



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Resolution to Amend the FY 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) for Incorporation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and Transit Corrections

WHEREAS, the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO), formerly known as the Chatham Urban Transportation Study (CUTS), desires to consider and adopt the amendments to the FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as stated in the summary of TIP amendments for the CORE MPO transportation planning area; and

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was signed by the President in February 2009 which invests a portion of the funds for infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, the ARRA infrastructure funds will be allocated to each state through formula programs and discretionary grants for highway, transit and multi-modal improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the projects to be funded through ARRA must be consistent with the long range transportation plan (LRTP) of the state or MPO, must be included in the TIP, and must be ready for construction in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has decided to apply the statewide ARRA highway formula funds to construction-ready projects in two phases and has completed the selection of Phase One projects; and

WHEREAS, CORE MPO has recommended to fund the highest priority construction-ready transportation improvement projects in Chatham County with the available ARRA funds from the GDOT allocation for Phase Two, the MPO urban attributable funds through ARRA sub-allocation, the ARRA apportionment to the Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT), and discretionary grants; and

WHEREAS, CAT requested to correct funding allocations in and make administrative revisions to the transit section of the TIP besides ARRA; and

WHEREAS, CORE MPO would like to complete the TIP amendment process to incorporate the recommendations for ARRA funded projects and to revise the transit section of the TIP as requested by CAT; and

WHEREAS, CORE MPO has completed a 15-day public comment period regarding the proposed TIP amendments, and has incorporated all the comments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization approves the proposed amendments to the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program to incorporate the recommendations for ARRA funded projects and to revise the transit section.

Approved this day, April 30, 2009

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pete Liakakis".

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization