

# MPC NEWSLETTER

FALL/WINTER 2022



## UPCOMING

01/04/23 - HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
01/05/23 - SITES & MONUMENTS COMMISSION  
01/11/23 - HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD  
01/17/23 - METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION  
01/24/23 - COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
01/25/23 - HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
01/26/23 - CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

02/02/23 - SITES AND MONUMENTS COMMISSION  
02/07/23 - METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION  
02/08/23 - HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD  
02/13/23 - CORE MPO ACAT  
02/14/23 - SAGIS  
02/16/23 - CORE  
02/22/23 - HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
02/23/23 - CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
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# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we Look back at the year 2022 and reflect on our hopes for the years ahead, we reaffirm our commitment to continue building an efficient, fair, and sustainable environment and wish you happiness and prosperity in 2023.

For the community and staff, 2022 has been a year of trying to get back to normalcy while ensuring that health and safety remain a top priority. Our Staff also ensures we continue to deliver quality services to the community and has shown resilience and agility to continue to do so.

As 2022 draws to a close, I take this opportunity to thank all our colleagues and community for their support and wish everyone the very best for the festive season and beyond.

**- Melanie Wilson, Executive Director**

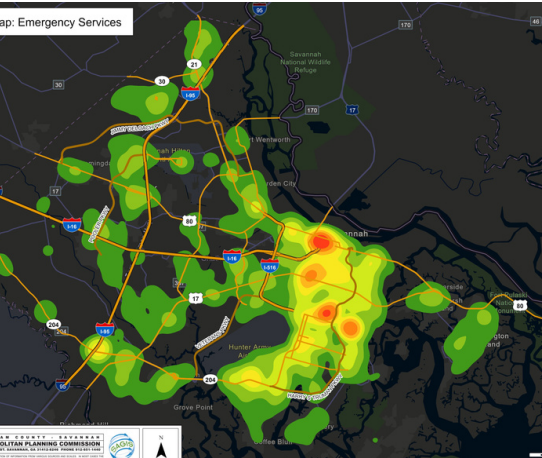


## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### SAGIS & BHU

**What is the BHU?** The mission of the SPD BHU is to promote enhanced child safety, child permanency, and child and family well-being through effective interventions with families having parental substance use/abuse disorders and involvement with the justice system and child protective services.

**What is the MPC's Involvement?** With the technology SAGIS provides, SPD can accurately locate and document High Call Density Neighborhoods such as Yamacraw Village, North Historic District, Metropolitan, Cuyler/Brownville, memorial Hospital/Fairfield, Medical Arts, South Garden, Savannah State, Glynwood, Brookview/ Skidaway. (Pictured on Left)



### MPC BOARD

On October 4, 2022, the MPC Planning Commission held a Board Retreat facilitated by Eric Robinson from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government. The purpose of the retreat was to:

- Discuss the importance of organizational alignment;
- Clarify the purpose of the Board;
- Identify the roles and responsibilities of the Board;
- examine the Board's team and group dynamics; and
- Identify important issues facing the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC).

The Retreat also gave the Board members an opportunity to get to know one another and to better understand the critical issues faced by the MPC and its staff.





## CORE MPO 2050

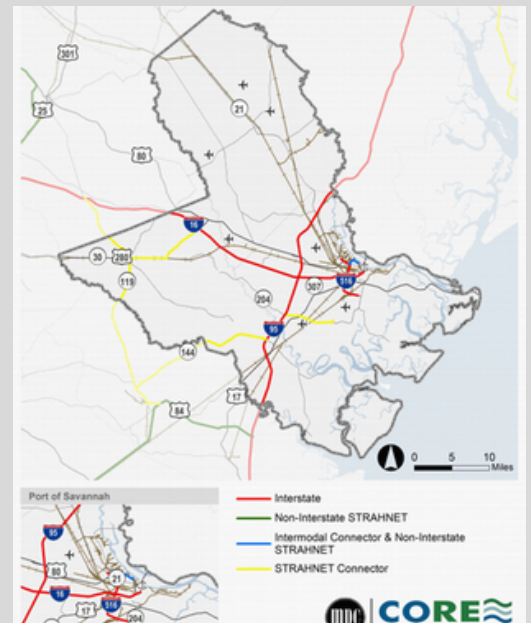
The Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) is currently developing the region's next long-range transportation plan, Moving Forward Together 2050. The CORE MPO's current long-range transportation plan (Mobility 2045) was adopted by the CORE MPO Board on August 7th, 2019, and is now being updated for horizon year 2050. The long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is usually updated every 5 years providing a strategic direction of the region's multi-modal transportation needs and infrastructure improvement recommendations based on public and stakeholder outreach as well as technical analysis. The 2050 Plan is currently in the public engagement phase. Staff has hosted both virtual and in-person public meetings, participated in community pop-up events, and conducted a public survey for the development of the Plan. To learn more about the Moving Forward Together 2050 plan and future participation opportunities, please visit the CORE MPO's website. (MTP ([thempc.org](https://www.thempc.org)))

