

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER 2050

Public Meetings October 2022



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What is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)?

Federally Mandated





Allocate Funding Resources through the "**3-C Process"**



Transportation Planning to Address Regional Needs and Priorities



What is the 3-C Process?

Comprehensive Continuing Cooperative

- Safety and security of the transportation system
- Connectivity, accessibility
 and mobility options
- Efficient system management and operations
- Public involvement
- Land use
- Environmental protection
- Establish long and shortterm plans and programs with update cycles
- Create policies and strategies to support the MPO vision
 - Cooperate and coordinate with the federal, State, regional and local transportation agencies
- Gather input from stakeholders, boards, committees and citizens





What are the MPOs' planning documents?



Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

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Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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Congestion Management Process (CMP)

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Public Participation Plan (PP)



Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan

A Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is used to guide development/update of the plans.



What are the **MPOs**['] Planning **Emphasis** Areas?

Tackling the Climate Crisis – Transition to a Clean **Energy, Resilient Future**

Equity and Justice 40 in Transportation Planning

Complete Streets

Public Involvement

Strategic Highway Network/U.S. Department of **Defense Coordination**

Federal Land Management Agency Coordination

Planning and Environment Linkages

Data in Transportation Planning



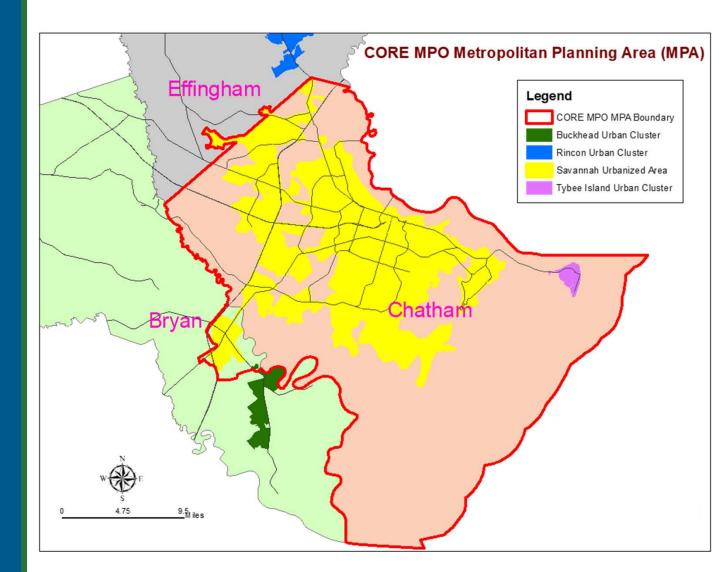


What is CORE MPO ?

MPO for the Savannah region.

Current planning area boundary includes all of Chatham County, Richmond Hill in Bryan County and portions of Effingham County.

The planning boundary will be updated after the Census releases the Savannah urban area in December 2022.





Who is CORE MPO ?

The CORE MPO Board

- Sets regional and long-term transportation policies.
- Prioritizes projects.
- Approves the longrange Metropolitan Transportation Plan, short-range Transportation Improvement Program, and other required planning documents.

CORE MPO Board

- Chairman, Chatham County Commission
- Commissioner or designee, Chatham County Commission
- Commissioner or designee, Chatham County Commission
- Chairman or designee, Effingham County Commission
- Mayor, City of Savannah
- Councilman or designee, City of Savannah
- Councilman or designee, City of Savannah
- Mayor or designee, City of Bloomingdale
- Mayor or designee, City of Garden City
- Mayor or designee, City of Port Wentworth
- Mayor or designee, City of Pooler
- Mayor or designee, City of Richmond Hill
- Mayor or designee, City of Tybee Island
- Mayor or designee, Town of Thunderbolt
- Mayor or designee, Town of Vernonburg
- Commissioner or designee, Georgie Department of Transportation
- CEO, Chatham Area Transit Authority
- Chairman or designee, Chatham Area Transit Authority
- Executive Director or designee, Savannah Airport Commission
- Chairman, Metropolitan Planning Commission
- Chairman, CORE MPO Economic Development and Freight Advisory Committee
- Chairman, CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee
- Chairman, CORE MP Advisory Committee on Accessible
 Transportation



CORE MPO Structure

The CORE MPO Board is supported by several advisory committees.

