



CORE MPO Board

Minutes
October 23rd, 2024 at 10:00am

October 23, 2024 CORE MPO BOARD

Voting Members	Representing	Present	On-Line
Chester Ellis	Chatham County Commission (Chairman)	X	
Michael Kaigler	Chatham County		
Tanya Milton	Chatham County	X	
Van Johnson	City of Savannah	X	
Jay Melder	City of Savannah	X	
Nick Palumbo	City of Savannah	X	
Dennis Baxter	City of Bloomingdale		
Bruce Campbell	City of Garden City		
Gary Norton	City of Port Wentworth		
Karen Williams	City of Pooler	X	
Brian West	City of Tybee Island	X	
Dana Williams	Town of Thunderbolt		
Laura Lawton	Town of Vernonburg		
Tim Callanan	Effingham County Commission	X	
Representative	Municipalities of Effingham County Rotating Seat		
Representative	Bryan County Commission		
Steve Scholar	City of Richmond Hill		
Vivian Canizares	Georgia Department of Transportation		
Deidrick Cody	Chatham Area Transit Board of Directors		
Jim Aiello	Savannah Airport Commission		
Jamie McCurry	Georgia Ports Authority		
Karen Jarrett	Metropolitan Planning Commission	X	
Chairperson	Economic Development & Freight Advisory Committee		
Voting Alternates	Representing		
Matt Walker	Town of Thunderbolt	X	
Heath Maines	Savannah Airport Commission	X	
Katie Proctor	GDOT District 5	X	
Others	Representing		
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X	
Kieron Coffield	CORE MPO/MPC	X	
Pamela Everett	MPC	X	
Melanie Wilson	MPC		
Anna McQuarrie	MPC – Special Projects	X	
Hind Patel	MPC/IT	X	
Sadie Esch-Laurent	MPC	X	
Joseph Longo	FHWA		X
Joseph Shearouse	City of Savannah	X	

Mary Moskowitz	Chatham Area Transit	X	
Shubham Goel	Chatham Area Transit	X	
Deanna Brooks	Chatham County	X	
Brett Bell	City of Tybee Island	X	
Tom Hutcherson	City of Pooler		X
Heath Llyod	City Manager for Pooler	X	
Katie Dunnigan	Representative for Port Wentworth		X
Denise Grabowski	Symbioscity – Consultant	X	
Teresa Scott	Atlas – Consultant	X	

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Nick Palumbo, Councilman City of Savannah, motioned to approve the October 23rd, 2024, CORE MPO Board meeting agenda; seconded by Mayor Van Johnson, City of Savannah. The motion passed with none opposed.

II. Committee Reports (verbal)

TCC - Ms. Deanna Brooks, Chatham County, stated TCC met on October 17th and endorsed all of the action items presented.

BPAC - Ms. Asia Hernton, CORE MPO staff, stated the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on October 15th. They endorsed all action items.

TEPIAC - Ms. Asia Hernton stated the TEPIAC met on October 21st and endorsed all action items.

III. Action Items

1. [Approval of the August 15th 2024, CORE MPO Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to approve the August 15th, 2024, Meeting Minutes; seconded by Mayor Karen Williams, City of Pooler. The motion passed with none opposed.

2. [Calendar for 2025](#)

Mayor Van Johnson motioned to approve the CORE MPO Board meeting Calendar for 2025; seconded by Mr. Nick Palumbo. The motion passed with none opposed.

3. [Participation Plan Update](#)

Ms. Karen Jarrett motioned to open the public hearing; seconded by Mayor Van Johnson. The motion passed with none opposed.

PUBLIC HEARING – no comments

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to close the public hearing; seconded by Ms. Tanya Milton, Alderwoman Chatham County. The motion passed with none opposed.

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to approve the Participation Plan Update; seconded by Ms. Karen Jarrett, Chairperson for the MPC. The motion passed with none opposed.

4. [Title VI Plan Update](#)

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to open the public hearing; seconded by Mr. Matt Walker, Town Administrator Thunderbolt. The motion passed with none opposed.

PUBLIC HEARING – no comments

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to close the public hearing; seconded by Ms. Tanya Milton. The motion passed with none opposed.

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to approve the Title VI Plan Update; seconded by Mayor Karen Williams, City of Pooler. The motion passed with none opposed.

[5. Authorization to Submit Roadway Functional Classification Requests to GDOT](#)

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to approve the Authorization to Submit Roadway Functional Classification Requests to GDOT; seconded by Mayor Karen Williams, City of Pooler. The motion passed with none opposed.

IV. Other Business

V. Status Reports

[6. Federal Certification Review](#)

[7. Discretionary PL Funds Awards](#)

[8. President Street Railroad Crossing Elimination Study](#)

VI. Information Reports (verbal)

[9. GDOT Project Status Update](#)

Report attached to the agenda.

[10. Chatham County Project Status Update](#)

Report attached to the agenda.

[11. City of Savannah Project Status Update](#)

Report attached to the agenda.

[12. Savannah Hilton Head International Airport Project Status Update](#)

Report attached to the agenda.

[13. Chatham Area Transit Project Status Update](#)

Report attached to the agenda.

[14. LATS-SCDOT Project Status Update](#)

Report attached to the agenda.

VII. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VIII. Notices

[15. 2024 AMPO Conference Information](#)

Report attached to the agenda.

[16. Next CORE MPO Board meeting December 18, 2024 at 10:00am](#)

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the October 23rd, 2024, CORE MPO Board meeting was adjourned.

The Chatham County- Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission provides meeting summary minutes which are adopted by the respective board. Verbatim transcripts of minutes are the responsibility of the interested party.