



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Resolution to Adopt the 2021 CORE MPO Participation Plan Update of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO)

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

WHEREAS, federal legislation requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to "provide citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, public ports, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation (including intercity bus operators, employer-based commuting programs, such as a carpool program, vanpool program, transit benefit program, parking cash-out program, shuttle program, or telework program), representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the Transportation Plan"(USC Title 23, Section 134); and

WHEREAS, the legislation further states that a Participation Plan "(i) shall be developed in consultation with all interested parties; and (ii) shall provide that all interested parties have reasonable opportunities to comment on the contents of the Transportation Plan."; and

WHEREAS, CORE MPO adopted a Participation Plan (P l a n) in March of 2002 and has updated the Plan several times in response to changing requirements or conditions, most recently in August 2019; and

WHEREAS, this 2021 update includes the following changes: 1) Adding new outreach methods to adapt to the changes caused by Covid-19, (2) additional Title VI related goals and objectives have been added; and 3) necessary administrative modifications to meet federal and state requirements have been made; and

WHEREAS, the process to update the Participation Plan was carried out in accordance with the most recently adopted Participation Plan, including the required 45-day public comment period; and

WHEREAS, CORE MPO has conducted a public hearing for the Participation Plan updates and has taken into consideration comments made at the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CORE MPO adopts the attached updated Participation Plan.

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 24, 2021.

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

Chester A. Ellis, Chairman
Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization