

Georgia Ports Authority
Tuesday, January 30, 2024
8:30 a.m.
Savannah, GA

762-233-1679
Conference ID: 624 048 551#

Agenda

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Womack | 1. | Call to Order
a) Approval of Agenda
b) Attendance Report |
| Fountain | 2. | Approval of Minutes |
| Fountain | 3. | Receive Comments Regarding Agenda and Non-Agenda Items |
| | 4. | Committee Chair Reports
Audit, Budget & Finance – Womack
Community & Government Affairs – Tarbutton
Ports Development – Hertz
Sales, Marketing & Communication - Wilheit |
| McCurry | 5. | Executive Division
a) Memorandum of Understanding City of Savannah |
| McCurry | 6. | Administrative Division
a) Monthly Purchasing Request(s)
b) Capital/Operating Purchase Report |
| Thompson | 7. | Finance Division |
| Novack | 8. | Engineering Division
a) Ocean Terminal Overpass to US 17 |
| Lynch | 9. | Chief Executive Officer Report |
| Fountain | 10. | Chairman's Comments |
| Fountain | 11. | Executive Session (If Needed) |

NEXT AUTHORITY MEETING IS MARCH 25 & 26 IN BRUNSWICK, GA



TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority
SUBJECT: **Memorandum of Understanding – Workforce Housing Initiative**
DATE: January 30, 2024

ISSUE: The Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) “Port of Savannah Area Workforce Housing Initiative” has been budgeted and presented as a commitment of \$6,000,000 over the next eight years to then non-profit Housing Savannah Inc. which is intended to help address problems and opportunities identified in the citizen generated Housing Savannah Action Plan. This commitment of funds will help cover costs associated with eligible home repair, purchase, and construction activities in several near-port Savannah neighborhoods generally located north of Ogeechee Road and west of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard including Brickyard, Carver Heights, Cloverdale, Cuyler-Brownville, Hudson Hill, Ogeecheeton, Tremont Park, West Savannah, and Woodville as well as in other local municipalities as they have the organizational structures to facilitate such work.

As a component of the Savannah Area Workforce Housing Initiative, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) documents the agreement between the GPA and Community Housing Services Agency (CHSA) to enable the use of a portion of the GPA contributed funds to establish and administer the GPA Employer Assisted Home Purchase Program which will provide eligible and qualified GPA and affiliated employees with down payment and closing cost assistance to help them purchase and occupy their first home in Garden City, Port Wentworth or Savannah.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: This project is in keeping with established priorities to support port employees and port proximate communities and to foster economic development.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Expenditures up to \$750,000 annually from internal revenues, not to exceed \$6,000,000 total, to fund the Port of Savannah Workforce Housing Initiative.

STAFF CONTACT: James C. McCurry, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDATION: That the Authority approves funding the Port of Savannah Workforce Housing Initiative at the level of \$750,000 annually, not to exceed a total of \$6,000,000, payable to Housing Savannah Incorporated, and authorizes the GPA President and CEO to enter the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Community Housing Services Agency, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch
President & Chief Executive Officer



TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority
SUBJECT: **Monthly Purchasing Requests**
DATE: January 30, 2024

ISSUE: At each regular meeting of the Authority, a list of purchase requests in an amount of \$500,000 or greater is presented by staff for approval.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Current policy requires that the Authority approve all purchases that total \$500,000 or more.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: For the period, there are no (0) capital purchases and ten (10) operating purchases for a total of \$21,087,695.

STAFF CONTACT: James C. McCurry, Chief Administrative Officer
Tamela Wright, Purchasing Manager

RECOMMENDATION: That the Authority approves ten (10) purchases as presented in the attached report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch
President and CEO



TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority
SUBJECT: **Capital/Operating Purchases Report**
DATE: January 30, 2024

ISSUE: At each regular meeting of the Authority, a list of capital and operating purchases between \$100,000 and \$500,000 is presented by Staff for information.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Current policy requires that the Staff provide monthly reports to the Authority concerning capital and operating purchases totaling \$100,000 or more, but less than \$500,000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: For the period, there were no (0) capital purchases and eight (8) operating expenses totaling \$ 1,233,000.

STAFF CONTACT: James C. McCurry, Chief Administrative Officer
Tamela Wright, Purchasing Manager

RECOMMENDATION: This item is provided for information only. No action by the Authority is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch
President and CEO



TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority
SUBJECT: **Ocean Terminal Overpass to US 17**
DATE: January 30, 2024

ISSUE:

A major infrastructure improvement associated with the expansion of container operations at Ocean Terminal is an overpass that provides a direct route from the terminal to U.S. 17. This direct connection will allow for exiting container traffic to quickly gain access to the interstate highway system without impacting the adjacent residential neighborhoods. In addition to the overpass for exiting traffic, construction of a separate entrance to Ocean Terminal from US 17 will also be built for entering container traffic that will also minimize impacts to the surrounding neighborhoods.

Through a collaborative effort between the GPA and GDOT, the design and bidding of the overpass was completed in a streamline fashion that produced four (4) competitive bids with McCarthy Building Companies of Texas as the lowest responsive bid. Construction completion of the project requires 490 calendar days from the issuance of a Notice to Proceed.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This project is in keeping with established policy to enhance operations and customer service at the GPA's Port of Savannah facilities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures up to 29,000,000 from the GPA's 2022 Revenue Bonds are required for the Ocean Terminal Overpass to US 17 project.

STAFF CONTACT:

Christopher B. Novack, P.E., Vice President of Engineering & Facilities Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Authority 1.) establishes contract signature authority to the GPA's President and Chief Executive Officer; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish an overall project budget of \$29,000,000 for the Ocean Terminal Overpass to US 17 project.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch
President & Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1) Work Breakdown Structure-Ocean Terminal Overpass to US 17
2) Capital Expenditure Report-Ocean Terminal Overpass to US 17
3) AECOM Recommendation Letter