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Dear Mr. Mote:

RE: Adoption of CORE MPO TIP Amendments for ARRA Funding

This letter is to notify you of amendments made to the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO), formerly known as the Chatham Urban Transportation Study (CUTS), regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The CORE Board took actions at its April 30, 2009 meeting to amend the TIP to include three categories of projects for ARRA funding:

- 1) Projects to receive the MPO's sub-allocation of ARRA funds;
- 2) Projects the MPO recommends to GDOT for consideration in the second round of the State's ARRA highway programming; and
- 3) Projects to be funded with Chatham Area Transit Authority's direct apportionment.

The CORE Board also made a decision at the meeting to amend the TIP to delete a series of projects that were amended to the TIP in February 2009 for ARRA funding.

The following pages provide you with a brief overview of the MPO decisions. Enclosed with this letter are tables detailing the TIP amendment projects. We will provide the Governor's Office and Georgia DOT with the project selection rationale in a separate correspondence.

Projects for CORE MPO ARRA Sub-allocation (\$7,131,118)

The CORE Board decided to award the ARRA sub-allocation to the Savannah MPO planning area to the following projects. The project selection process follows the priority guidance of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

PROJECT	AMOUNT
• PI# 0007128, Islands Expressway @ Wilmington River Bascule Bridge Replacement - Preliminary Engineering	\$1,000,000
• Study for Bull River and Lazaretto Creek Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections	\$200,000
• City of Savannah Pedestrian Count Down Signals	\$222,000
• City of Savannah Audible Pedestrian Push Buttons	\$140,000
• City of Savannah LED Signal Replacement	\$30,000
• Mall Blvd @ Hodgson Memorial Signal Upgrade	\$172,000
• Montgomery Cross Road Signal Interconnect	\$80,000
• City of Savannah Traffic Pre-emption	\$1,600,000
• Anderson Curve Reconstruction	\$350,000
• West Gwinnett Street Curve Reconstruction	\$155,000
• PI# 0009313, SR 21 Corridor Study	\$400,000
• PI# 0009314, SR 204 Corridor Study	\$300,000
• PI# 0002923, Bay Street Operational Improvement and Safety - Right of Way	\$2,482,118
TOTAL	\$7,131,118

Projects CORE MPO Recommends to GDOT for Phase 2 of ARRA Funding (\$77,585,234)

With this recommendation, the MPO brings to the Department's attention the following projects for consideration in GDOT's second phase of the State's ARRA funding. We are noting the congressional district in which the projects are located, in the event that the State Board of Transportation takes into account district balancing in Phase 2 decisions.

PROJECT	AMOUNT	GA CONG. DIST.
• PI# 0000345, SR 307 Overpass over New Port Authority Railline – Construction	\$11,110,995	12
• PI# 0007482, SR 25/US 17 @ SR 307/Bourne Ave - Right of Way	\$53,500	12
• PI# 0007482, SR 25/US 17 @ SR 307/Bourne Ave - Construction	\$412,335	12
• PI# 0007258, Edge Line Rumble Strips @ Several Locations in GDOT District 5 – Construction (with stipulation for continued analysis to ensure that bicyclists are accommodated in the method of implementation)	\$47,186	1 & 12
• PI# 0002921, Truman Parkway Phase V – Construction (segment from SR 204 to Vernon River Bridge)	\$24,000,000	1
• PI# M003977, I-95 Resurface and Maintenance from SR 25/US 17/Bryan to I-16/Chatham	\$13,860,000	1 & 12
• PI# 522860, President Street Widening / CSX Railroad Overpass - Construction	\$26,000,000	12
• PI# 0008089, Streetscape improvements to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard - Construction	\$2,101,218	12
TOTAL	\$77,585,234	

Projects CORE MPO programmed for Chatham Area Transit ARRA Apportionment (\$4,490,394)

PROJECT	AMOUNT
• Hybrid buses	\$3,888,626
• Capital Maintenance	\$425,000
• Security Equipment	\$125,000
• Program Support	\$51,768
TOTAL	\$4,490,394

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Deletions from the February TIP Amendment for ARRA Funding

When the CORE MPO amended the FY 2008-2011 TIP in February 2009, the exact amount of ARRA funds available to the Savannah area was unknown to the MPO and local jurisdictions. Thus the February TIP amendment project list includes more projects than available ARRA funds could allow. At the April 2009 meeting, the Core Board decided to remove some projects from the previous recommendation list for ARRA funding. These projects will continue to be funded through the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and other funding sources. Detailed information on these projects is included in the enclosed Deletion Table.

Public Participation for TIP Amendments

In compliance with the CORE MPO's Participation Plan, the TIP amendments for ARRA funding went through public advertisement, a 15-day public review and comment period, the MPO committee review and endorsement, and adoption by the MPO board.

Enclosed please find the signed CORE MPO resolution regarding the ARRA TIP amendments and the associated documents. Notification letters are also being sent to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

If you have any questions regarding our ARRA TIP amendments, please call me at 912-651-1446 or Mark Wilkes at 912-651-1451.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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