



## CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee

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

### Feb. 22, 2018 Meeting of the CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Charles Ackridge	City of Bloomingdale	
Scott Allison	City of Richmond Hill	X
Pam Bernard	Chatham County Engineering	X
John Bennett	Savannah Bicycle Campaign	X
Robbie Byrd	City of Pooler	
Byron Cowart	GDOT - District Five	X
William Eastin	GDOT - Planning	X
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	X
Caroline Hankins	Town of Thunderbolt	
Jackie Jackson	City of Garden City	
Trent Long	City of Port Wentworth	
Don Masisack	Coastal Regional Commission	
George Shaw	City of Tybee Island	
Grant Sparks	Chatham Area Transit	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
Mike Weiner	City of Savannah Traffic Engineering	X
Randy Weitman	Georgia Ports Authority	
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO	X
Vacant	Effingham County	

  

<u>Others</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Vivian Canizares	GDOT - Planning (telephone)	X
Joseph Capello	City of Savannah Traffic Engineering	X
Jane Love	CORE MPO	X
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County Engineering	X
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO	X
James Small	MPC Comprehensive Planning	X

#### I. Approval of Agenda

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The agenda was approved as written.

#### II. Action Items

##### 2. Approval of the Dec. 7, 2017 TCC Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Dec. 7, 2017 meeting of the TCC were approved as written.

##### 3. Endorsement of Amendments to FY 2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Wykoda Wang explained that the proposed amendments to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) involve: 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 TCC endorsement of the amendments to the FY 2018-2021 TIP. A motion was made and seconded to endorse the amendments to the TIP. The motion passed with none opposed.

#### 4. Endorsement of FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Wang reviewed the contents of the draft FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). She shared 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.

Staff recommended TCC endorsement of the FY 2019 UPWP. A motion was made and seconded to endorse the FY 2019 UPWP. The motion passed with none opposed.

#### 5. 2045 MTP Model Development: Socioeconomic Data for Base Year and Future Year

Ms. Jane Love and Mr. James Small reviewed the details of the CORE MPO socioeconomic data to be submitted to GDOT for use in the travel demand model in development of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The data includes population, employment, income, and student enrollment by Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ), for base year 2015 and projections for future year 2045. The data files were provided with the agenda. For a spatially based review of the sensibility of the data, staff displayed maps of population, population density, employment, and employment density, by TAZ, for 2015 and for 2045. All agreed that the maps would be revised to use the same breaks in the data stratification for 2045 as for 2015, to help see shifts from present to future conditions. A question was asked whether the TCC's MTP Study Committee should meet to discuss the data. The schedule showed the review occurring on the day of this TCC meeting, and most MTP Study Committee members were present at TCC, so an additional meeting was not scheduled.

Staff recommended TCC endorsement of the socioeconomic data. A motion was made and seconded to endorse the data. The motion passed with none opposed.

### **III. Other Business**

#### 6. Discussion of RFP for PI0015849-PLN Savannah MPO Interchange Traffic Study I-95 Airways 2018

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. Proposals received from the Requests for Proposals had been provided to the TCC's study committees for each of the studies and those members scored the proposals. Next the three consultant teams will give presentations on March 1. The group would agree on scoring method ahead of all interviews, with respect to the use of the scores from written proposals and the scores from presentations. The goal is to have a contract with the selected consultant by March 23. Mr. Wilkes asked TCC members to send him, by Friday, Feb. 23, anything that should be communicated to the consultant teams before the interviews.

#### 7. Discussion of RFP for PI0015850-PLN Savannah MPO Interchange Traffic Study I-16 Little Neck 2018

The discussion of this item (I-16 at Jimmy DeLoach Interchange Study) was covered together with the item above (I-95 at Airways Avenue Interchange Study), as the two procurement processes are following the same schedule.

