



CORE MPO Board

February 25, 2026, at 10:00am
Meeting Minutes

February 25, 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	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		
Ben Taylor	Bryan County Commission		
Steve Scholar	City of Richmond Hill	X	
Vivian Canizares	Georgia Department of Transportation		X
Detric Legget	Chatham Area Transit Board of Directors	X	
Jim Aiello	Savannah Airport Commission		
Jamie McCurry	Georgia Ports Authority		
Travis Coles	Metropolitan Planning Commission	X	
Chairperson	Economic Development & Freight Advisory Committee		
Voting Alternates	Representing		
Teri Lewis	Municipalities of Effingham County Rotating Seat	X	
Carlos Nevarez	City of Garden City	X	
Kaniz Sathi	GDOT Planning Office	X	
Kathryn Downs	Bryan County Commission	X	
Omar Senati-Martinez	City of Port Wentworth	X	
Heath Maines	Savannah Airport Commission	X	
Michael Owens	Chatham Area Transit Board of Directors	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	

Faye DiMassimo	City of Savannah	X	
Stephanie Cutter	Chatham Area Transit	X	
Estella Shabazz	City of Savannah		X
Damon Rice	Chatham County Engineering		X
Paul Teague	Bryan County		X
Eric Von Otteren	Bryan County		X
Katie Proctor	GDOT – District 5		X
Ashley Goodrich	Consultant		X
Chuck Alexander	Chatham Area Transit		X
Katie Dunnigan	City of Port Wentworth		X
Willamae Willis	Public		X
Tasha Harris	GDOT		X
Po Po	Public		X
Rhodes Hunt	Kimley-Horn Consultant	X	
Harrison Dean	Kimley-Horn Consultant	X	
Tony Ploughe	Public	X	
Meghan Sebold	City of Savannah	X	
Deana Brooks	Chatham County	X	

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Nick Palumbo, City of Savannah, motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Travis Coles, MPC Chairperson. The motion passed with none opposed.

II. Committee Reports (verbal)

III. Action Items

[1. Approval of the December 17, 2025, CORE MPO Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Mayor Karen Williams, City of Pooler, motioned to approve the December 17, 2026, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Nick Palumbo. The motion passed with none opposed.

[2. Call for Projects and TIP Prioritization](#)

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to approve the Call for Projects and TIP Prioritization, seconded by Mr. Tim Callanan, Effingham County. The motion passed with none opposed.

[3. Performance Based Planning and Programming \(PBPP\) Targets](#)

Mr. Steve Scholar, City of Richmond Hill, motioned to approve the Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) Targets, seconded by Mr. Tanya Milton, Chatham County. The motion passed with none opposed.

[4. FY 2027 UPWP](#)

Mr. Tim Callanan motioned to approve the FY 2027 UPWP, seconded by Mr. Nick Palumbo. The motion passed with none opposed.

[5. Resolutions of Support for the Discretionary PL Funding Application for Proposed Studies](#)

Mr. Michael Owens, Chatham Area Transit, motioned to approve Resolutions of Support for the Discretionary PL Funding Application for Proposed Studies, seconded by Ms. Tanya Milton. The motion passed with none opposed.

IV. Other Business

V. Status Reports

[6. US 80 Phase II](#)

Final Agenda

- [8. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Study](#)
- [9. Non-Motorized Transportation Plan \(NMTP\) Update](#)
- [10. TIP Updates](#)

VI. Information Reports (verbal)

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

VII. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VIII. Notices

- [28. Height Bill LC394869](#)
- [29. 2025 - GDOT District 1 SE GA Region Update](#)
- [30. Next CORE MPO Board meeting April 22, 2026, at 10:00am](#)

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the February 25, 2026, 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.