#### METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

#### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

#### FOR THE

#### COASTAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

#### BETWEEN

The Counties of Chatham and Effingham, the municipalities of Bloomingdale, Garden City, Pooler, Port Wentworth, Richmond Hill, Savannah, Thunderbolt, Tybee Island, and Vernonburg, and the agencies of the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission, the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the Georgia Ports Authority, the Savannah Airport Commission, and the Georgia Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation,

#### **RELATIVE TO**

The continuing, comprehensive, cooperative regional transportation planning process known as the "Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization" (CORE MPO).

#### I. IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE PARTIES:

- A. That the CORE MPO is to:
  - 1. Maintain a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process as defined in Title 23 USC Section 134 that explicitly regards the current surface transportation act's planning factors and focus areas and results in plans and programs consistent with comprehensively planned development of the urbanized area.
  - 2. Update and revise the 20-year multimodal Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), to create a fiscally feasible transportation system that integrates thoroughfare development, public transportation, air facilities, port facilities, rail systems, intermodal facilities, bicycle and pedestrian facilities and transportation enhancements; and reflects consideration of the area's comprehensive land-use plan and overall social, economic, environmental, and energy conservation plans, goals and objectives.
  - 3. Create a functional relationship between transportation planning and the development of cities and counties in the CORE MPO's Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA).

- 4. Maintain the data obtained in the original data collection phase of the study and any pertinent data collected thereafter on a current level so that existing and forthcoming recommendations may be evaluated and updated periodically.
- 5. Produce all documents and studies that are necessary to maintain a federally certified transportation planning process.
- II. **IT IS FURTHER INTENDED**, that the areas of responsibility of the aforementioned counties, municipalities, and agencies shall lie within the transportation Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary established by the CORE MPO Board and the Governor of Georgia. This area includes all of Chatham County, the portion of the 2010 Savannah Urbanized Area located in Effingham County, the City of Richmond Hill, and the portion of the 2010 Savannah Urbanized Area located in unincorporated Bryan County. The MPA boundary is shown in Exhibit A, CORE MPO Metropolitan Planning Area.
- III. **IT IS FURTHER INTENDED**, that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as designated by the Governor of Georgia is the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO). The CORE MPO shall have the primary responsibility for carrying out the regional transportation planning process and of developing the planning work program, transportation plan, transportation improvement program, and other studies for the CORE MPO MPA.
- IV. IT IS FURTHER INTENDED, that the CORE MPO shall be coordinated by a project director who shall be the executive director (Director) of the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission or his designee, and his/her staff. Additional staff resources may be provided, upon request, from the existing staff resources of the participating agencies and governments. The Director shall coordinate all requests under the direction of the CORE MPO Board.
- V. **IT IS FURTHER INTENDED**, that the CORE MPO shall continue to function to adopt appropriate goals, work programs, and plans; and to establish the need, form, and direction of future transportation improvements in the CORE MPO MPA. The CORE MPO shall be the forum for cooperative decision-making by principal elected officials of general purpose local government and intermodal transportation providers. The individuals representing the government jurisdictions involved in the CORE MPO planning process and other involved agencies shall comprise the CORE MPO Board. The membership shall be enumerated in the CORE MPO Board Bylaws. The CORE MPO Board shall have final authority in the matters of policy and plan adoption for the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- VI. **IT IS FURTHER INTENDED**, that the committee known as the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) shall continue to function to assure the involvement of all operating departments, advisory agencies, and multimodal transportation providers concerned with, or affected by, the planning process and subsequent implementation of plans. The technical guidance and direction of the continuing CORE MPO transportation planning process shall be furnished by

the TCC. The membership and duties shall be enumerated in the Technical Coordinating Committee Bylaws.

- VII. **IT IS FURTHER INTENDED**, that the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) shall continue to function as a public information and involvement committee, and shall be representative of a cross-section of the community. The CAC shall keep the CORE MPO Board informed of the community's perspective and shall also provide information to the community about transportation policies and issues. The membership and duties shall be enumerated in the Citizens Advisory Committee Bylaws.
- VIII. **IT IS FURTHER INTENDED**, that the Economic Development and Freight Advisory Committee (EDFAC) shall be established to advise the freight planning efforts of the CORE MPO and to ensure economic development is considered in identifying transportation improvement projects and setting priorities. The membership and duties shall be enumerated in the Economic Development and Freight Advisory Committee Bylaws.
- IX. **IT IS FURTHER INTENDED**, that the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT) shall continue to function to advise the CORE MPO and Chatham Area Transit (CAT) on accessible transportation related policies and projects. The membership and duties shall be enumerated in the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation Bylaws.
- X. **IT IS FURTHER INTENDED**, that the various committees meet at significant stages in the planning process in accordance with the bylaws adopted by each committee.
- XI. **IT IS FURTHER INTENDED**, that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) shall be responsible for the following per the current planning rules of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA):
  - 1. Provide available maps, aerial photographs, charts, and records as deemed necessary to maintain the CORE MPO planning process.
  - 2. Update and maintain travel simulation models for use in evaluating the metropolitan area's transportation needs. Said models shall be the "official" CORE MPO's travel demand models. The Department shall also provide the expertise and computer software for the above-mentioned tasks.
  - 3. Aid the MPO in preparation of planning-oriented planning, scoping, preliminary engineering, right-of-way, utility and construction cost estimates where applicable for multimodal projects in the CORE MPO's 20-year multimodal Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
  - 4. Provide the local agencies with current information concerning the status of planning and implementation of the CORE MPO's 20-year multimodal Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
  - 5. Provide funding availability and proposed project schedules for federally funded projects for use in MTP and TIP development.

