

MPC Surrency Conference Room -- 2:00 p.m.
 112 East State Street, Savannah
 Minutes

Feb. 16, 2017 Regular Meeting of the CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee (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	
Byron Cowart	GDOT - District 5	X
William Eastin	GDOT - Planning	X
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	
Caroline Hankins	Town of Thunderbolt	
Jackie Jackson	City of Garden City	X
Trent Long	City of Port Wentworth	
Don Masisack	Coastal Regional Commission	
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County Engineering	X
Representative, staff	Town of Vernonberg	
George Shaw	City of Tybee	
Grant Sparks	Chatham Area Transit	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
Mike Weiner	City of Savannah Traffic Engineering	
Randy Weitman	Georgia Ports Authority	
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO	X
<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Pamela Bernard	Chatham County Engineering	X
Vivian Canizares	GDOT - Planning	X
Jane Love	CORE MPO	X
Troy Pittman	GDOT - District Five	X
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO	X

I. Approval of Agenda

1. [Approval of agenda](#)

The agenda was approved as written.

II. Action Items

2. [Approval of the Feb. 2, 2017 TCC Meeting Minutes](#)

Attachment: [TCC minutes 2-2-17.pdf](#)

The minutes of the Feb. 2, 2017 TCC meeting were approved as written.

3. [Amendment to FY 2015 - 2018 Transportation Improvement Program](#)

Attachment: [FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendment Staff Report February 2017.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang explained that the requested amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was to add the \$2.3 million (matched) of FTA Bus and Bus Facility Discretionary grant, so that CAT can access the award and use for purchase of 26 paratransit vehicles.

Staff recommended TCC endorsement of the TIP amendment.

A motion was made and seconded to endorse the FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

4. [Adoption of FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program](#)

Attachment: [FY 2018 UPWP Adoption Staff Report.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Draft 2018 UPWP February 2017.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang reviewed the MPO's planning activities and budget included in the Draft FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Staff recommended TCC endorsement of the FY 2018 UPWP.

There was some discussion. Regarding the Web TIP, staff agreed to share the log-in information with the TCC members, to allow them to see how it would work ahead of launch.

Regarding potential use of planning funds, Chatham County would like to pursue use of planning funds to carry out the scoping and Interchange Modification Report (IMR) for I-16 at Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy. interchange. Mr. Will Eastin, of GDOT Planning, noted that for planning funds, the MPO must be the contracting entity, but County could be the local sponsor. Mr. Mark Wilkes, of CORE MPO, said they'd have to check on the FHWA Georgia Division guideline stating that MPOs cannot conduct IMRs. Also there would be several CORE MPO committee review iterations of the need and scope of any proposed

planning studies. If pursuing the Discretionary Planning funds, the September call for proposals from MPOs in Georgia would probably be the earliest, feasible opportunity.

A motion was made and seconded to endorse the FY 2018 UPWP and direct MPO staff to investigate the use of planning funds for the scoping and IMR on I-16 at Jimmy DeLoach interchange, for which Chatham County would provide matching funds. The motion passed.

5. Call for Projects for CORE MPO's Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funds

Attachment: [Z230 Funds Call for Projects staff report version 2.pdf](#)

Ms. Wang reviewed the process conducted so far on the Call for Projects for CORE MPO's funding under the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program (a.k.a. Z230 funds). Eight of the nine submitted proposals were eligible, and had been scored by TCC members. She shared the compilation of scores. All could be funded, but not all would be programmed in FY 2018. The programming would be finalized during development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) later this spring.

The ranking of the proposed STBG projects was:

1. I-16 @ SR 307 (Dean Forest Rd.) interchange -- preliminary engineering
2. I-516 @ CS 1503 DeRenne Ave. (Project DeRenne Blvd. Option) -- preliminary engineering, ROW, utilities, mitigation
3. Islands Expway. Bridge Replacement -- utilities
4. Jimmy DeLoach Pwky. @ US 80 interchange -- utilities
5. Delesseps Ave./LaRoche Ave. Improvements -- utilities
6. Bus Reliability -- vehicle purchase
7. Electric bus conversion -- purchase of vehicles and charger
8. Upgrade of CAT's Maintenance Equipment

It was noted that the process and criteria could be adjusted, if necessary, for the next call for projects, based on lessons learned.

The motion was made and seconded that this prioritization of STBG proposals is the TCC recommendation to the CORE MPO Board for use in the development of the next TIP. The motion passed.

6. Transportation Alternatives Project Selection

Attachment: [TA Selection Process staff report February.pdf](#)

Ms. Jane Love, CORE MPO staff, reviewed the progress of the Call for Projects for CORE MPO's Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds. Three proposals had been scored by the TCC. All of them could be awarded the requested funds, but not all could be programmed in FY 2018 in the next TIP. She shared the compilation of TCC members' project scores. The prioritization results were:

1. Truman Linear Park Trail, Phase 2A -- lighting, call boxes, cameras
2. CAT Bike Share Expansion, Phase 2 -- five additional stations and 45 bikes (beyond the five stations with bikes awarded in 2014).

3. McQueen's Island Trail Restoration and Mitigation -- trails surface and bridge repair, trailhead improvements, environmental mitigation.

A motion was made and seconded that the TCC recommends this prioritization to the CORE MPO Board for use in development of the next TIP, with support for split phasing if necessary for the TIP's financial balance by fiscal year. The motion passed.

III. Other Business

IV. Status Reports

7. Congestion Management Process Update

Ms. Stephanie Rossi reviewed the CORE MPO staff's work to date on the Congestion Management Process (CMP). Many sources of data had have been investigated, including the Origin & Destination data that CAT is currently studying.

Measures of congestion that staff have applied to identify the most congested corridors had been: a Bottleneck Dashboard tool within one of the data sources; 95th percentile travel time reliability; and a buffer index reflecting how much extra time a traveler needs in a given corridor segment to be 95% certain of being on time.

The presentation was for information and feedback. TCC members discussed whether preliminary findings matched expectations and possible reasons if not. They gave feedback on which additional segments need to be included in the extra analysis for measures of 95th percentile reliability and buffer index.

To continue progress on the CMP, a motion was made and seconded to have an internal TCC meeting on March 2 at 2:00 p.m., subject to room availability. The motion passed.

V. Information Reports (verbal)

A. Federal Highway Administration

8. Report

No report at this time.

B. Federal Transit Administration

9. Report

No report at this time.

C. Georgia Department of Transportation

10. [Report](#)

TCC members attention was directed to the handout on GDOT Projects Status Report.

D. Member Governments

11. [Reports](#)

Chatham County -- TCC members attention was directed to the handout on Chatham County Projects Status Report.

Richmond Hill -- Permit has been obtained for Phase 2 Sidewalk project. Letting the signal project at US 17 and SR 144.

E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia

12. [Report](#)

No report at this time.

F. Chatham Area Transit Authority

13. [Report](#)

The Origin and Destination (O&D) Study results expected in April. Also working on an MOU to transfer operation of the bike share program from CAT to City of Savannah.

G. Georgia Ports Authority

14. [Report](#)

No report at this time.

H. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

15. [Report](#)

No report at this time.

I. Savannah Bicycle Campaign

16. [Report](#)

No report at this time.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

IX. Adjournment

17. [Adjournment](#)

The Feb. 16, 2017 meeting of the TCC was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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