

SAVANNAH BELLES FERRY SYSTEM

FLORENCE MARTUS

SUSIE KING TAYLOR

JULIETTE GORDON LOW

MARY MUSGROVE

JULIETTE GORDON LOW II

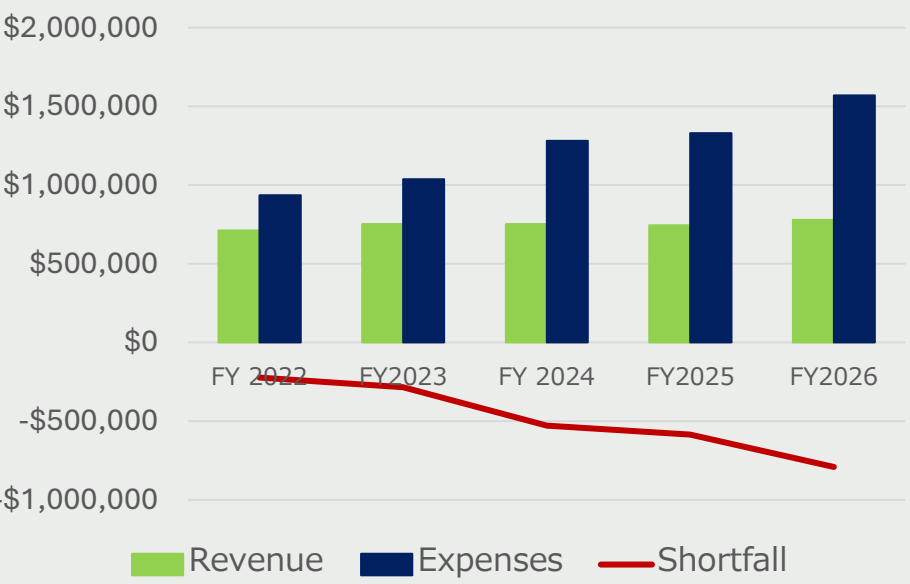
SUSIE KING TAYLOR II

MARY MUSGROVE II – OCTOBER 2026

Update: Chatham Area Transit
Authority Board of Directors



Marine Services
Revenue / Expense Comparison
FY 2022 - FY 2026



Operating Revenue	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Actual	FY 2027 Budget
POR Fees	\$712,532	\$753,688	\$751,970	\$743,946	\$779,225	\$922,672
Water Tax	6,125	10,144	13,689	13,568	7,398	13,700
Convention Center	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Westin	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total Operating Revenue	\$818,657	\$863,832	\$865,659	\$857,514	\$886,622	\$1,036,372
Operating Costs	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Actual	FY 2027 Budget
Salaries & Wages	\$407,162	\$429,287	\$566,686	\$519,188	\$572,064	\$843,956
Employee Benefits	126.454	148,256	168,135	240,585	183,164	189,157
Contractual Services	69,098	0	96,600	119,725	169,076	217,577
Supplies & Materials	138,946	251,306	237,360	210,532	219,475	271,000
Insurance	192,609	208,811	210,621	236,507	424,607	487,713
Staff Training & Development	0	0	1,334	2,854	1,531	5,000
Tota Operating Costs	\$934,269	\$1,037,660	\$1,280,736	\$1,329,393	\$1,569,918	\$2,106,930
Operating Shortfall	(\$115,612)	(\$173,829)	(\$414,977)	(\$471,878)	(\$683,295)	(\$1,070,558)

Looking Ahead

The Visionary Master Transit Plan Implementation

Service Reliability

- Ferry Restoration
 - Juliette Gordon Low I
 - Susie King Taylor I
 - Mary Musgrove I
- Asset Management
 - Scheduled Preventive Maintenance

