

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

March 2, 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	
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	
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	X
Troy Pittman	GDOT - District 5	X
<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Tamara Christion (telephone)	FHWA - Atlanta	X
Beverly Davis	RS&H	X
Jessica Hagan	MPO	X
Krystal Harris	GDOT	X
Jane Love	MPO	X
Stephanie Rossi	MPO	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO	X

I. Approval of Agenda

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

The agenda was approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve the agenda as written. -

Vote Results

Motion:

Second:

II. Action Items

2. [Approval of the December 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes](#)

Attachment: [TCC Minutes 12-3-15.pdf](#)

The minutes were approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve the minutes as written. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Troy Pittman

Second: Pamela Bernard

Scott Allison - Aye

Pamela Bernard - Aye

Nick Helmholdt - Aye

Aries Little - Aye

Troy Pittman - Aye

George Shaw - Aye

Tom Thomson - Aye

Michael Weiner - Aye

Mark Wilkes - Aye

3. [MTP Modification for Expanded Area: Endorsement 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.

Staff recommended that the TCC endorse the addendum to the 2040 Total Mobility Plan.

Board Action:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Pamela Bernard

Second: George Shaw

Scott Allison - Aye

Pamela Bernard - Aye

Nick Helmholdt - Aye

Aries Little - Aye

Troy Pittman - Aye

George Shaw - Aye

Tom Thomson - Aye

Michael Weiner - Aye

Mark Wilkes - Aye

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

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

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

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

Attachment: [CORE MPO Limited-English-Proficiency-Plan.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 program documents must be updated to reflect changes incurred by the finalized MPA.

Staff recommended that the TCC endorse the CORE MPO Title VI Updates.

Board Action:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Nick Helmholdt

Second: Scott Allison

Scott Allison - Aye

Pamela Bernard - Aye

Nick Helmholdt - Aye

Aries Little - Aye

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

5. [Endorsement 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 since the last presentation. She noted that the comments from Georgia Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration, as well as CORE MPO staff's responses on all comments, had been attached to this meeting's agenda.

Staff recommended that the TCC endorse the updated Participation Plan.

Ms. Aries Little, of GDOT Planning, said that she felt that some of their comments had not been addressed, but that they could discuss at the upcoming certification review.

Board Action:

For endorsement of the updated Participation Plan. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Allison

Second: Nick Helmholdt

Scott Allison	- Aye
Pamela Bernard	- Aye
Nick Helmholdt	- Aye
Aries Little	- Aye
Troy Pittman	- Aye
George Shaw	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

6. [Endorsement of the 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. Mr. Wilkes reviewed all completed, continuing and ongoing projects.

Appendices E and F contain summaries of comments as well as the responses to all comments.

Ms. Pam Bernard asked for more information about the Victory Drive Corridor Study. Mr. Thomson gave an overview, concluding that the Phase IV focus area is about to be selected based on feedback from the recent meetings.

Mr. Wilkes drew the TCC's attention to the section of "illustrative projects." These four projects are being submitted to the statewide competitive selection process for the discretionary Highway Planning funds, consisting of unused planning funds from all over the state, except Atlanta. At the present time, GDOT has about \$5.1 million in unspent planning funds on the books. Staff will not know of the funding decision until the end of March, which is after the MPO Board will be considering adoption of the FY 2017 UPWP. Mr. Mike Weiner asked where local match comes from. Mr. Wilkes said that it used to come from City of Savannah and Chatham County, but the new MOU spells out the local match funding formula, following an approach that was recommended by Federal Highway Administration. It is based on population. Ms. Bernard asked if some of the illustrative projects were also shown in the Sector 12 study. Mr. Wilkes confirmed and explained some of these are required documents and so are not left at risk in the discretionary funding section only. If the MPO is awarded the discretionary funding on these, it would allow other surface transportation funds currently on some of these projects to be released to use on something else. There was some discussion about the timing for establishing performance targets involved in "performance based planning."

