



Community Opportunities and Public Involvement Committee

December 9, 2025, at 2:00pm
Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2025 CORE MPO COPIC

Voting Members	Representing	Present
Tia Baker	Chatham Area Transit	
Asia Hernton	CORE MPO	X
Bernadette Ball Oliver	Economic Opportunity Authority	
Brenda Pollen	Housing Authority of Savannah	X
Shannon Ginn	Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE), Inc.	
Tyrone Palmer	National Federation of the Blind, Local Chapter	X
Representative	Savannah – Chatham Council on Disability Issues	
Paula Valdez	Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision	
Patti Lyons	Senior Citizens Inc.	
Ben Lewis	Chatham County	X
Tony Abbott	Interested Citizen	X
Robert Pirie	Interested Citizen	X
A'riel Johnson	Interested Citizen	X
Armand Turner	Interested Citizen	X
Daniel Brantley	Interested Citizen	
Representative	Interested Citizen	
Non-Voting	Representing	
Representative	Savannah Council of the Blind	
Representative	Coastal Center for Development Services	
Katie Proctor	GDOT District Five	
Representative	Georgia Infirmary Day Center	
Bill Kelso	Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire	
Representative	NAACP - Savannah Branch	
Representative	Savannah - Chatham County Fair Housing Council	
Representative	Deaf Community	
L Shuman	Effingham County	
Representative	Bryan County	
Representative	Harambee House	
Others	Representing	
Kieron Coffield	CORE MPO	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X

Sadie Esch-Laurent	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Subhashi Karunarathne	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Hind Patel	MPC	X
Pamela Everett	MPC	X
Megha Singh	Coastal Region Commission	X

Roll Call

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Tony Abbott, Interested Citizen, motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Robert Pirie, Interested Citizen. The motion passed with none opposed.

II. Action Items

[1. Approval of the August 19, 2025, CORE MPO COPIC meeting minutes](#)

Ms. A'riel Johnson motioned to approve the August 19, 2025, CORE MPO COPIC meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Brenda Pollen, Housing Authority of Savannah. The motion passed with none opposed.

[2. Approval of the October 14, 2025, CORE MPO COPIC meeting minutes](#)

Mr. Robert Pirie motioned to approve the October 14, 2025, CORE MPO COPIC meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. A'riel Johnson. The motion passed with none opposed.

[3. Calendar for 2026 COPIC meetings](#)

Mr. Tony Abbott motioned to approve the calendar for 2026 COPIC meetings, seconded by Ms. Brenda Pollen. The motion passed with none opposed.

[4. FY 2027 UPWP Preliminary Draft](#)

Mr. Tony Abbott motioned to endorse the FY 2027 UPWP Preliminary Draft, seconded by Mr. Robert Pirie. The motion passed with none opposed.

III. Status Reports

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

[6. Non-Motorized Transportation Plan \(NMTP\) Update](#)

[7. US 80 Phase II](#)

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

[9. Call for Projects - Project Scores and Rankings](#)

IV. Agency Reports (verbal)

[10. Chatham County](#)

[11. Chatham Area Transit \(CAT\)](#)

[12. Economic Opportunity Authority \(EOA\)](#)

[13. Housing Authority of Savannah](#)

[14. Living Independence For Everyone \(LIFE\)](#)

[15. National Federation of the Blind](#)

[16. Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision](#)

[17. Seniors Inc.](#)

V. Other Business

VI. Public Participation Opportunities

VII. Notices

[18. GDOT Project Status](#)

[19. City of Savannah](#)

[20. City of Port Wentworth](#)

[21. Effingham County](#)

[22. Savannah Hilton Head International Airport](#)

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

[24. Notice of Funding Opportunities - BUILD Grant](#)

[25. Next CORE MPO COPIC meeting MONDAY February 23, 2026, at 2:00pm](#)

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the December 9, 2025, COPIC meeting adjourned.

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