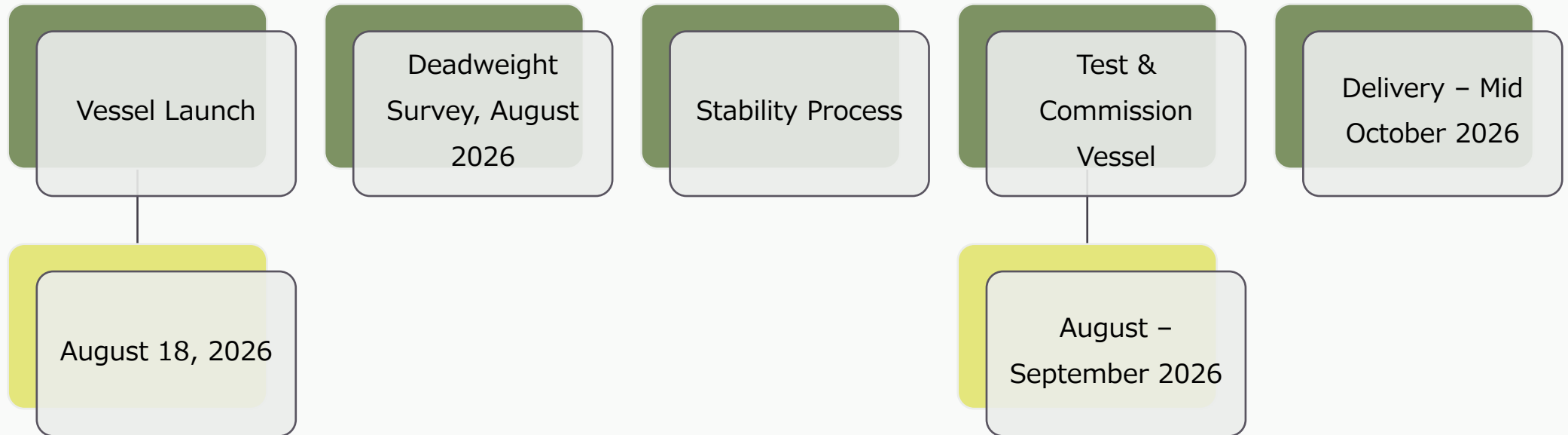
Future Ferry Service Expansion

- Driven by Economic Growth on Hutchinson Island

Plan B – Add Plant Riverside – 16 Daily Revenue Hours



Florence Martus II



FLORENCE MARTUS II (BOAT #3) –
SIDE PROFILE, WITH OVERALL SHORTER
FENDERS TO REDUCE WEIGHT AND DRAG,
PLUS ONE ADDITIONAL FENDER TO
BETTER SUPPORT THE VESSEL AT WAVING
GIRL LANDING



The United States First Hybrid-Electric Ferries to use waterjet propulsion

(Marine Jet Power(MJP))

Lessons Learned

- Upgraded high thrust MJP waterjet
- Sliding windows on doors to allow more airflow in cabin when necessary
- Modified wheelhouse console
- Shorter fenders to reduce drag
- Extra two fenders to support waving girl landing
- Modified gate swing to better accommodate deckhands and captains
- Larger cleats on bow to better assist in line handling
- Upgraded from Garmin to Furuno for crew preferred radar/gps brand
- Installed second muffler for quieter operation
- TSI and clever installation complete, will not need them to visit boat in Savannah
- Moved various weights to different locations on vessel to allow for less ballast and more efficient operation
- Electronic fuel readout for captains to have visibility of fuel levels
- Different keel cooler, has better connection points to reduce risk of leakage, and does not stick into the hull and increases the space for crew in voids
- Extra VHF antennae for better radar AIS range to assist with safe crossings and more awareness of the other ships coming down river
- Upgraded zinc anodes after issue was discovered and assessed on the first two vessels once in operation for a year
- BAE Motor installed with correct bearings

Asset Management

Ferry Preventive Maintenance

Dashboard Tasks Equipment Inventory Work Orders Documents Logs Contacts

Juliette Gordon Low II ▾ Derecktor Shipyards 65 Hybrid

Tasks
0 Overdue
29 Completed
Update Runtimes ↻

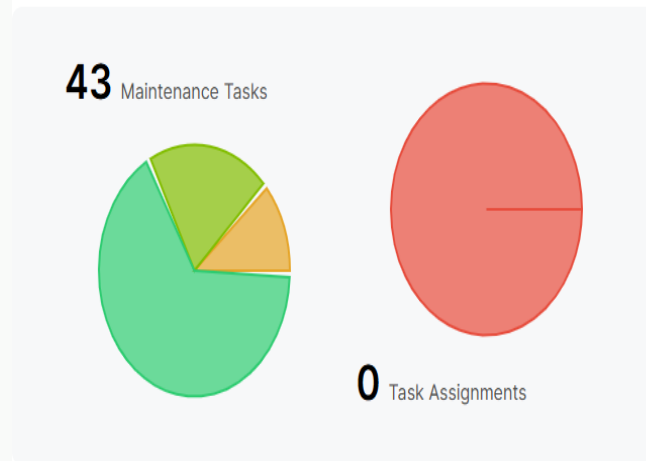
Equipment
5 parts installed.

Documents
24 Documents
0 Expired

Checklists
0 Overdue
0 Coming due

Maintenance / Tasks

Aug 9 – 15, 2026



Monday August 10, 2026	
1:23 PM	Completed: Check V-Belt Tension
1:23 PM	Completed: Check V-Belt Tension
1:25 PM	Completed: Every 250 Hour Service
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Saturday August 15, 2026	
1:00 AM	Upcoming: Grease Bearing
10:52 AM	Upcoming: Grease Bearing

Grease Bearing

Main Propulsion / Starboard Jet Drive

Coming Due

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Impact of Funding Reductions

Millage Rate

- 1.056 to .94 mills
- FY 2026 – **(\$2,416,507)**

SPLOST

- SPLOST VIII - \$0
- SPLOST VII - \$10,000,000

Port Wentworth - **\$213,894** FY 2027 Reduction

- Service Agreement Ends 12/31/2026
- Annual Service Agreement Value
 - FY 2026, \$427,788
 - FY 2027, \$213,894

Ferry System Capital Needs

Dock Repair – FTA Mandate, State of Good Repair

- Convention Center \$1.6 million
 - Insurance Proceeds \$260,000
 - FTA/FHWA Grant Funds
- City Hall Dock, \$700,000 Estimated Cost
- Waving Girl Dock, \$700,000 Estimated Cost



Executed Federal Grant Projects, Cost Share & Balance

Award Number	Award Name	Award Status	FTA	State	Local	Total	Amount Drawn	Balance	Start Date	End Date	Comments
GA-2021-024	Ferry Vessel Rehabilitation: FHWA Flex	Active	\$ 516,240	\$ -	\$ 129,060	\$ 645,300	\$ 224,155	\$ 421,145	9/7/2021	12/31/2027	SPLOST/FHWA Flex Funds, Florence Martus, Juliette Gordon Low, Mary Musgrove
GA-2025-009	FY2024 - Savannah Belles Marine EV Charging Stations	Active	691,000	172,750	-	863,750	-	863,750	9/3/2024	3/30/2023	GDOT
GA-2025-012	Multiyear - 5337 State of Good Repair - Fixed Guideway	Active	437,127	-	109,282	546,409	-	546,409	5/19/2025	3/30/2036	Preventive Maintenance, three (3) Docks, CAT / Savannah Convention Center
GA-2025-012	Multiyear - 5337 State of Good Repair - Fixed Guideway	Active	214,636	-	53,659	268,295	-	268,295	5/19/2025	3/30/2036	Preventive Maintenance, CAT / Savannah Convention Center
GA-2025-014	FY2023 Congressionally Directed Spending; Acquisition of Ferry Vessel: Chatham Area Transit, Savannah, GA	Active	1,775,000	443,750	-	2,218,750	1,688,908	529,842	5/19/2025	3/31/2034	Ferry boat & ancillary equipment (security cameras and CAT AVL software). GDOT Transit Trust Fund local match.
GA-2024-023	CAT Lapsing Funds Super Grant, Savannah, GA UZA	Active	142,311	-	35,577	177,888	-	177,888	9/4/2024	3/30/2033	FHWA Flex Funding, Ferry Preventive Maintenance
GA-2024-023	CAT Lapsing Funds Super Grant, Savannah, GA UZA	Active	108,210	-	27,052	135,262	-	135,262	9/4/2024	3/30/2033	Preventive Maintenance, amended in FY 2024 extending period of performance.
GA-2024-023	CAT Lapsing Funds Super Grant, Savannah, GA UZA	Active	34,011	-	8,525	42,536	-	42,536			FHWA Flex Funding, Ferry Preventive Maintenance, amended in FY 2024 extending period of performance.
GA-2026-026-00	FY 2023, 2024, 2025, & 2026 FHWA Ferry Boat Program	Active	1,105,159	-	276,291	1,381,450	-	1,381,450	9/9/2026	3/30/2033	Susie King Taylor I Restoration
GA-2023-019	Ferry Maintenance Facility & Ferry Dock	Active	2,070,577	1,500,000	1,148,056	4,718,633	-	4,718,633			In-kind land donation, City of Savannah
			\$7,094,271	\$2,116,500	\$1,787,502	\$10,998,273	\$1,913,063	\$9,085,210			

