projects: cost increases for the PE and ROW phases of the Delesseps Ave. project; adjustments in transit funding to reflect actual apportionments from the Federal Transit Administration; splitting of some sector studies into the specific studies. She provided the details on each.

She recommended that the MPO Board endorse the proposed amendments to the FY 2015-2018 TIP.

The Chairman opened a Public Hearing. There were no public comments. He closed the Hearing.

Mr. Tom McQueen, with GDOT Planning in Atlanta, asked staff to inform the Board about the new procurement guidelines.

Mr. Thomson stated that about a month ago FHWA sent the MPO new procurement guideline effective immediately. They deal with a process that we are suppose to follow to get FHWA's approval for planning studies. The new procurement guidelines would make the process 5 to 7 months to carry out before the study would start. He stated that if we used this process for the TIP amendment we would have started last year. The FHWA sent a email stating this TIP will not be valid because we didn't use the new process but the Board can decide today to approve the TIP amendment and the staff can work out over time the issue of the new process.

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Chairman Scott stated that he informed Mr. Thomson that the Board would go ahead today and approve the TIP amendment but Mr. Thomson would have to incorporate the new changes going forward.

Mr. Andy Edwards, with FHWA in Atlanta stated that the Board could adopt the TIP amendment today but the studies will have to go through the new process to proceed. He stated "that there are no planning emergencies, it takes two years to start the Airport study, so be it"

Chairman Scott stated the MPO plans to comply with the new guidelines.

Board Action:

For approval of proposed TIP amendments. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Tanya Milton

Second: Bob Tully

James Aberson	- Aye
Don Bethune	- Not Present
Jason Buelterman	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Aye
Stephanie Cutter	- Not Present
Eddie Deloach	- Aye
Mark Denmark	- Not Present
Wanda Doyle	- Not Present
Ron Feldner	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Harold Fowler	- Aye
Beth Goette	- Not Present
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Jannine Miller	- Not Present
Tanya Milton	- Aye
Ben Rozier	- Not Present
Diane Schleicher	- Aye
Al Scott	- Aye
Pete Shonka	- Not Present
W. Lee Smith	- Not Present
Bob Tully	- Aye
Kewyn Williams	- Not Present

IV. Other Business

14. [Andy Edwards with FHWA](#)

Chairman Al Scott stated he received the letter from Rodney Barry with the FHWA regarding the Georgia Port Authority not being on the MPO Board as a voting member and also other issues. He then said that staff will reach out to the Ports and amend the necessary documents to reinstate the GPA as a voting member of the CORE MPO and bring it back to the Board at the next MPO meeting.

Mr. Edwards stated that the dues payments for the MPO Board committee membership is not "pay to play". The federal planning dollars have more match than required. Mr. Edwards explained a few ways the federal planning dollars can be matched. He stated the importance of reinstating the GPA as a full voting member on the CORE MPO Board. He said that FHWA has moved the timeline for the on-site federal Certification Review of the MPO process (required every four years) to Spring 2016 (May 23-25, 2016) rather than waiting the expiration of the current certification in fall 2017.

Mr. Thomson stated that the above issues will be addressed at the April MPO meeting.

V. Status Reports

15. [Regional Traffic Management Center Symposium](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossi, with the CORE MPO, stated the Traffic Management Center Symposium was on February 11 and included 4 speakers, David Montanye with Cobb County, Chuck Bailey with Gwinnett County, John Hibbard with Georgia Department of

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Transportation and Jeff Hocmuth with CDM Smith. She noted that the symposium got some news coverage.

Part of the study is to explore the benefits and strategy to implement a TMC here. Phase I was peer tours and inventory. Phase II includes the goals, objectives, strategies and strategic plan that includes steps and funding. The study will be completed before June 2016. Regarding a question about when a Traffic Management Center might actually get built, Ms. Rossi said that is unknown. The current effort is to get the right people interested in the short-term, mid-term, and long-term recommendations for making it happen.

16. [Freight Transportation Plan Development](#)

Attachment: [Freight Transportation Plan Staff Report March 2016.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang, with the CORE MPO, stated that the draft deliverables for the Freight Transportation Plan Phase II have been completed and are available for review on the CORE MPO's website. CORE MPO staff is inviting the MPO Board and advisory committee members to review the reports and provide input. Staff expects to finalize all of the reports and have them adopted by the CORE MPO Board in April 2016.

17. [Update on Parking Matters: A Strategic Plan for Parking & Mobility in Savannah](#)

Attachment: [Parking Matters - recommendations summary for committees \(2\).pdf](#)

Ms. Denise Grabowski, with Symbiocity, said the study, as a combined effort of the MPO/MPC and the City of Savannah, has focused on parking as an important public resource and service but views it as part of a larger transportation and mobility system for central Savannah. Managing parking goes hand in hand with providing a range of travel options to, from and within the city center. She reviewed the strategies outlined in the study.

18. [Update on Victory Drive Phase III](#)

Ms. Grabowski stated that Phase I (an overview of entire corridor) is complete and the Phase II recommendations (focused on the segment from Ogeechee Road to MLK, Jr. Boulevard) were presented to the MPO in December. More information on those phases is available on the web page.

Phase III is going to look at the segment of Victory Drive from Bee Road to Shuptrine Avenue (just east of Skidaway Road). She reviewed the tasks proposed in Phase III.

She noted which other segments of Victory Drive could become the focus of Phase IV.

VI. Information Reports (verbal)

A. Georgia Department of Transportation

19. [Presentation](#)

Ms. Maggie Yoder reviewed status of projects on the GDOT handout.

B. Member Governments

20. [Presentation](#)

City of Savannah: Mr. Mike Weiner, reviewed the statuses of City projects from the City handout.

City of Richmond Hill: Mr. Scott Allison, gave the status on a few projects in Richmond Hill.

City of Garden City: Mr. Ron Feldner, gave the status on a few projects in Garden City.

City of Tybee Island: Ms. Diane Schleicher said that Tybee greatly appreciates the flashing pedestrian beacons and the restriping on the bridge approach.

C. Chatham Area Transit Authority

21. [Presentation](#)

Mr. Nick Helmholdt, with Chatham Area Transit, stated that CAT has submitted a few grant applications to State Roads and State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA).

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22. [Presentation](#)

No report at this time.

E. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

23. [Presentation](#)

Mr. George Fidler gave the status on some projects going on at the airport and I-95 and Airways Avenue.

F. Hinesville Area MPO (neighboring MPO)

24. [Presentation](#)

No report at this time.

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

25. [Presentation](#)

Ms. Ginnie Kozak stated their LRTP has been adopted and the UPWP is good for two years. She noted that all of LATS funding is going to the widening of US 17 between the Georgia boarder and South Carolina 315, which construction should start in 2018. SCDOT will do a minor resurfacing of that road for now. On transit, LATS staff will reach out to CAT for some coordination as part of Palmetto Breeze's strategic planning initiative.

VII. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VIII. Announcements

26. [Next CORE MPO Board Meeting: April 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.](#)

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IX. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

27. [Letter from FHWA GA Division to CORE MPO re procurement review findings](#)

Attachment: [FHWA CORE December 11 2015 \(4\).pdf](#)

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