## FLOODING MODEL STUDY

In Summer 2022, the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) kicked off the Urban Flooding Model Study to take a regional look at flooding impacts on infrastructure and land-use. The goals of the study are to provide guidance for decision-planning on flood risk management and operational response, and provide resiliency recommendations. To learn more about the study and its development, please visit the CORE MPO's website. (<https://www.thempc.org/Core/Ufm>).

## CORE MPO FREIGHT PLAN

The Savannah region's freight industry is booming! With so much more growth to come, this made for perfect timing to update the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CORE MPO's) Freight Transportation Plan to give insight on future freight projections, impacts and improvement needs. The regional freight plan update kicked off in Spring 2022. The project team conducted stakeholder and public surveys, stakeholder interviews, and technical analysis. There are currently several technical memos on freight needs available for review on the MPO website. The freight plan is expected to be completed in Summer of 2023 with policy, land use and infrastructure improvement recommendations. Please visit the CORE MPO's website to learn more about the plan and its updates. (CORE Freight Planning ([thempc.org](https://www.thempc.org)))

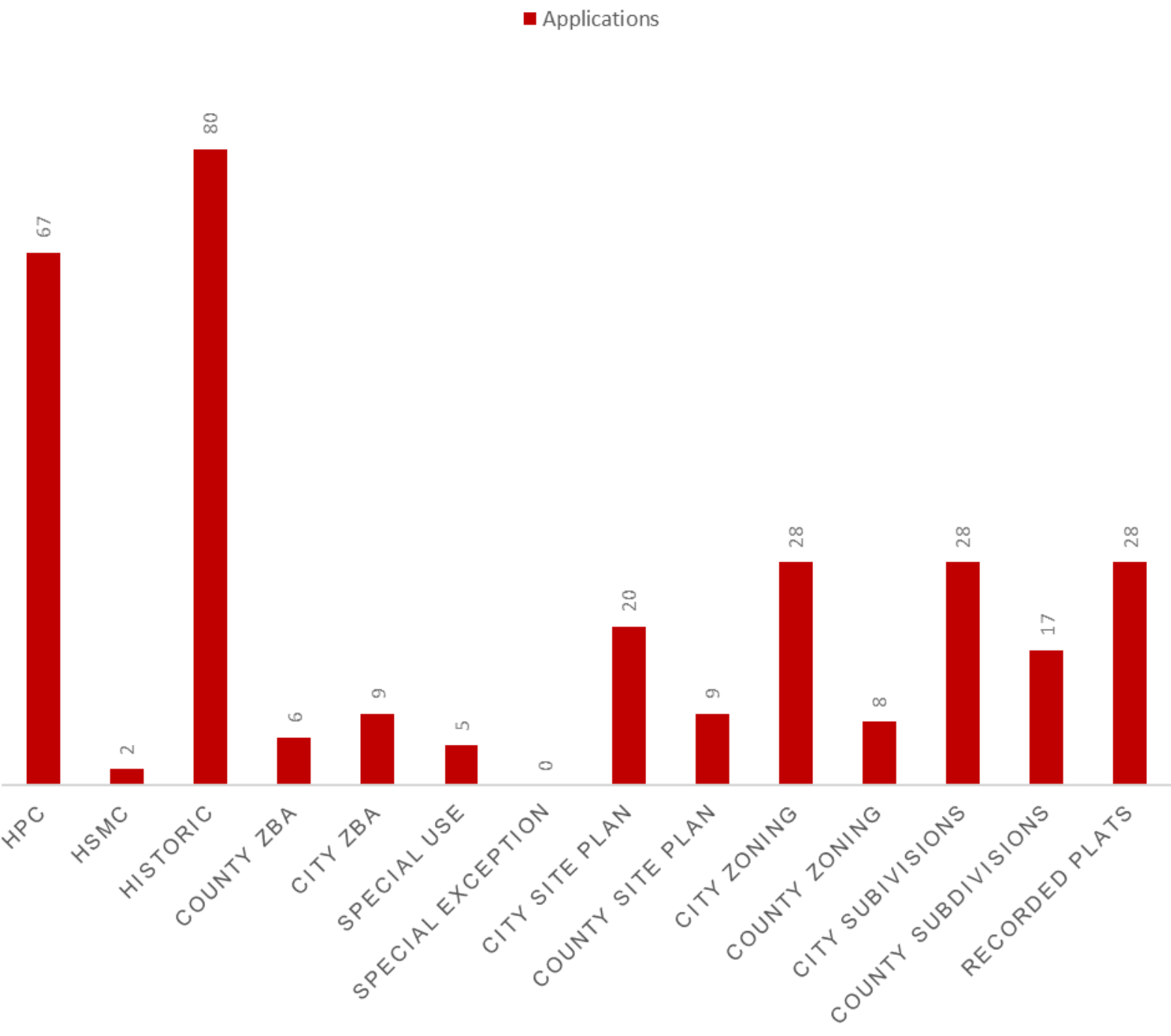


Coastal Region MPO

