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April 3, 2024

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp  
GOVERNOR – State of Georgia  
State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Re: Coastal Region MPO, Updated Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary

Dear Governor Kemp:

Attached is a resolution passed by the Coastal Region MPO Policy Committee, amending the boundaries of their Metropolitan Planning Area/Urbanized Area Boundaries on February 28, 2024. The boundary has been amended in order to include regions which the Coastal Region MPO anticipates becoming “urbanized” in the next twenty years.

The updated CORE MPO MPA includes all of Chatham County, the portion of Effingham County south of SR 119/Indigo Road/Bethany Road —whereas before the Effingham County portion was only the 2020 census defined Savannah Urban Area (UAB), Richmond Hill, the UAB portions that fall within unincorporated Bryan County, and the areas that are connecting Richmond Hill and the UAB in Bryan County. Attached to this letter you will find a map titled “CORE MPO Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary”, which shows the Coastal Region MPO boundary. The MPO Boundary is shown on this map in blue and the proposed urbanized area is outlined with red.

In accordance with CFR Title 23, Section 450.312(a) we respectfully request your approval of the proposed boundary change. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Matt Markham, Deputy Director of Planning at 404-631-1747.

Gratefully,

Jannine Miller  
Director of Planning

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Brian P. Kemp, Governor

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

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Enclosure: Signed resolution with the updated MPA boundary maps  
cc: File



## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

### **Resolution to Adopt the Revised Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**WHEREAS**, the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) has been designated by the Governor of Georgia as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Savannah Urban Area in accordance with federal requirements of Title 23, Section 134 of the United States Code to have a cooperative, comprehensive and continuous transportation planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, CORE MPO is mandated by 23 CFR 450.312 to adopt in agreement with the Governor of Georgia, a Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) that shall encompass the entire existing Savannah Urban Area and the contiguous areas expected to become urbanized within a 20-year forecast period; and

**WHEREAS**, CORE MPO has updated its MPA boundary based on the 2020 Census designated Savannah Urban Area and other census data in coordination with the current CORE MPO members and the jurisdictions of expanded areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the updated CORE MPO MPA includes all of Chatham County, the portion of Effingham County south of SR 119 - Indigo Road - Bethany Road, Richmond Hill, the portions of the 2020 census defined Savannah Urban Area that fall within unincorporated Bryan County, and the areas that are connecting Richmond Hill and the Savannah Urban Area in Bryan County (as presented on the attached map); and

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in cooperation with CORE MPO, have reviewed the updated CORE MPO MPA boundary; and

**WHEREAS**, CORE MPO will update the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to reflect the revised MPA as Exhibit A.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization adopts the revised Metropolitan Planning Area as presented on the attached map.

### **CERTIFICATION**

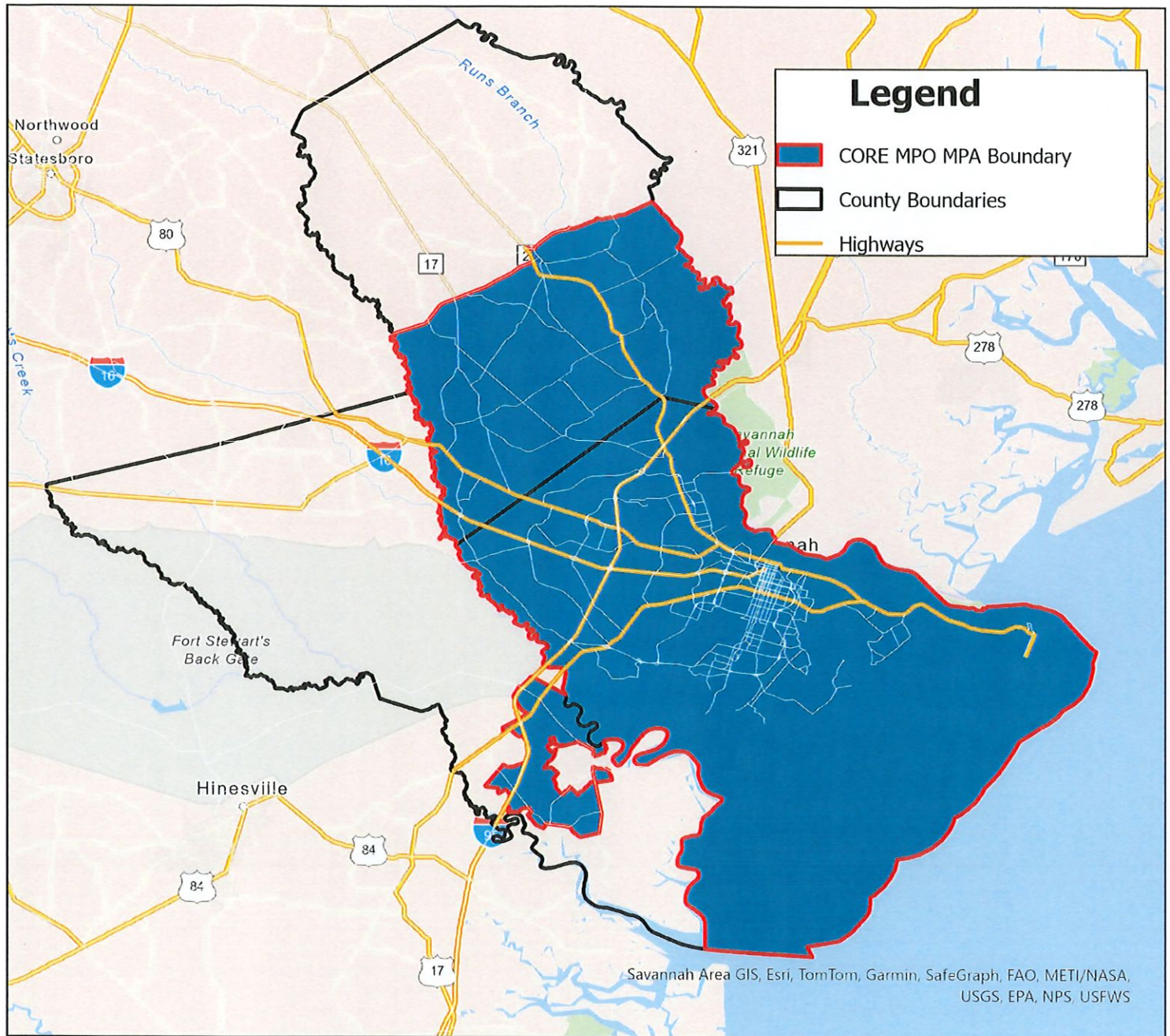
I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Board at a meeting held on **February 28, 2024**.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chester A. Ellis", written over a horizontal line.

