



CORE MPO Board

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

Feb. 28, 2018 Meeting of the CORE MPO Board

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
James Aberson	Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation	
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
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	X
Mike Lamb	City of Pooler	
Scott Allison	City of Richmond Hill	X
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	
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
Nils Gustavson	HAMPO	X
<u>Others</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Pam Bernard	Chatham County Engineering	X
Byron Cowart	GDOT - District Five	X
Heath Lloyd	City of Savannah Infrastructure and Development	X
Jane Love	CORE MPO	X
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County Engineering	X
Troy Pittman	GDOT -- District Five	X
Aidan Quirke	Chatham Area Transit Authority	X
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO	X
Grant Sparks	Chatham Area Transit Authority	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
Melony West	MPC	X
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO	X

I. Approval of Agenda

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The agenda was approved as written.

II. Committee Reports (verbal)

2. Reports

ACAT -- No report

CAC -- Mr. Bob Tully reported that the CAC had endorsed the amendments to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program and the FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program. The committee has two new members: Dr. Priscilla Thomas, representing Garden City and Pauline Shaw representing Effingham County.

TCC -- Ms. Pam Bernard said the TCC endorsed the action items before the Board today and also the CORE MPO Socio-economic Data for the travel demand model in the 2045 long range plan update. Members had been informed that any studies seeking discretionary planning funds should be brought forth soon.

Executive Director's report -- Mr. Mark Wilkes gave a briefing on the items on the day's agenda.

III. Action Items

3. Approval of the Dec. 13, 2017 CORE MPO Board Meeting Minutes

📎 [december-13-2017-meeting-of-the-core-mpo-board-minutes.pdf](#)

The minutes of the Dec. 13, 2017 CORE MPO Board meeting were approved as written.

4. Adoption of Amendments to FY 2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program

📎 [FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment Staff Report February 2018.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang gave a brief description of the nature of the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She reported that the Georgia Department of Transportation had requested two amendments to the FY 2018-2021 TIP: 1) shifting funds from the I-16 @ I-95 Interchange project to the I-16 Widening project and slightly increasing the cost estimate; and 2) Adding the SR 144 Widening back into the TIP for FY 2018 (utilities and construction). The two I-16 projects will both remain in the TIP and will be let together. The amendment would simplify GDOT's accounting on those two projects. For the SR 144 project, funds are available and the project will be ready.

Staff recommended CORE MPO Board approval of the amendments to the FY 2018-2021 TIP.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Al Scott opened the public hearing on the TIP Amendments. There were no comments. He closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendments to the TIP. The motion passed with none opposed.

5. Adoption of FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program

📎 [FY 2019 UPWP Adoption Staff Report.pdf](#)

📎 [Draft 2019 UPWP Re-Formatted-Wykoda.pdf](#)

Ms. Wang shared a presentation on the draft FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). She reviewed the program elements, the funding sources, and the budget which totals \$591,608 (matched). These funds can be used only for planning, not for projects. Any proposals to be submitted in September for discretionary planning funds through the Georgia Association of MPOs will need to be included in this FY 2019 work program.

Mr. Tom McQueen asked if the appropriate type of planning funds was clearly listed for the two interchange studies that had received discretionary planning funds. Ms. Wang replied affirmative and explained that the discretionary funds are on the studies in the current FY 2018 UPWP and that regular planning funds are shown in the FY 2019 UPWP for MPO staff oversight of the studies.

Staff recommended CORE MPO Board approval of the FY 2019 UPWP. A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY 2019 UPWP. The motion passed with none opposed.

IV. Other Business

6. Member Requested Study: PI0015849-PLN Savannah MPO Interchange Traffic Study I-95 Airways 2018

☞ [RFP for I-95 Airways Int Revision4 2-1-2018.pdf](#)

Mr. Mark Wilkes summarized the procurement process and schedule for both the I-95 at Airways Avenue Interchange Study and the I-16 at Jimmy DeLoach Parkway Interchange Study. The CORE MPO Board had approved submission of the studies for discretionary planning funds a year ago, and these were considered and selected by the Georgia Association of MPOs in September. Mr. Wilkes shared the list of members on the Study Committees for each and reviewed the consultant procurement timeline. Interviews are scheduled for March 1, MPC approval for March 13, with a goal of having the consultant contract and notice to proceed ready by March 23.