Shown here is the MPC’s quarterly application chart. Every application that comes through the office gets assigned to one of our divisions so that a staff member can effectively develop a recommendation to present to the Boards.

Our Historic team reached a total of 80 applications, giving the them spot for most applications this month, not too far behind was HPC receiving 67.

# QUARTERLY APPLICATIONS





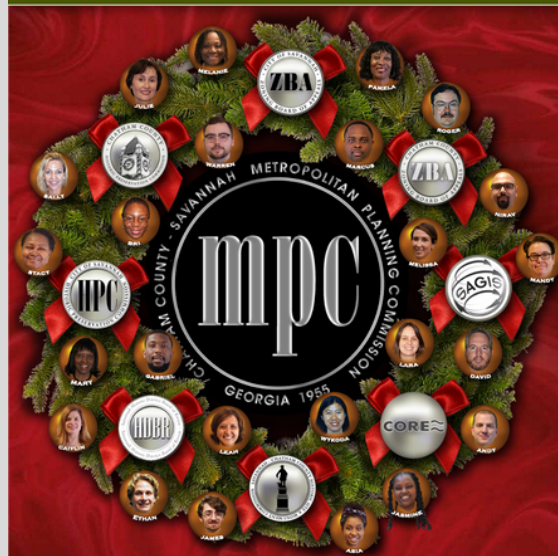
# HOLIDAYS AT THE MPC

It's that time of the year again... The MPC's Annual Door Decorating and Costume Contests! For Halloween, MPC staff channels their inner "Spooky Szn" vibes to transform every door in the office into a fun and scary Halloween display, and dress up in creative costumes to pull the themes together. This year's door themes mostly pulled from cult classics such as Shutter Island, Friday the 13th, and Halloween.

As we transition from spider webs and pumpkins into snowflakes and Nostalgic holiday songs, the staff really turns up the heat in the competition department and goes all out to express their holiday cheer. This year we saw doors that were imported from Whoville, The Peanuts, The Nutcracker, and many more. Of course, the Holidays wouldn't be complete without an Ugly Sweater contest and MPC has you covered.

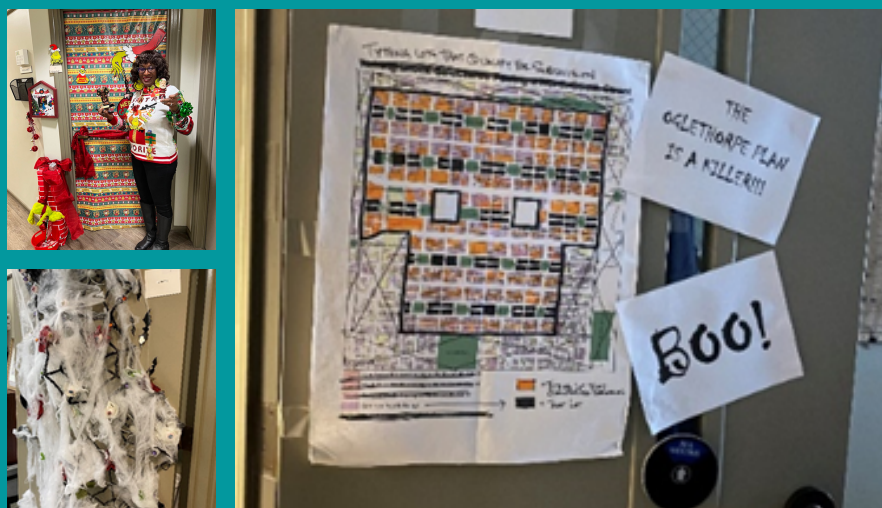
## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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