

CORE MPO Board

April 22, 2026, at 10:00am
Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2026, 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		
Brian West	City of Tybee Island		
Dana Williams	Town of Thunderbolt		
Laura Lawton	Town of Vernonburg		
Tim Callanan	Effingham County Commission		
Mona Underwood	Municipalities of Effingham County Rotating Seat		
Ben Taylor	Bryan County Commission		
Steve Scholar	City of Richmond Hill	X	
Vivian Canizares	Georgia Department of Transportation		X
Detric Leggett	Chatham Area Transit Board of Directors		
Jim Aiello	Savannah Airport Commission		
Jamie McCurry	Georgia Ports Authority		
Travis Coles	Metropolitan Planning Commission		
Chairperson	Economic Development & Freight Advisory Committee		
Voting Alternates	Representing		
Teri Lewis	Municipalities of Effingham County Rotating Seat	X	
Kaniz Sathi	GDOT Planning Office	X	
Kathryn Downs	Bryan County Commission	X	
Michael Owens	Chatham Area Transit Board of Directors	X	
Heath Maines	Savannah Airport Commission	X	
Jonathan Hulme	Effingham County Commission	X	
Bret Bell	City of Tybee Island	X	
Omar Senati-Martinez	City of Port Wentworth	X	
Others	Representing		
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X	
Kieron Coffield	CORE MPO/MPC	X	
Asia Hernton	CORE MPO		X
Melanie Wilson	MPC	X	
Subhashi Karunarathne	CORE MPO/MPC	X	
Hind Patel	MPC/IT	X	
Pamela Everett	MPC		X

DeAndrae Spradley	MPC	X	
Faye DiMassimo	City of Savannah	X	
Meghan Sebold	City of Savannah	X	
Stephanie Cutter	Chatham Area Transit	X	
Mark Gladhill	Chatham Area Transit	X	
Chuck Alexander	Chatham Area Transit		X
Estella Shabazz	City of Savannah		X
Joseph Madison	GDOT		X
Jourdyn Fuga	GDOT		X
Deana Brooks	Chatham County Engineering	X	
Tina Bockhold	Chatham County Engineering		X
Damon Rice	Chatham County Engineering		X
Katie Dunnigan	City of Port Wentworth		X
Eric Von Otteren	Bryan County		X
Katie Proctor	GDOT – District 5		X
Kefi Maxwell	City of Garden City	X	
Ben McCarr	Public		X
Williamae Willis	Public		X
Mitchell Lloyd	Pond & Co.	X	
Melissa Phillips	Pond & Co.	X	

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Michael Owens, Chatham Area Transit, motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Nick Palumbo, City of Savannah. The motion passed with none opposed.

II. Committee Reports (verbal)

III. Action Items

[1. Approval of the February 25, 2026, CORE MPO Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Mr. Steve Scholar, City of Richmond Hill, motioned to approve the February 25, 2026, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Nick Palumbo. The motion passed with none opposed.

[2. FY 2024 - 2027 TIP Amendments for April 2026](#)

Ms. Tanya Milton, Chatham County, motioned to approve the FY 2024 -2027 TIP Amendments for April 2026, seconded by Mr. Nick Palumbo. The motion passed with none opposed.

[3. TIP Database Management Tools - Request for Proposals](#)

Mayor Van Johnson, City of Savannah, motioned to approve the TIP Database Management Tools RFP, seconded by Mr. Nick Palumbo. The motion passed with none opposed.

[4. FY 2026 UPWP Amendments for April 2026](#)

Mayor Van Johnson, City of Savannah, motioned to approve the FY 2026 UPWP Amendments for April 2026, seconded by Mr. Nick Palumbo. The motion passed with none opposed.

[5. RFP - Bay Street Microsimulation Study](#)

Mr. Michael Owens, Chatham Area Transit, motioned to approve the RFP – Bay Street Microsimulation Study, seconded by Mr. Jay Melder, City of Savannah. The motion passed with none opposed.

[6. RFP - Ferguson Avenue Study](#)

Ms. Tayna Milton motioned to approve the RFP – Ferguson Avenue Study, seconded by Mr. Steve Scholar. The motion passed with none opposed.

IV. Other Business

V. Status Reports

- [7. FY 2027 UPWP - Effingham County's SR 30 Corridor Study](#)
- [8. FY 2027- 2030 TIP Development](#)
- [9. GAMPO Spring 2026 Conference](#)
- [10. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Study](#)
- [11. Urban Flood Model Phase II](#)
- [12. US 80 Corridor Study Phase II](#)

VI. Information Reports (verbal)

- [13. GDOT Project Status](#)
- [14. Chatham County](#)
- [15. City of Savannah](#)
- [16. Chatham Area Transit \(CAT\)](#)
- [17. Savannah Hilton Head International Airport](#)
- [18. City of Bloomingdale](#)
- [19. City of Garden City](#)
- [20. City of Pooler](#)
- [21. City of Port Wentworth](#)
- [22. Town of Thunderbolt](#)
- [23. City of Tybee Island](#)
- [24. Effingham County](#)
- [25. Municipalities in Effingham County](#)
- [26. Bryan County](#)
- [27. City of Richmond Hill](#)
- [28. LATS- SCDOT Project Status](#)

VII. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VIII. Notices

- [29. Safe Streets for All \(SS4A\) - FY2026 NOFO now live!](#)
- [30. Georgia State Physical Activity and Nutrition Funding Opportunity \(GSPAN NOFO\)](#)
- [31. Rails to Trails Conservancy - 2026 Trail Grants](#)
- [32. Next CORE MPO Board meeting June 24, 2026, at 10:00am](#)

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the April 22, 2026, CORE MPO Board meeting was adjourned.

