



TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MPC Surrency Conference Room – 3:00 p.m.
 112 East State Street, Savannah
 Minutes

April 21, 2016 Regular Meeting of the CORE MPO TCC

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Charles Akridge	City of Bloomingdale	
Toss Allen	Effingham County	X
Scott Allison	City of Richmond Hill	X
John Bennett	Savannah Bicycle Campaign	
Robbie Byrd	City of Pooler	
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	
Caroline Hankins	Town of Thunderbolt	
Brian Harvey	City of Port Wentworth	
Nick Helmholdt	Chatham Area Transit	X
Aries Little	GDOT - Planning	X
Don Masisack	Coastal Regional Commission	
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County Engineering	X
Representative, staff	City of Garden City	
Representative, staff	Town of Vernonberg	
George Shaw	City of Tybee	X
Thomas L. Thomson, P.E., AICP	Executive Director MPC, Chair	X
Mike Weiner, P.E.	City of Savannah Traffic Engineering	X
Randy Weitman	Georgia Ports Authority	
Mark Wilkes, P.E., AICP	CORE MPO	X
Maggie Yoder	GDOT - District 5	
<u>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Pam Bernard	Chatham County Engineering	
Troy Pittman	GDOT - District 5	X
<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Tamara Christion (telephone)	FHWA - Atlanta	
Beverly Davis	RS&H	
Jessica Hagan	MPO	X
Krystal Harris	GDOT	X
Jane Love	MPO	X
Tom McQueen	MPO	X
Stephanie Rossi	MPO	X

Wykoda Wang

MPO

X

I. Approval of Agenda

1. [Approval of the April 21, 2016 Meeting Agenda](#)

The agenda was approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve the agenda as written. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nathaniel Panther

Second: Aries Little

Toss Allen - Aye

Scott Allison - Aye

Nick Helmholdt - Aye

Aries Little - Aye

Nathaniel Panther - Aye

Troy Pittman - Aye

George Shaw - Aye

Tom Thomson - Aye

Michael Weiner - Aye

Mark Wilkes - Aye

II. Action Items

2. [Approval of the March 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes](#)

Attachment: [TCC Minutes 03-2-16.pdf](#)

The minutes were approved as amended per Aries Little with GDOT.

Board Action:

Approve the minutes as amended per Aries Little comments. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Allison

Second: George Shaw

Toss Allen - Abstain

Scott Allison - Aye

Nick Helmholdt - Aye

Aries Little - Aye

Nathaniel Panther	- Aye
Troy Pittman	- Aye
George Shaw	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

3. Reinstatement of GPA as CORE MPO Board Voting Member

Attachment: [GPA reinstatement staff report.pdf](#)

Attachment: [MOU Amendments 042316.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Bylaws Amendments 042316.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang, with CORE MPO, reminded the committee that the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) had suggested being an advisory member of the CORE MPO Board last year during reapportionment, because they did not want to participate in the dues structure. Since then, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) insisted that Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) be reinstated as a voting member of the CORE MPO Board. The MPO Chairman and staff are coordinating with GPA to achieve this goal. The MOU and Bylaws need to be revised to note this change.

Staff recommended endorsement of re-instating the Georgia Ports Authority as a voting member of the CORE MPO Board.

Board Action:

For endorsement of re-instating the Georgia Ports Authority as a voting member of the CORE MPO Board. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Aries Little

Second: Mark Wilkes

Michael Weiner	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye
Toss Allen	- Aye
Scott Allison	- Aye
Nick Helmholdt	- Aye
Aries Little	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Aye
Troy Pittman	- Aye
George Shaw	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye

4. CORE MPO's Freight Transportation Plan

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

Ms. Wang reviewed the technical memoranda. She stated that staff expects to have the Freight Transportation Plan adopted by the CORE MPO Board in April 2016.

Staff recommended endorsement and adoption of the CORE MPO's Freight Transportation Plan.

Board Action:

For endorsement of the CORE MPO's Freight Transportation Plan per GDOT's comments. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Aries Little

Second: Nathaniel Panther

Toss Allen	- Aye
Scott Allison	- Aye
Aries Little	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Aye
Troy Pittman	- Aye
George Shaw	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye
Nick Helmholdt	- Aye

5. [Amendments to FY 2017 UPWP](#)

Attachment: [FY 2017 UPWP Illustratives funded.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2017 CORE MPO UPWP Complete.pdf](#)

Mr. Mark Wilkes, with CORE MPO, reviewed the three (previously) "illustrative" projects (Congestion Management Process, Socio-economic Data, and Transportation Demand Management) in detail step by step per the new FHWA procurement guidelines. This amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program would reflect the fact that these projects are receiving the discretionary Highway Planning (PL) funds, and thus are no longer illustrative, as funding is now certain.