#### 8. Discussion for Z230 Funding Balance

Ms. Wang explained that TCC input is sought on use of a small amount of urban attributable (Z230) funding, which was not used on the Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement because other funds were ready for that instead. The \$322,000 (matched) of Z230 funds is in FY 2018 and cannot be carried over to FY 2019. Mr. Nathaniel Panther said that the county will need additional Right-of-Way (ROW) funds on the I-16 at SR 307 Interchange project. A phase of this project had been a priority in the Z230 project selection process last year. The project is already in the financially constrained long range plan list and in the TIP. Ms. Bridget Lidy stated that the City of Savannah has a need for funds to study proposed changes to the West Bay Street viaduct over the railroads. Improved connections for bicycle and pedestrian travel are needed along the viaduct, between the west Savannah neighborhoods and the central business district. This need was realized during the recent West Bay Street Streetscape Plan process, which generated ideas that have not been fully analyzed. The City Manager would like to start the study soon and commits local match. An amendment to bring the project from the unfunded "vision plan" into the funded list of the long range plan would have to be approved, and the TIP also amended, before the funds could be accessed. TCC members suggested that the City could talk to MPO staff about seeking planning or other funds in the near future, since accessing these FY 2018 funds is on a tight schedule. The TCC consensus was that Chatham County staff would work with the GDOT project manager on the I-16 at SR 207 project to request the additional funds. MPO action on the item would be considered on the April agendas.

#### **IV. Status Reports**

##### 9. Draft Goals for 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Ms. Jane Love explained that staff is seeking input on draft goals for development of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). After goals are finalized, specific and measurable objectives will be identified for each of the goals. The goals and objectives will drive project prioritization and evaluation. She reviewed the five draft goals proposed and how they fit into the previous project prioritization process. The goals are based on the required planning factors and on national goals. Ms. Love said TCC members could comment now or in the coming weeks, and, if desired, the MTP Study Committee could meet to review. There were no comments and no requests for a meeting of the MTP Study Committee.

This report was provided for information and input. No action was requested or taken.

##### 10. Performance Based Planning and Programming Update

Ms. Stephanie Rossi shared the schedule of various target-setting deadlines under the Performance Based Planning and Programming requirements and explained the effects on the long range plan and the Transportation Improvement Program. The most immediate effect is that, after May 27, 2018, whenever the long range plan and the TIP are first either amended or replaced with newly adopted documents, the safety targets will need to be reflected appropriately. For instance, if a TIP amendment is needed for any reason at the CORE MPO meeting in June, then the TIP will need to address the safety target at that time. Other targets will affect the plans at later dates. CORE MPO staff is coordinating with other MPOs, the state, and federal staffs to identify specific ways to appropriately incorporate the targets into the documents. There is no definitive, affirmative guidance at this time.

The report was provided for information.

#### **V. Information Reports (verbal)**

##### 11. Reports

GDOT -- Mr. Byron Cowart reviewed the status of project's on the handout he provided.

Chatham County -- Ms. Pam Bernard reviewed the status of project's on the handout she provided.

Chatham Area Transit -- Mr. Grant Sparks said that the Federal Transit Administration invited CAT to participate in a peer exchange about the Transit Asset Management Plans. CAT is one of only three systems selected for comparison at the event in Chicago. Also, CAT is about to hire a consultant to help with the outreach and analysis for the comprehensive route revisions, in response to what CAT learned from the Origin & Destination Study.

Savannah Airport Commission -- Mr. George Fidler said the airport is designing a terminal expansion. Also they are making improvements for international arrivals.

Richmond Hill -- Mr. Scott Allison said that Richmond Hill has a new mayor, Mr. Russ Carpenter. His regular job duties will not allow him to attend the MPO Board meetings, and thus he has designated City Manager Chris Lovell as the Richmond Hill representative.

Savannah -- Mr. Joseph Capello said the comments from the recent Project DeRenne public meeting will be tabulated by mid-March. On the Delesseps/LaRoche Avenue project, the City will be receiving proposals soon for ROW appraisals. On the Gwinnett Street project, they are finalizing ROW plats.

Savannah Bicycle Campaign -- Mr. John Bennett said he had no items to share at this time.

## **VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)**

### [12. Comments](#)

There were no comments from the public.

## **VII. Announcements**

### [13. Next TCC Meeting: April 19, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in MPC Surrency Conference Room](#)

## **VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference**

## **IX. Adjournment**

### [14. Adjournment](#)

There being no further business, the Feb. 22, 2018 meeting of the TCC was adjourned.

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