Chatham Area Transit Authority								
Record Name:	TrAMS Applications							
Application Number	Award Name	Application Status	GDOT	FHWA	FTA	Local	Total	Comments
1103-2025-12	Acquisition of Ferry Vessel	In-Progress	3,000,000	1,118,582	-	-	4,118,582	Federal share in progress. GDOT funding received.
		Total	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 1,118,582	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,118,582	

PLANT RIVERSIDE DOCK & SHELTER PROJECT

Challenge

- Delayed Project Movement
- Rising Construction Costs
- Funding Shortfall

Contract Award – Awaiting Updated Quote

- Reissued RFP Design-Build, October 2024
- Updated Quote
- Federal Share \$1,030,577
- Local Share
 - Savannah Convention Center, \$1,500,000
 - City of Savannah Land Donation, \$1,148,056 (*Land Value for Dock & Maintenance Facility*)
- Projected Shortfall - \$200,000

Ferry Maintenance Facility

Funding Source

- Federal Transit Administration, \$1,040,000
- City of Savannah, Land Donation, \$1,148,056 (*Land Value for Dock & Maintenance Facility*)

Title VI Analysis, March 2022

- Site Selection

RFP

- August 2023
- No Responses Received

Reissuance of RFP

- August 1, 2025
- Bids Received December 1, 2025
- Bid Awarded , January 2026

Entry Access

- In Progress - Savannah Convention Center
- In Progress - City Permits for Piping & Pilings

Projected Construction Start Date

- December 2026

Talmadge Bridge Improvement Project

Ferry Service

- Three (3) ferries
 - City Permission to use Eastern Wharf for ferry storage/employee parking to aid employee access during bridge closure
- Fixed-Route Bus Service upon GDOT Accessibility
 - Bus Bridge
 - Bus size/frequency based on projected need
 - 35 ft. bus
 - 29 ft bus
 - 15" passenger van

Staff Resources

- Extra Board
- Supervisory Staff

Savannah Convention Center Funding Request Savannah Belles Ferry System Operations

	Description	Project Cost Estimate	Federal Grant	Local Share	Total	Shortfall
Capital	Convention Center Dock	\$1,600,000	\$651,763	\$162,141	\$814,704	\$785,296
	Susie King Taylor I Ferry Restoration	1,339,371	1,071,496	267,875	1,339,371	0.00
	Florence Martus, Mary Musgrove Restoration	1,004,000	803,200	200,900	1,004,000	Still awaiting quotes
Savannah Convention Center Capital Request				\$630,919		
Annual Contribution Request						
Operating	Savannah Belles Ferry System Operations			350,000		n/a
	Savannah Belles Ferry Fleet Preventive Maintenance			250,000		n/a
Total Operation Annual Funding Request				\$600,000		
Total Capital & Operations				\$1,230,919		

Thank You!