



CORE MPO Board

June 24, 2026, at 10:00am
Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2026, CORE MPO Board

Voting Members	Representing	Present	On-Line
Chester Ellis	Chatham County Commission (Chairman)	X	
Michael Kaigler	Chatham County	X	
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		
Tracy Saunders	City of Port Wentworth	X	
Karen Williams	City of Pooler	X	
Brian West	City of Tybee Island		
Dana Williams	Town of Thunderbolt		
Ben McKenzie	Town of Vernonburg		
Tim Callanan	Effingham County Commission		
Mona Underwood	Municipalities of Effingham County Rotating Seat		
Ben Taylor	Bryan County Commission		
Kristi Cox	City of Richmond Hill		
Vivian Canizares	Georgia Department of Transportation		
Detric Leggett	Chatham Area Transit Board of Directors		
Jim Aiello	Savannah Airport Commission		
Lee Beckman	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	
Brett Bell	City of Tybee Island	X	
Kaniz Sathi	GDOT Planning Office	X	
Kathryn Downs	Bryan County Commission	X	
Steve Scholar	City of Richmond Hill	X	
Michael Owens	Chatham Area Transit Board of Directors	X	
Heath Maines	Savannah Airport Commission	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	

Sadie Esch-Laurent	CORE MPO/MPC		
Faye DiMassimo	City of Savannah	X	
Estella Shabazz	City of Savannah		X
Steve Henry	City of Savannah	X	
Chuck Alexander	Chatham Area Transit	X	
Kefi Maxwell	City of Garden City	X	
Deana Brooks	Chatham County Engineering	X	
Nickayla Myers	Chatham County Engineering	X	
Katie Dunnigan	City of Port Wentworth		X
Joe Longo	Consultant		X
Mary Flatt	GDOT		X
Eric Von Otteren	Bryan County		X
Katie Proctor	GDOT – District 5		X
Ashley Goodrich	Consultant	X	

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Nick Palumbo, City of Savannah, motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mayor Karen Williams, City of Pooler. The motion passed with none opposed.

II. Committee Reports (verbal)

III. Action Items

[1. Approval of the April 22, 2026, CORE MPO Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to approve the April 22, 2026, meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Tanya Milton, Chatham County. The motion passed with none opposed.

[2. Approval of the June 1, 2026, Special Called CORE MPO Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Mayor Van Johnson, City of Savannah, motioned to approve the June 1, 2026, Special Called meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Nick Palumbo. The motion passed with none opposed.

[3. FY 2027 UPWP Amendments](#)

Mr. Michael Kaigler, Chatham County Manager, motioned to approve the FY 2027 UPWP Amendments for June 2026, seconded by Mr. Michael Owens, Chatham Area Transit. The motion passed with none opposed

IV. Other Business

V. Status Reports

[4. FY 2027 -2030 TIP Development](#)

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

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

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

[8. Ferguson Avenue Study](#)

[9. Bay Street Microsimulation Modeling](#)

[10. TIP Database Management Tool](#)

VI. Information Reports (verbal)

[11. GDOT Project Status](#)

[12. Chatham County](#)

- [13. City of Savannah](#)
- [14. Chatham Area Transit \(CAT\)](#)
- [15. Savannah Hilton Head International Airport](#)
- [16. Georgia Ports Authority \(GPA\)](#)
- [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. Effingham County](#)
- [24. Municipalities in Effingham County](#)
- [25. Bryan County](#)
- [26. City of Richmond Hill](#)
- [27. LATS -SCDOT Project Status](#)

VII. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VIII. Notices

- [28. FY 2024 -2027 TIP Administrative Modifications](#)
- [29. BUILD America 250 - Reauthorization](#)
- [30. Next CORE MPO Board meeting August 26, 2026, at 10:00am](#)

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the June 24, 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.