Chester A. Ellis, Chairman  
Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization



# CORE MPO Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary

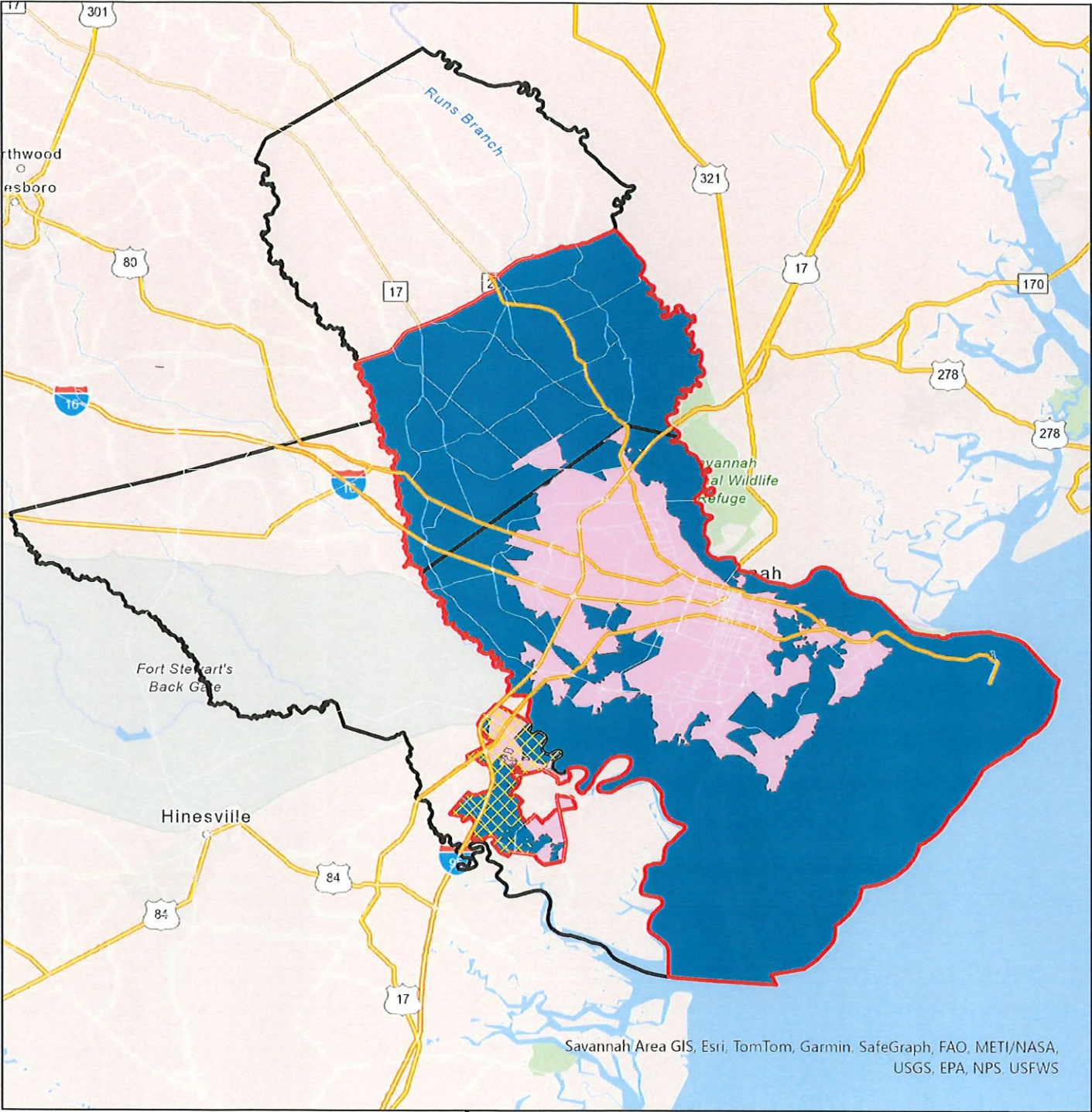


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# CORE MPO MPA Boundary



## Legend

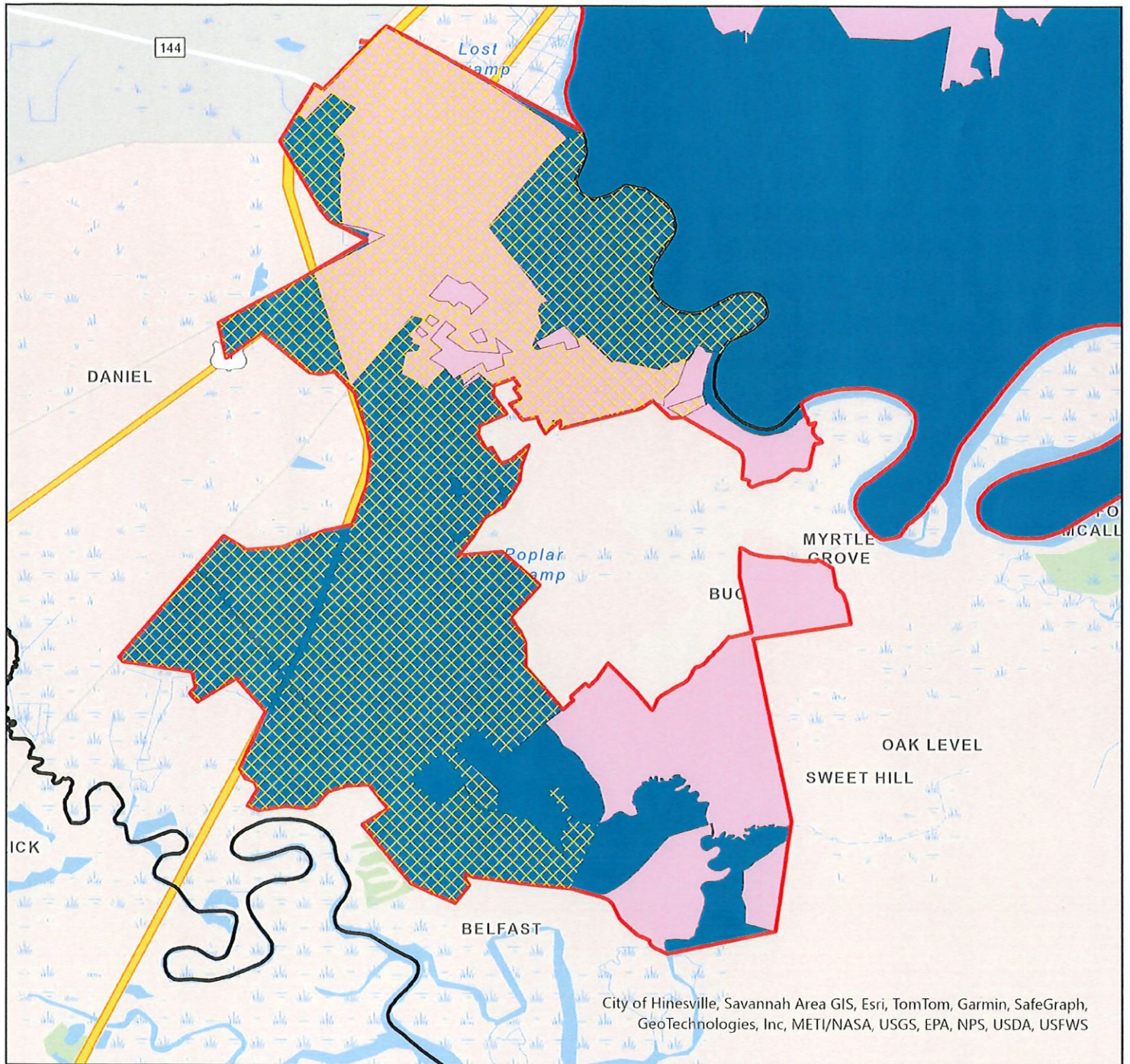
-  CORE MPO MPA Boundary
-  Richmond Hill
-  Savannah UAB
-  Highways

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# Bryan County Portion of the CORE MPO MPA Boundary



## Legend

-  CORE MPO MPA Boundary
-  Richmond Hill
-  Savannah UAB
-  County Boundaries

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COASTAL REGION MPO