



Community Opportunities and Public Involvement Committee

April 14, 2026, at 2:00pm
Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2026, CORE MPO COPIC

Voting Members	Representing	Present
Tia Baker	Chatham Area Transit	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
Bernadette Ball Oliver	Economic Opportunity Authority	
Brenda Pollen	Housing Authority of Savannah	
Shannon Ginn	Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE), Inc.	X
Tyrone Palmer	National Federation of the Blind, Local Chapter	X
Representative	Savannah – Chatham Council on Disability Issues	
Representative	Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision	
Patti Lyons	Senior Citizens Inc.	
Ben Lewis	Chatham County	
Tony Abbott	Interested Citizen	
Robert Pirie	Interested Citizen	X
A’riel Johnson	Interested Citizen	
Armand Turner	Interested Citizen	X
Daniel Brantley	Interested Citizen	
Representative	Interested Citizen	
Non-Voting	Representing	
Representative	Savannah Council of the Blind	
Representative	Coastal Center for Development Services	
Katie Proctor	GDOT District Five	
Representative	Georgia Infirmary Day Center	
Bill Kelso	Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire	
Representative	NAACP - Savannah Branch	
Representative	Savannah - Chatham County Fair Housing Council	
Representative	Deaf Community	
Akela Wright	Effingham County	X
Representative	Bryan County	
Representative	Harambee House	
Others	Representing	
Kieron Coffield	CORE MPO	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X

Sadie Esch-Laurent	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Subhashi Karunaratne	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Pam Everett	MPC	X
Kaniz Sathi	GDOT	X

I. Approval of Agenda

The Community Opportunities and Public Involvement Committee (COPIC) was unable to obtain a quorum. All action items will be moved to the June 16, 2026, meeting.

II. Action Items

1. [Approval of the December 9, 2025, CORE MPO COPIC Meeting Minutes](#)
2. [Approval of the February 23, 2026, CORE MPO COPIC Meeting Minutes](#)

III. Status Reports

3. [CORE MPO Website](#)
4. [FY 2026 UPWP Amendments for April 2026](#)
5. [FY 2027 UPWP - Effingham County's SR 30 Corridor Study](#)
6. [GAMPO Spring 2026 Conference](#)
7. [FY 2024 - 2027 TIP Amendments for April 2026](#)
8. [FY 2027 - 2030 TIP Development](#)
9. [TIP Database Management Tools Request for Proposals](#)
10. [Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Study](#)
11. [Urban Flood Model Phase II](#)
12. [US 80 Corridor Study Phase II](#)
13. [RFP - Bay Street Microsimulation Modeling](#)
14. [RFP - Ferguson Avenue Study](#)

IV. Agency Reports (verbal)

15. [Chatham County](#)
16. [Chatham Area Transit \(CAT\)](#)
17. [Economic Opportunity Authority \(EOA\)](#)
18. [Housing Authority of Savannah](#)

- [19. Living Independence for Everyone \(LIFE\)](#)
- [20. National Federation of the Blind](#)
- [21. Savannah Chapter for the Blind and Low Vision](#)
- [22. Seniors, Inc.](#)

V. Other Business

VI. Public Participation Opportunities

VII. Notices

- [23. GDOT Project Status](#)
- [24. City of Savannah](#)
- [25. City of Garden City](#)
- [26. City of Port Wentworth](#)
- [27. Effingham County](#)
- [28. Savannah Hilton Head International Airport](#)
- [29. LATS -SCDOT Project Status](#)
- [30. Safe Streets for All \(SS4A\) - FY2026 NOFO now live!](#)
- [31. Georgia State Physical Activity & Nutrition Funding Opportunity \(GSPAN NOFO\)](#)
- [32. Rails to Trails Conservancy - 2026 Trail Grants](#)
- [33. Next CORE MPO COPIC meeting on June 16, 2026, at 2:00pm](#)

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the April 14, 2026, COPIC meeting adjourned.

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