[7. Member Requested Study: PI0015850-PLN Savannah MPO Interchange Traffic Study I-16 Little Neck 2018](#)

☞ [RFP for I-16 JDL Int Revision 4 1-30-2018.pdf](#)

Mr. Wilkes covered the status of the I-16 at Jimmy DeLoach Parkway Interchange Study along with that of the I-95 at Airways Avenue Interchange Study in the previous agenda item.

V. Status Reports

[8. Draft Goals for 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan](#)

Ms. Jane Love reported that staff has drafted some goals for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and is seeking input and feedback from all of the committees. The goals and objectives will drive project prioritization and evaluation. After goals are finalized, specific and measurable objectives will be identified for each of the goals. The goals are based on the required planning factors and on national goals. She reviewed the five draft goals proposed, highlighting new planning factors that are addressed by these. The goals align with the previous project prioritization process. Ms. Love said CORE MPO Board members are welcome to comment now or in the coming weeks. There were no questions or comments from the Board. This report was provided for information and input. No action was requested or taken.

VI. Information Reports (verbal)

[9. Reports](#)

GDOT -- Mr. Byron Cowart gave an update on selected items on the status sheet provided.

Chatham County -- Ms. Pam Bernard reviewed projects on the County's project status sheet. She noted that Quacco Rd. project will be split into two projects: the intersection project at US 17 and the widening of Quacco Road from there to I-95. This is so one can start earlier, as soon as it is ready.

Effingham County -- No report.

Savannah -- No report.

Richmond Hill -- Mr. Scott Allison said that Richmond Hill has a new mayor, Russ Carpenter. His job will prevent him from attending the MPO Board meetings, and therefore he has designated City Manager Chris Lovell as the representative on the MPO Board.

Pooler -- No report

Garden City -- Mr. Ron Feldner reported that the Chatham Parkway improvement is finished.

Tybee Island -- Mr. Shawn Gillen said that the City is awaiting an update from GDOT on the schedule for the US 80 Bridges and Road Project.

Bloomington -- No report

Thunderbolt -- No report

Vernonburg -- No report

Chatham Area Transit -- Mr. Grant Sparks reported that the CAT Board is hiring a consultant to work with the community on the route revisions, as guided by results from the recent Origin & Destination Study.

Savannah Airport Commission -- Mr. George Fidler said that construction has started on improvements for international arrivals and business jets. Also additional gates are planned for the regular terminal.

Hinesville Area MPO (neighboring MPO) -- Mr. Nils Gustavson stated that the MPO is working on the same products for its Liberty County area as CORE MPO is developing for this area.

Lowcountry Area Transportation Study (neighboring MPO) -- Ms. Ginnie Kozak reported that the US 17 widening is to start later this year, not in spring as SC DOT previously estimated. GDOT and SC DOT have negotiated on the cost sharing for the second bridge over the Back River, to add two lanes to the crossing in conjunction with the additional lanes provided in the widening on the SC side. The Palmetto Breeze transit system will have a consultant providing transit planning assistance soon. The MPO is also making progress on adapting to the Performance Based Planning and Programming requirements, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration. Safety is a big focus, as unfortunately SC is #1 in highway deaths.

VII. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VIII. Announcements

[10. Next CORE MPO Board meeting: April 25, 10:00 a.m., in MPC Hearing Room](#)

IX. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

[11. 2045 MTP Model Development: Socioeconomic Data for Base Year and Future Year](#)

📎 [CORE MPO SE Data to TCC_02-26-18.pdf](#)

Chairman Al Scott noted that the report on the 2045 MTP Socioeconomic Data was available as an attachment on the agenda.

X. Adjournment

12. Adjournment

There being no other business, the Feb. 28, 2018 meeting of the CORE MPO Board was adjourned.

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