

TIP AMENDMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the public comment period has begun for the amendments to the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendments consist of transit projects under the New Freedom Programs (Section 5317 Program) as well as other capital projects (Section 5307 Program) and (Section 5309 Program) and two highway projects, (I-75/Sardis Church Road) and (Ocmulgee East Blvd. & Weaver Road), for cost revisions. Comments on said amendments will be received until the end of the working day on June 24, 2008.

The proposed amendments are located below and any comments can be sent via E-mail to knorth@mbpz.org. In addition, any comments can also be sent to the Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission at the address below. Copies of all the proposed amendments may also be obtained at the Washington Memorial Library (1180 Washington Ave., Macon, GA 31201), the Middle Georgia Regional Development Center (175-C Emery Highway, Macon, GA 31201), the local office of the Georgia Department of Transportation (4499 Riverside Drive, Macon, GA 31210), and the Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission (682 Cherry Street, Suite 1000, Macon, GA 31201).

All questions regarding the amendments may be directed to Ken North at (478-751-7462).

AMENDMENTS TO TIP

New Freedom Program (5317 Program)

PROJECT 1:

1. Project Title- The Middle Georgia Hydraulic Lift Service and Replacement Center
2. Implementing Agency- The Macon Transit Authority (MTA)
3. Project Description- This project will provide the Macon Transit Authority (MTA) with the means to become a regional service center for the maintenance and replacement of hydraulic and other types of lifts for vehicles designed to assist persons with disabilities. This project would allow MTA to become a service center that other public and private human service transportation could use.
4. Project Budget-

The Middle Georgia Hydraulic Lift Service and Replacement Center		
Budget Item	Costs Estimate	Expense Type
Parts	\$50,000	Capital
Labor & Benefits	\$25,000	Operational
Training	\$25,000	Operational
Utilities	\$5,000	Operational
Total	\$105,000	

PROJECT 2:

1. Project Title -- Para-Transit Outreach
2. Implementing Agency -- The Macon Transit Authority
3. Project Description- This project is designed to provide the general public with information concerning the availability of para-transit services operated by MTA by way of local media sources. This project is also intended to provide travel training to not only potential riders but also current users. Focus group data has indicated that there are many individuals that are eligible for para-transit services but do not know that they are. Therefore; more traditional forms of advertisement such as local television, newspapers, radio, and informational kiosk must be employed to inform this important group.
4. Project Budget-

Para-Transit Outreach Budget		
Budget Item	Costs Estimate	Expense Type
Advertising	\$10,000	Operational
Brochures	\$5,000	Capital
ADA On-Site Training	\$5,000	Operational
Information Kiosk Cabinet Design	\$5,000	Capital
Computer, Software, Training	\$10,000	Capital
Total	\$35,000	

PROJECT 3:

1. Project Title-- Para-Transit Intelligent Transportation Systems GPS/GIS
2. Implementing Agency -- The Macon Transit Authority
3. Project Description-- This project entails the utilization of Intelligent Transportation Systems such as a Global Positioning System/Geographical Information System. Such equipment can aid in the planned expansion of the service area of para-transit by providing quantifiable data of passenger locations and travel patterns.
4. Project Budget-

Para-Transit Intelligent Transportation Systems GPS/GIS Budget		
Budget Item	Costs Estimate	Expense Type
Software Acquisition & Installation	\$200,000	Capital
Total	\$200,000	

CAPITAL SCHEDULE FOR MACON TRANSIT

Section 5307 Program

DESCRIPTION	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
LEASE VEHICLES	\$116,224		
PURCHASE 4 PASSENGER BUSES		\$600,000	\$600,000
PURCHASE 2 PARATRANSIT VANS	\$65,000		\$65,000
PURCHASE 1 ADM. VEHICLES			\$30,000
PURCHASE 1 SERVICE VEHICLE			\$50,000
PURCHASE BIKE RACKS FOR BUSES (21)	\$13,250		
PURCHASE OF 1 ENGINE AND 2 TRANSMISSIONS	\$50,000		
CONSULTANT SERVICES	\$30,000		
TOTAL	\$274,474	\$600,000	\$745,000

DISCRETIONARY CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR MACON TRANSIT

Section 5309 Program

DESCRIPTION	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
PURCHASE 6 VANS	\$480,000		
TOTAL	\$480,000		

HIGHWAY PROJECT COST REVISIONS

1. I-75/Sardis Church Rd. – Construction cost has been increased to \$45 million
2. Ocmulgee East Blvd. (SR 87) & Weaver Rd. – Construction cost has been increased to \$12.2 million.