



CORE MPO Board

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

December 13, 2017 Meeting of the CORE MPO Board

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
James Aberson	Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation	X
Phillip Claxton	City of Port Wentworth	
Wesley Corbitt	Effingham County Commission	
Eddie DeLoach	City of Savannah	
Ron Feldner	City of Garden City	X
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	X
Harold Fowler	City of Richmond Hill	
Howard French	Chatham Area Transit Board of Directors	X
Shawn Gillen	City of Tybee Island	X
Caroline Hankins	Town of Thunderbolt	
James Hungerpiller	Town of Vernonberg	
Curtis Koleber	Chatham Area Transit Authority	
Mike Lamb	City of Pooler	
Tom McQueen	Georgia Department of Transportation	X
James Overton	Metropolitan Planning Commission	X
Ben Rozier	City of Bloomingdale	
Al Scott	Chatham County Commission	X
Pete Shonka	City of Savannah	X
Lee Smith	Chatham County	X
Bob Tully	Citizens Advisory Committee	X
Vacant	Economic Development & Freight Advisory Committee	
Vacant	Chatham County	
Vacant	Savannah	
<u>Regional Coordination Guests</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Ginnie Kozak	LATS MPO	X
Jeff Ricketson	HAMPO	
<u>Others</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Joseph Capello	City of Savannah Traffic Engineering	X
Byron Cowart	GDOT - District Five	X
Leon Davenport	Chatham County Engineering	X
Andy Edwards	Federal Highway Administration, GA Division	X
Jane Love	CORE MPO	X
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO	X
Grant Sparks	Chatham Area Transit Authority	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
Mike Weiner	City of Savannah Traffic Engineering	X
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO	X

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Committee Reports (verbal)

III. Action Items

1. Approval of the Oct. 25, 2017 CORE MPO Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the October 25, 2017 meeting of the CORE MPO Board were approved as written.

2. Safety Targets

Ms. Stephanie Rossi gave a presentation about the proposed Safety Targets, required by MAP-21 and the FAST Act. Targets are to be selected for five measures specified by the US DOT: Number of Fatalities; Rate of Fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT); Number of Serious Injuries; Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT; Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries. She said the MPO may either adopt its own targets or support the targets that have been adopted by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). The state's targets are to be under the trend lines for each measure, based on rolling five-year averages. Targets are adopted each year, and thus the MPO will have opportunities in the future to reconsider its targets, whether supporting the state targets or adopting its own. MPO staff recommended that the CORE MPO Board support the GDOT targets at this time. Ms. Rossi reviewed the considerations behind the recommendation. The deadline for the MPO's target selection is February 27, 2018. She added that, in the near future, the MPO will consider how to incorporate their chosen targets into the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). There were no questions or comments. A motion was made and seconded to support the GDOT Safety Targets via the CORE MPO Board resolution. The motion passed with none opposed.

IV. Other Business

V. Status Reports

VI. Information Reports (verbal)

3. Reports

GDOT -- Mr. Byron Cowart reviewed the status of projects on the state's list. Mr. Tom McQueen noted that the dates on the sheet will be updated once the Governor signs the latest Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Chatham County -- Mr. Leon Davenport report that Benton Blvd. project is ready for ROW acquisition. The Quacco Rd. project is going into acquisitions. On the Skidaway Rd. project, they are going ahead with drainage improvements on the segments where they have permits already.

Effingham County -- No report at this time.

City of Savannah -- Mr. Mike Weiner said that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared for Project DeRenne. On the LaRoche Ave. project, the ROW phase will begin once the Notice to Proceed is received. On the Gwinnett St. project, the ROW plans are being finalized. The signal at Highlands Blvd. and Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy. began operation in October.

City of Richmond Hill -- No report at this time.

City of Pooler -- No report at this time.

City of Garden City -- Mr. Ron Feldner reported that Chatham Pkwy. should be ready for normal traffic operations by the end of January, 2018.

City of Port Wentworth -- No report at this time.

City of Tybee Island -- Mr. Shawn Gillen said he had nothing to report.

City of Bloomingdale -- No report at this time.

Town of Thunderbolt -- No report at this time.

Town of Vernonburg -- No report at this time.

Chatham Area Transit -- Mr. Grant Sparks said he had no updates at this time.

Georgia Ports Authority -- No report at this time.

Savannah Airport Commission -- Mr. George Fidler reported that they'd awarded a contract for the international arrivals facility. It is estimated to open in January of 2019.

Hinesville Area MPO (neighboring MPO) -- No report at this time.

Lowcountry Area Transportation Study (neighboring MPO) -- Ms. Ginnie Kozak reported that construction on US 17 should be underway at this time next year.

Federal Highway Administration, GA Division -- Mr. Andy Edwards said he had nothing to report.

VII. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VIII. Announcements

[4. Next CORE MPO Board meeting: Feb. 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in MPC Hearing Room](#)

IX. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

[5. FY 2018 PL Budget Adjustment Request](#)

X. Adjournment

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