

CORE MPO Board

Minutes
August 27, 2025, at 10:00am

August 27, 2025, 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		
Jay Melder	City of Savannah	X	
Nick Palumbo	City of Savannah	X	
Dennis Baxter	City of Bloomingdale		
Bruce Campbell	City of Garden City	X	
Gary Norton	City of Port Wentworth		
Karen Williams	City of Pooler	X	
Brian West	City of Tybee Island		
Dana Williams	Town of Thunderbolt		
Laura Lawton	Town of Vernonburg		
Tim Callanan	Effingham County Commission	X	
Mona Underwood	Municipalities of Effingham County Rotating Seat	X	
Ben Taylor	Bryan County Commission		
Steve Scholar	City of Richmond Hill		
Vivian Canizares	Georgia Department of Transportation		X
Michael Owens	Chatham Area Transit Board of Directors	X	
Jim Aiello	Savannah Airport Commission		
Jamie McCurry	Georgia Ports Authority	X	
Karen Jarrett	Metropolitan Planning Commission		
Chairperson	Economic Development & Freight Advisory Committee		
Voting Alternates	Representing		
Katie Proctor	GDOT – District 5		X
Kaniz Sathi	GDOT Planning Office	X	
Kathryn Downs	Bryan County Commission	X	
Others	Representing		
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X	
Kieron Coffield	CORE MPO/MPC	X	
Asia Hernton	CORE MPO	X	
Melanie Wilson	MPC	X	
Subhashi Karunaratne	CORE MPO/MPC	X	
Hind Patel	MPC/IT	X	
Sadie Esch-Laurent	CORE MPO/MPC	X	
Kefi Maxwell	MPC	X	
Edward Morrow	MPC		X
Faye DiMassimo	City of Savannah	X	
Estella Shabazz	City of Savannah		X

Mary Moskowitz	Chatham Area Transit	X	
Heath Lloyd	City of Pooler		
Tony Ploughe	Self/Tybee Island Council Member	X	
Tina Bockhold	Chatham County Engineering	X	
Damon Rice	Chatham County Engineering	X	
Carlos Nevarez	City of Garden City	X	
Rick O'Hara	GDOT		X
Paulenna George	Self		X
Eric Von Otteren	Bryan County		X

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Nick Palumbo, City of Savannah, motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Ms. Tanya Milton, Chatham County. The motion passed with none opposed.

II. Committee Reports (verbal)

III. Action Items

1. Approval of the CORE MPO Board June 25, 2025, meeting minutes

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to approve the June 25, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Tim Callanan Effingham County. The motion passed with none opposed.

2. 2050 MTP Amendments

PUBLIC HEARING OPENING – Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to open the public hearing, seconded by Ms. Tanya Milton. The motion passed unanimously.

No public comments were received online or in-person.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSING – Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Mayor Karen Williams, City of Pooler. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to approve the 2050 MTP Amendments, seconded by Mayor Karen Williams. The motion passed with none opposed.

3. Non-Motorized Transportation Plan NMTP Amendments

PUBLIC HEARING OPENING – Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to open the public hearing, seconded by Ms. Tanya Milton. The motion passed unanimously.

No public comments were received online or in-person.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSING – Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Ms. Tanya Milton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to approve the 2050 MTP Amendments, seconded by Mayor Bruce Campbell, City of Garden City. The motion passed with none opposed.

4. FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendments for August

PUBLIC HEARING OPENING – Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to open the public hearing, seconded by Ms. Tanya Milton. The motion passed unanimously.

No public comments were received online or in-person.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSING – Ms. Tanya Milton motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Mayor Karen Williams. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Mona Underwood, Effingham County Municipalities, motioned to approve the 2050 MTP Amendments, seconded by Mr. Nick Palumbo. The motion passed with none opposed.

[5. Call for Projects for FY 2027-2030 TIP Development](#)

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to approve the Call for Projects for FY 2027-2030 TIP Development, seconded by Mr. Tim Callanan. The motion passed with none opposed.

[6. Amendments to MOU and Bylaws](#)

Mr. Tim Callanan motioned to approve the Amendments to the MOU and Bylaws seconded by Mr. Nick Palumbo. The motion passed with none opposed.

IV. Other Business

V. Status Reports

[7. E-TIP Request for Proposals](#)

[8. UPWP Call for Projects, Plans, and Studies](#)

[9. Words and Language to Comply with Executive Orders](#)

[10. US 80 Corridor Study Phase II](#)

[11. Urban Flood Model Phase II](#)

[12. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Study](#)

VI. Information Reports (verbal)

[13. GDOT Project Status](#)

[14. Chatham County Project Status](#)

[15. City of Savannah Project Status](#)

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

[17. Chatham Area Transit Project Status](#)

[18. City of Port Wentworth Project Status](#)

[19. Effingham County Project Status](#)

[20. LATS-SCDOT Project Status](#)

[21. Georgia Ports Authority Project Status](#)

[22. City of Bloomingdale Project Status](#)

[23. City of Garden City Project Status](#)

[24. City of Pooler Project Status](#)

[25. Town of Thunderbolt Project Status](#)

[26. City of Tybee Island Project Status](#)

[27. City of Richmond Hill Project Status](#)

[28. Bryan County Project Status](#)

[29. Effingham Municipalities Project Status Report](#)

VII. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VIII. Notices

[30. CORE Connections Newsletter](#)

[31. GDOT Atlanta to Savannah Passenger Rail Survey](#)

[32. Next CORE MPO Board meeting October 22, 2025, at 10:00am](#)

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the August 27, 2025, 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.