



## Community Opportunities and Public Involvement Committee

February 23, 2026, at 2:00pm  
Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2026, CORE MPO COPIC

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Present</b>
Tia Baker	Chatham Area Transit	
Asia Hernton	CORE MPO	X
Bernadette Ball Oliver	Economic Opportunity Authority	
Brenda Pollen	Housing Authority of Savannah	
Shannon Ginn	Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE), Inc.	
Tyrone Palmer	National Federation of the Blind, Local Chapter	X
Representative	Savannah – Chatham Council on Disability Issues	
Paula Valdez	Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision	
Patti Lyons	Senior Citizens Inc.	X
Ben Lewis	Chatham County	
Tony Abbott	Interested Citizen	X
Robert Pirie	Interested Citizen	X
A'riel Johnson	Interested Citizen	
Armand Turner	Interested Citizen	X
Daniel Brantley	Interested Citizen	
Kevin Glover	Interested Citizen	
<b>Non-Voting</b>	<b>Representing</b>	
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	
Alden Strandburg	Effingham County	X
Representative	Bryan County	
Representative	Harambee House	
<b>Others</b>	<b>Representing</b>	
Kieron Coffield	CORE MPO	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X

Sadie Esch-Laurent	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Subhashi Karunarathne	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Melanie Wilson	MPC	X
Jessica Mathis	Public	

## 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 April 14, 2026, meeting.

## II. Action Items

1. [Approval of the December 9, 2025, CORE MPO COPIC Meeting Minutes](#)
2. [Call for Projects and TIP Prioritization](#)
3. [FY 2027 UPWP](#)

## III. Status Reports

4. [US 80 Phase II](#)
5. [Urban Flood Model Phase II](#)
6. [Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Study](#)
7. [Non-Motorized Transportation Plan \(NMTP\) Update](#)
8. [TIP Updates](#)
9. [Performance Based Planning and Programming \(PBPP\) Targets](#)

## IV. Agency Reports (verbal)

10. [Chatham County](#)
11. [Chatham Area Transit \(CAT\)](#)
12. [Economic Opportunity Authority \(EOA\)](#)
13. [Housing Authority of Savannah](#)
14. [Living Independence For Everyone \(LIFE\)](#)
15. [National Federation of the Blind](#)
16. [Savannah Chapter for the Blind and Low Vision](#)
17. [Seniors, Inc.](#)

## V. Other Business

## **VI. Public Participation Opportunities**

### **VII. Notices**

- [18. GDOT Project Status](#)
- [19. City of Savannah](#)
- [20. City of Port Wentworth](#)
- [21. Effingham County](#)
- [22. Savannah Hilton Head International Airport](#)
- [23. LATS -SCDOT Project Status](#)
- [24. Next CORE MPO COPIC meeting April 14, 2026, at 2:00pm](#)

### **VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the February 23, 2026, COPIC meeting adjourned.

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