

**Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO)
2009 Annual Meeting – Savannah, Georgia – October 27, 2009**

MPO	Meeting Attendees	
	GAMPO Director	Other MPO staff
ALBANY	Howard Brown	David Hamilton
ATHENS	Brad Griffin	Sherry F. Moore
ATLANTA	Jane Hayse	Susie Dunn, Bob McCord, David Haynes
AUGUSTA		Juriah Lewis, Marya Moultrie
BRUNSWICK		
CHATTANOOGA		
COLUMBUS		
DALTON		
GAINESVILLE	Randy Knighton	Srikanth Yamala, David Fee
HINESVILLE	Sonny Timmerman	Rachel Hatcher
MACON		
ROME		
SAVANNAH	Tom Thomson	Mark Wilkes, Zhangze Wang, Michael Adams, Jane Love
VALDOSTA		Corey Hull
WARNER ROBINS		

Other Annual Meeting Attendees:

- FHWA – Ann-Marie Day, Cornelius Davis, Corbin Davis
- FTA – Keith Melton
- GTA – Butch McDuffie

Board of Directors Meeting – October 27, 2009
SUMMARY MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Hayse called the meeting to order at 8:11 am. She noted that only 8 of the MPO's are present. There was barely a quorum of MPO's represented. Ms. Hayse reminded the group that there is good information on the GAMPO website and thanked Ms. Dunn and the IT unit for all of their hard work on the site. Ms. Dunn told the group that the presentations from this GAMPO meeting will be posted on the website soon. She also thanked Ms. Dunn on behalf of all the MPO's for providing the e-mail blasts regarding GDOT Board meetings and other information.

II. GEORGIA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Mr. McDuffie provided a copy of the Georgia Transit Association (GTA) Legislative Agenda to all MPO representatives for their information. Mr. McDuffie explained that it will be another tough year legislatively for transportation. There is talk of another attempt at a Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST), but it will probably still not include operations or maintenance funding for transit.

III. POTENTIAL LOCATIONS FOR 2010 GAMPO ANNUAL MEETING

Ms. Hayse introduced discussion of possible locations for the 2010 GAMPO Annual Meeting. She thanked the staff from the Savannah MPO for the fine job with the 2009 GAMPO Annual Meeting. Mr. Thomson and Mr. Wilkes shared their advice for the next MPO to handle preparations for the meeting.

Ms. Hayse recounted that last year there was discussion concerning possibly holding the Annual Meeting concurrently with the GTA conference to foster cooperation between the two groups. Mr. McDuffie, as President of GTA, addressed logistical questions concerning facilities, etc. He reminded the group that the location for the 2010 GTA conference will not be decided until the second week in December. Mr. Hamilton had suggested having the annual meeting in Albany, GA. After brief discussion, the group decided to postpone a decision until after the location for the GTA conference is chosen for 2010. GAMPO members will be asked to vote via e-mail at that time.

Ms. Hayse reminded the group that Officers will be elected at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

IV. GAMPO POSITION STATEMENT REGARDING THE STATE LEGISLATIVE FUNDING PROPOSAL

Mr. Thomson proposed that GAMPO needs to produce a position statement regarding the direction of any state legislative funding mechanism proposed in Georgia. Specifically, the statement should address concerns about how much funding might be available, how those funds are distributed statewide, and any project selection criteria. Ms. Hayse asked for volunteers for the legislative subcommittee. Mr. Thomson agreed to chair the committee. Mr. Timmerman and Mr. Yamala volunteered to work with Mr. Thomson.

V. GAMPO MEMBER ATTENDANCE / FUTURE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Ms. Hayse expressed her disappointment that more of our Georgia MPO's were not represented at this meeting. There was brief discussion focusing on potential training activities that could be beneficial to all MPO's. Ms. Hayse asked for volunteers to contact the MPO's not present and discuss potential training needs of those MPO's. The following assignments were made:

Mr. Brown – Warner Robins	Mr. Yamala – Chattanooga
Mr. Hull – Dalton	Mr. Timmerman – Brunswick
Ms. Hayse – Columbus, Macon	Ms. Moore - Rome

VI. RESCISSION OF PL FUNDS

Ms. Hayse reminded the group to refer to the information on the FHWA website regarding the funding categories that are subject to rescission at this time. This is the first time that PL funds have been included in these categories. The best hope is that Congress rescinds the rescission with the next extension of SAFETEA-LU.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was some discussion regarding the removal of state matching funds from the PL contracts. There was consensus that all MPO's are in a similar situation facing similar challenges. There was some discussion of soft match options. Mr. Davis, of FHWA, said that his office is putting together some information concerning matching options and will be setting up a conference call with the MPO's to discuss it.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

IX. ADJOURN

Ms. Hayse adjourned the meeting at 8:57 am.