CORE MPO is staffed by the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

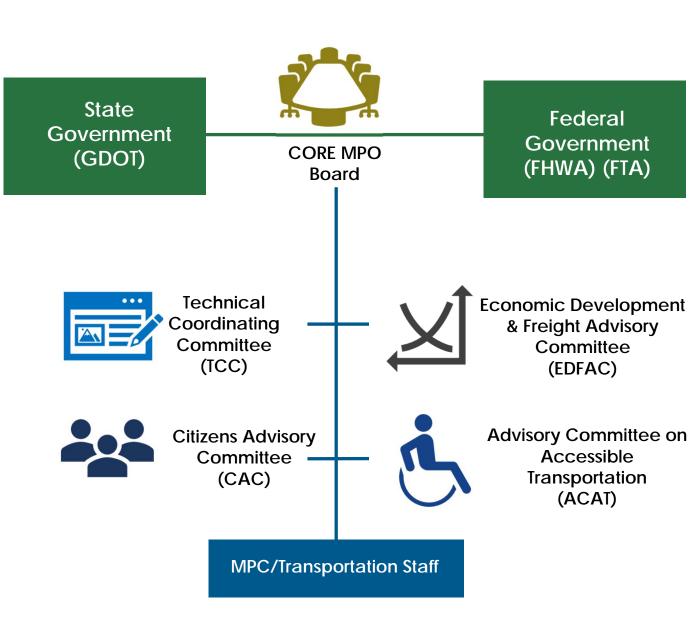
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What is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)?



The region's transportation system investment policies and priorities



Links with regional land use, development, housing & employment goals & plans



Projections for the region's needs in the next 20+ years (updated every 5 years)



Aligns with the Statewide Transportation Plan

System Multi-Modal Focused on systems level & intermodal/multi modal in nature



Emphasizes efficient use of existing system & its preservation



Fiscally constrained prioritized listing of projects



Moving Forward Together 2050



Blueprint for Savannah region's transportation improvements to meet mobility needs

Covers 2025 through 2050

To be adopted in Summer 2024

Multi-modal

Highway Improvements

Travel Demand Model

Corridor Studies (US 80, SR 307, SR 21, etc.)

Congestion Management Process

Freight

Regional Freight Plan update

Transit

Master Transit Plan

Transit Development Plan

Bike/Ped/Trail Improvements

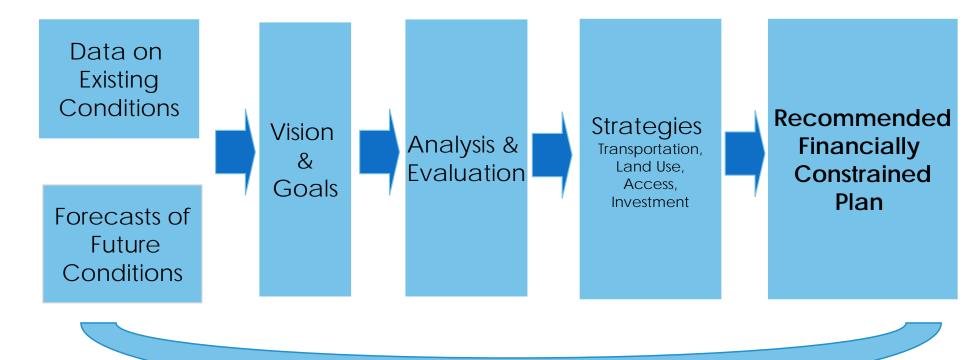
Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Update

Thoroughfare Plan Update

Environmental Consideration

Urban Flooding Model Study





Public & Stakeholder Involvement





Development Process

Three Rounds of Public Involvement

1st Round in Fall 2022

- Kick-Off
- Surveys
- Refine Goals and Objectives

2nd Round in Summer 2023

- Updates
- Study and Analysis Findings

3rd Round in Summer 2024

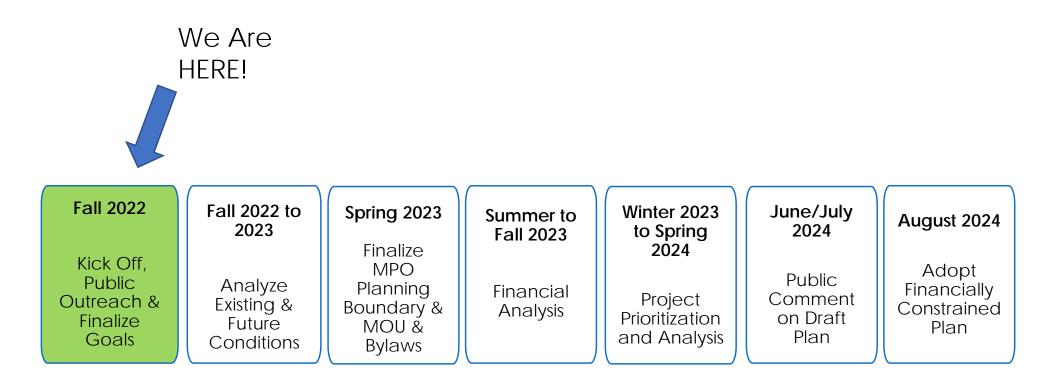
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Public Involvement Process