Mr. Nick Helmholdt asked if the CMP would consider non-auto modes as well. The answer was yes.

The question was raised whether this discretionary federal funding, which had come from a statewide pool, must be restricted to the CORE MPO metropolitan planning area, or if these three efforts could look at a larger area to include more of Bryan and Effingham counties. Mr. Wilkes said staff would need to check with GDOT.

Mr. Nathaniel Panther, with Chatham County Engineering asked how much M230 money is

freed up by the award of discretionary PL funds. MPO staff will send the M230 balance to all committee members.

Staff recommended that the TCC endorse the amendment to the FY 2017 UPWP to the CORE MPO Board.

Board Action:

For thorough discussion and comment on newly added projects and endorsement of the amended FY 2017 UPWP to the CORE MPO Board. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Tom Thomson

Second: Mark Wilkes

Toss Allen - Aye

Scott Allison - Aye

Nick Helmholdt - Aye

Aries Little - Nay

Nathaniel Panther - Nay

Troy Pittman - Aye

George Shaw - Aye

Tom Thomson - Aye

Michael Weiner - Aye

Mark Wilkes - Aye

III. Other Business

IV. Status Reports

6. [Road Diet Feasibility Study Scoping](#)

Attachment: [Documentation_Study Need.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Road Diet Study Scope and Budget General Revised 03-30-2016.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Preliminary Study Location Suggestions.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Road Diet Candidate Locations.pdf](#)

Ms. Jane Love, with CORE MPO, noted that this is the third time that the TCC has been invited to discuss the scoping of the Road Diet Feasibility Study. For those who had missed the scoping meeting in March, she quickly reviewed the presentation. Comments on the need and scope could be noted on the sheets provided on the table.

7. [Montgomery Street Two-Way Traffic Study](#)

Mr. Wilkes gave a brief update on the Montgomery Street Two-Way Traffic Study. The consultant's report is under review.

V. Information Reports (verbal)

A. Federal Highway Administration

8. [Presentation](#)

Tamara Christion, with FHWA stated they will be conducting the Federal Certification Review May 23-27, 2016. On Thursday they will schedule times for all of the Board members to have a chance to talk with them. She also recommended that the MPO obtain a better way for conducting conference calling, as she has lost the connection a couple of times during today's meeting and in the past.

B. Federal Transit Administration

9. [Presentation](#)

No report at this time.

C. Georgia Department of Transportation

10. [Presentation](#)

Mr. Troy Pittman reviewed status of projects on the GDOT handout.

D. Member Governments

11. [Presentation](#)

City of Tybee Island: Mr. George Shaw, stated that the City had a Sea Level Rise Study done and they will share that with GDOT to encourage the elevating of Highway 80. Mr. Pittman, of GDOT, responded that at the recent meeting on the US 80 project's Practical Alternatives Report (PAR), an elevation increase of 1.5 feet was discussed.

City of Richmond Hill: Mr. Scott Allison, gave the status on a few projects in Richmond Hill. The planned road widenings are outside of the city.

E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia

12. [Presentation](#)

No report at this time.

F. Chatham Area Transit Authority

13. [Presentation](#)

Mr. Nick Helmholdt stated that Chatham Area Transit was awarded Passenger Ferry discretionary grant and they will use that money to do some maintenance on three of their ferries. They are currently working on another grant for buses.

G. Georgia Ports Authority

14. [Presentation](#)

No report at this time.

H. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

15. [Presentation](#)

No report at this time.

I. Savannah Bicycle Campaign

16. [Presentation](#)

Although Savannah Bicycle Campaign's representative was not present, Mr. Nick Helmholdt informed the group that the results of a random telephone survey on the topic of Complete Streets, conducted in several regions of Georgia, were available. Savannah was among the cities included in the survey.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

17. [Public Meeting for CORE MPO Federal Certification Review: May 23, 2016 at MPC, 112 E. State Street. Time of day TBD.](#)

Attachment: [CORE MPC TMA Certification Questions - Answered 4-15-15.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FTA TMA Cert Questions - Answered 4-15-15.pdf](#)

18. [Next CORE MPO TCC Meeting: June 16, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.](#)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

19. [TIP Administrative Modification: Addendum for Fort Pulaski Bridge Replacement](#)

Attachment: [March2016 Administrative Modification.pdf](#)

IX. Adjournment