Adoption of the FY 2017 UPWP by the CORE MPO Board at the March 9, 2016 meeting will continue the federally required 3-C transportation planning process, thereby ensuring continued eligibility for federal transportation funds.

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

Tamara Christion with FHWA stated that FHWA didn't have a chance to look at the second draft and check that previous comments had been addressed, but she would let Mr. Wilkes know once she checked.

Ms. Aries Little, with GDOT, explained the reason she opposed the motion is because some comments are pending, and the illustrative list was just received yesterday. Mr. Thomson said the agencies need to determine how many iterations of comments are feasible on all these documents.

Board Action:

For endorsement.

Ms. Aries Little with GDOT opposed the motion because some comments that GDOT sent to the MPO the day before the meeting have not been addressed yet. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Michael Weiner

Second: George Shaw

Scott Allison	- Aye
Pamela Bernard	- Aye
Nick Helmholdt	- Aye
Aries Little	- Nay
Troy Pittman	- Aye
George Shaw	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

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

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

Ms. 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 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.

Staff recommended that the TCC endorse the Amendment to the 2040 Total Mobility Transportation Plan.

Board Action:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Aries Little
Second: Michael Weiner
Scott Allison - Aye
Pamela Bernard - Aye
Nick Helmholdt - Aye
Aries Little - Aye
Troy Pittman - Aye
George Shaw - Aye
Tom Thomson - Aye
Michael Weiner - Aye
Mark Wilkes - Aye

8. [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.

Ms. Wang noted that the only question from CAC members was whether I-16/I-516 interchange was part of the I-16 widening project.

Staff recommended that the TCC endorse the proposed amendments to the FY 2015-2018 TIP.

Ms. Pam Bernard, of Chatham County Engineering, said that they request that sector study funds be moved onto construction of the Truman Linear Park Trail. Details on change in costs and reasons were not provided.

GDOT and FHWA want a scope page after each TIP page.

Board Action:

For endorsement of proposed TIP amendments. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Michael Weiner
Second: George Shaw
Scott Allison - Aye

Pamela Bernard	- Aye
Nick Helmholdt	- Aye
Aries Little	- Aye
Troy Pittman	- Aye
George Shaw	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

III. Other Business

IV. Status Reports

9. 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 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.

10. 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.

11. Update on Parking Matters: A Strategic Plan for Parking & Mobility in Savannah

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

Mr. Tom Thomson, with the CORE MPO, said the study, as a combined effort of the MPO/MPC and the City of Savannah, has focused not only on parking but also the way it relates to 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. He reviewed the strategies outlined in the study, and announced the times and locations for two identical open houses scheduled for March 3 and March 4.

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

Mr. Thomson 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 earlier. 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). He reviewed the tasks proposed in Phase III.

V. Information Reports (verbal)

A. Federal Highway Administration

13. [Presentation](#)

Ms. Tamara Christion, of FHWA in Atlanta stated that the Certification Review is scheduled for May 23-25 and will send a schedule once its finalized.

B. Federal Transit Administration

14. [Presentation](#)

No report at this time.

C. Georgia Department of Transportation

15. [Presentation](#)

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

D. Member Governments

16. [Presentation](#)

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

City of Savannah: Mr. Mike Weiner, reviewed the status of City projects off of the City handout.

City of Tybee Island: Mr. George Shaw, stated that the pedestrian crosswalks are done and the approach on the Tybee side of the bridge has been restriped. A turn lane is to be part of a maintenance quick response project.

E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia

17. [Presentation](#)

No report at this time.

F. Chatham Area Transit Authority

18. [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).

G. Georgia Ports Authority

19. [Presentation](#)

No report at this time.

H. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

20. [Presentation](#)

No report at this time.

I. Savannah Bicycle Campaign

21. [Presentation](#)

No report at this time.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

22. [Next CORE MPO TCC Meeting: April 21, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.](#)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

IX. Adjournment