Development Schedule

Safety & Security

- a. Reduce the rate, frequency, and severity of crashes, injuries, and fatalities for all modes and freight and at-grade rail crossings
- b. Improve emergency response and incident clearance times
- c. Increase the resiliency of infrastructure to risks; helping prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies, including extreme weather and environmental conditions

Performance & Reliability

- a. Enhance and expand the region's ITS, adaptive and actively managed traffic systems
- b. Improve travel time reliability for vehicles, transit, and freight on the transportation system
- c. Reduce travel time and congestion for vehicles, transit, and freight
- d. Maximize efficiency of signalized intersections and coordination

Access & Connectivity

- a. Enhance and expand bicycle and pedestrian facilities and infrastructure
- b. Increase modal opportunities and options as means to enhance tourism
- c. Prioritize projects that accommodate transit, pedestrian, and bicycle travel
- d. Improve housing and employment access to transit
- e. Ensure equitable access and options for vulnerable populations





Draft Goals and Objectives

Stewardship

- a. Capitalize on common goals and needs in the region to reduce costs, promote efficiency in transportation improvements, and increase data sharing
- b. Participate in transportation-related planning efforts initiated by other agencies and organizations throughout the region
- c. Improve accessibility to regional employment centers
- d. Support the region's economic competitiveness through the efficient movement of freight
- e. Prioritize projects that provide the greatest cost benefit
- f. Improve project delivery for all modes

System & Environmental Preservation

- a. Meet industry, state, and national standards for infrastructure and asset quality, condition, and performance for all public transportation and transit infrastructure
- b. Support funding for transportation maintenance
- c. Reduce emissions and energy consumption
- d. Increase the application of green infrastructure in projects
- e. Reduce stormwater impacts of surface transportation





Draft Goals and Objectives

First Round of Public Meetings



September 2022 Meetings

- •Three (3) Public Meetings hosted by CORE MPO
- Presentation at three (3) Commission/Council and neighborhood meetings

October 2022 Meetings

- •October 3, 6:00 pm (In-person) Liberty City Community Center Neighborhood Meeting, 1401 Mills B Lane Blvd, Savannah, GA
- October 5, 8:30 am (Virtual) CGIC/Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition ~ link to be provided later
- October 11, 4:00 pm (In-person) Chatham Area Transit Planning Committee Meeting, Savannah, GA
- October 12, 6:00 pm (In-person) Woodville Community Center, 127 Darling St, Savannah, GA
- October 13, 1:30 pm (In-person) CORE MPO PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETING, First Presbyterian Church, 520 Washington Ave, Savannah, GA 31405
- October 17, 6:00 pm (In-person) Garden City ~ City Council Meeting, 100 Central Ave, Garden City, GA
- October 19, 2:45 pm (In-person) Savannah Arts Academy, 500 Washington Ave, Savannah, GA 31405
- October 20, 10:00 am (In-person) CORE MPO Economic Development and Freight Advisory Committee (EDFAC) Meeting, 112 E State St, Savannah, GA
- October 20, 2:00 pm (In-person) CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting, 112 E State St, Savannah, GA
- October 20, 5:30 pm (In-person) CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting, 112 E State St, Savannah, GA
- October 24, 1:00 pm (In-person) CORE MPO Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT) Meeting, 112 E State St, Savannah, GA
- October 25, 10:00 am (In-person) Chatham Area Transit Board Meeting, Savannah, GA
- •October 29, 2022 (In-person) Habersham Village Fall Festival

November 2022 Meetings

•November 2, 10:00 am (In-person) CORE Metropolitan Planning Organization Board (MPO) Meeting, 112 E State St, Savannah, GA



We cannot do this without you!



Take the surveys – open until 10/31/2022

- 2050 MTP Survey
- 2050 MTP Map Survey
- Freight Plan Update Survey
- Freight Plan Update Map Survey

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