
BATS MEETING MINUTES

Brunswick Area Transportation Study Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting

Monday May 10, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

Via Teleconference
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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks (Pamela Thompson)
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Action Item
 - a. Minutes from TCC meeting held on March 8, 2021.
 - b. Minutes from special called TCC meeting held on April 12, 2021.
3. Special PL Funding Project (Bay Street Corridor Improvements) - Action Item
4. BATS Administrative Updates
 - a. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
 - b. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Membership Drive - 2021
 - c. BATS FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
 - d. BATS FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
5. Agency Updates
 - a. Glynn County Airport Commission
 - b. Glynn County School Board
 - c. Glynn County
 - d. City of Brunswick
 - e. GDOT District 5
 - f. Jekyll Island Authority
 - g. Transit Agencies
 - h. Other Items
 - i. Public Comment
6. Adjourn

Next Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting: Monday, July 12, 2021.

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Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

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ATTENDEES

Committee Members

Bob Nyers, Glynn County GIS Dept.
Vernon Bessing, Glynn County Airport Commission
Katie Proctor, GDOT District 5
Marty Simmons, Glynn County School
Paul Andrews, Glynn County Engineering
Maurice Postal, Glynn County Community Development
Ann-Marie Day, FHWA
Pamela Thompson, Glynn County Community Development
Ned Green, GDOT Planning
Noel Jensen, Jekyll Island Authority
David Dantzler, Coastal Regional Commission
Tom Caiafa, GDOT Planning
Dave Austin,
David Thompson,

Others

Vishanya Forbes, Transportation Planner, RS&H
Rachel Hatcher, Senior Planner, RS&H
Justin Dammons, Transportation Planner, RS&H
Jonathan Guy, Kimley Horn
Chris Marsengill, Kimley Horn

1. Welcome and Introductions.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. by Ms. Pamela Thompson, Chairman of the BATS Technical Coordinating Committee. Ms. Thompson gave a brief welcome and did a roll call.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Action Item

a. Minutes from TCC meeting held on March 8, 2021

b. Minutes from Special Called TCC meeting held on April 12, 2021

Ms. Thompson called for a motion to approve the minutes from the TCC meetings held on March 8, 2021, and April 12, 2021. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

3. Special PL Funding Project (Bay Street Corridor Improvements) – Action Item

Mr. Guy presented this agenda item. He gave a brief reminder of the overview of the Bay St. Corridor Study and highlighted the priorities of the study. The priorities of the corridor study include:

- Develop a coordinated plan for the entire corridor
- Identify mobility issues along the corridor
- Develop solutions for identified area(s) along the study corridor that enhance mobility for all modes
- Develop an action plan that shows how public and private entities can work together to realize results

Mr. Guy stated efforts the consultant team have taken since the last meeting, including: an observations and needs determination, scenario generation & refinement, and a scenario(s) evaluation. He pointed out corridor statistics including corridor length, the number of traffic signals, major intersections, and other statistics. He reviewed the project goals and the supporting objectives for each project goal. He added the following design considerations were formulated after stakeholder feedback:

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| Beautification | Safety Enhancement |
| Multimodal Intersection Design | Driver Expectation |
| Freight Vehicle Design Accommodation | Contextually Appropriate |
| Enhanced Pedestrian Accommodations | Impacts to Natural Features |
| Traffic Operations | Supportive of Economic Development |
| Parking | Railroad Impacts |

Mr. Guy described the recommendations for each of the intersections and segments of the study corridor:

- Exit 36 at I-95: Consolidate driveways in the functional area of influence and add pavement markings with freeway labels to the roadway.
- US 341 at Blythe Island Highway: Minimize or remove driveways in the intersection influence area, with further consideration consisting of short term and long-term recommendations.

- Newcastle at Fourth St: Include updated crosswalks and a pedestrian hybrid beacon if warranted and is also recommended for further consideration.
- Newcastle Street at Bay St: Include roundabout to improve safety at intersection, with potential for right turn lane from Bay St. to Newcastle St. to be determined in design development. Also recommended for further consideration.
- US 17 at 4th Avenue: Include roundabout to enhance operational improvements and is recommended for further consideration.

Mr. Guy explained the scenario recommendations for the Bay St. enhancements. Enhancements from the preferred Scenario 3 for this segment of the study corridor include:

- Repurpose existing shoulder for landscaping and plantings
- Evaluate feasibility of widening sidewalk to 10+ feet to accommodate bikes
- Enhance the current railroad crossing for pedestrians
- Enhance crosswalks crossing streets to high visibility crosswalks
- Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon if warranted
- Repurpose Gloucester St. to a single inbound and single outbound lane to provide additional parking and enhanced pedestrian crossings
- US 17 at 4th Avenue: Include roundabout to enhance operational improvements and is recommended for further consideration.

He reviewed the next steps for the study, which include presenting the draft report in May, with a final presentation in June for BATS adoption.

Ms. Thompson called for a motion to recommend that the BATS Policy Committee endorse the final draft of the Bay Street Corridor Improvements Study as presented. A motion was made. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

4. BATS Administrative Updates

a. Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)

Ms. Forbes presented the administrative updates. She explained that GDOT recently issued a Call for Projects under the TAP program, with applications due July 31, 2021. She highlighted the funding requirements for this call for projects. She pointed out that the MPO was not an authorized applicant for this call for projects.

b. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Membership Drive – 2021

Ms. Forbes gave a brief reminder of the CAC membership drive timeline. She stated that BATS staff received a total of 10 eligible applications with only one reapplication from existing committee members. She added that BATS staff will be resending the application to existing committee members who would still like to participate in the CAC.

c. BATS FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Ms. Forbes briefly presented this agenda item. She stated that the BATS Policy Committee took action at their April 2021 meeting to approve the final draft of the FY 2022 UPWP. BATS staff packaged the UPWP with the signed resolution and transmitted to FHWA for final approval. She added that FHWA

reviewed and issued an approval letter on April 16, 2021, and the final UPWP is available on the MPO website.

d. BATS FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. Forbes briefly spoke on this agenda item. She stated that the BATS Policy Committee took action at their meeting held on April 12, 2021 to approve the final draft of the FY 2021-2024 TIP. She added that BATS staff packed the signed resolution with the TIP and transmitted the document to GDOT/FHWA. The document is located on the MPO website for reference.

5. Agency Updates

a. Glynn County Airport Commission

No updates were presented for the Glynn County Airport Commission

b. Glynn County School Board

No updates were presented for the Glynn County School Board

c. Glynn County

Project sheet was presented as to committee prior to, there were no comments or question on Glynn County project updates.

d. City of Brunswick

No updated were presented for the City of Brunswick.

e. GDOT District 5

Project sheet was presented as to committee prior to, there were no comments or question on GDOT project updates.

f. Jekyll Island Authority

There were no updates presented from the Jekyll Island Authority

g. Transit Agencies

There were no transit agencies update presented.

h. Other Items

There were no other items discussed during this meeting.

i. Public Comment

There was no public comment presented at this meeting.

6. Adjourn

Ms. Thompson thanked everyone for their participation and reminded the committee of the next TCC meeting on July 12, 2021. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM.

Pamela Thompson

BATS TCC Chairman

Date