- 6. Incorporate the adopted CORE MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and coordinate with the CORE MPO's multimodal transportation plan in the development of the Statewide Transportation Plan.
- 7. Concurrently certify with the CORE MPO, to the FHWA and the FTA that the CORE MPO's planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable federal laws based on the federal certification review schedule; annually certify the CORE MPO's planning process with CORE MPO in conjunction with the TIP development.
- 8. Provide various types of traffic count data.
- 9. Provide other assistance as mutually agreed upon.
- 10. Contribute funds toward the annual budget for the CORE MPO's operations, as established by the adopted UPWP and funding agreements outlined in Exhibit B, Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operations of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- 11. Notify CORE MPO in advance of public meetings and concept meetings as well as stakeholder meetings, provide draft concept plans before their approval, so that the information can be incorporated into the CORE MPO's plans and programs.
- XII. **IT IS FURTHER INTENDED**, that the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission, only to the extent that it may be bound by contracts which may hereafter be entered into, shall be responsible for the following:
  - 1. Prepare planning-oriented planning, scoping, preliminary engineering, right-of-way, utility and construction cost estimates, where applicable, for multimodal projects in the CORE MPO's 20-year multimodal Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
  - 2. Make recommendations for revisions to the CORE MPO's 20-year multimodal Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to conform to new planning goals, objectives, policies, or developments.
  - 3. Prepare and publish a fiscally constrained 20-year multimodal Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) that leads to the development of an integrated intermodal transportation system that facilitates the efficient movement of people and goods. The multimodal transportation plan shall be reviewed and updated at least every five years.
  - 4. Prepare and maintain a financially-balanced four-year multimodal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which will be updated annually.
  - 5. Prepare an annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to document planning activities and budget for the next fiscal year; in sufficient detail to indicate who will perform the work, the schedule for completion, and the products that it will produce.
  - 6. Develop and update a Congestion Management Process (CMP) which documents the congestion areas and strategies to address them. Ensure that the CMP will be a part of the metropolitan transportation planning process and the CMP results will be considered in the development of the multimodal MTP and TIP, to the extent appropriate.

- 7. Update and maintain maps showing existing and proposed land use, and make appraisals of actual land use development in comparison with projections.
- 8. Review zoning and subdivision requests in accordance with the CORE MPO's transportation and land use plans.
- 9. Provide or maintain social and community development plans as they may relate to transportation needs.
- 10. Develop and maintain base and projected population, housing, employment, economic, vehicle, and land use data by traffic analysis zone and supply information as requested concerning special generators.
- 11. Periodically review traffic analysis zone boundaries and make appropriate recommendations to the Technical Coordinating Committee and cooperate with the Georgia Department of Transportation in revision of said boundaries.
- 12. Provide available maps, aerial photographs, charts, records, and directories to the extent possible.
- 13. Collect and analyze data such as traffic counts and crash statistics and distribute (if available) to the public, governmental agencies, and other parties if requested.
- 14. Prepare an annual performance report for the comparison of established goals in the UPWP and completed work elements.
- 15. Compile, maintain, and document data on existing water, air, motor freight and rail terminal and transfer facilities as identified in the UPWP.
- 16. Prepare and publish a Participation Process (PP) which documents how the CORE MPO will provide complete information, timely public notices, full public access to key decisions, and support early and continuing involvement of the public in the development of plans and TIPs; and meets the criteria specified in 23 CFR Part 450.
- 17. Concurrently certify with the Georgia Department of Transportation, to the FHWA and the FTA that the CORE MPO's planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable federal laws based on the federal certification review schedule; annually certify the CORE MPO's planning process with GDOT in conjunction with the TIP development.
- XIII. **IT IS FURTHER INTENDED**, that the signatory counties and municipalities, within its official jurisdiction, be responsible for the following:
  - 1. Collaborate with the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive planning process of the CORE MPO.
  - 2. Maintain records of crashes occurring on the roads and highways by location and description, and maintain these files on a current basis and provide the data to the CORE MPO for analysis and reports upon request.
  - 3. Assist the CORE MPO to collect planning information within the counties and/or municipalities such as socioeconomic data, utility locations, land use and zoning, street inventories, inventories of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and other data as required for the metropolitan planning process.

- 4. Provide funding for planning, scoping, preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, utility and construction ideally matching federal funds to further the implementation of the CORE MPO priorities per appropriate project framework agreement.
- 5. Aid the MPO in developing planning-oriented planning, scoping, preliminary engineering, right-of-way, utility and construction cost estimates where applicable for the CORE MPO's 20-year multimodal Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
- 6. Contribute funds toward the annual budget for the CORE MPO's operations as established by the adopted UPWP and funding agreements outlined in Exhibit B, Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operations of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- 7. Notify CORE MPO in advance of public meetings and project-related neighborhood meetings and/or stakeholder meetings so that the information can be incorporated into the CORE MPO's plans and programs.

#### XIV. IT IS FURTHER INTENDED, that the Chatham Area Transit Authority shall:

- 1. Collaborate with the on-going continuing, cooperative and comprehensive planning process of the CORE MPO.
- 2. Make available to the CORE MPO any records, documents or information necessary to accomplish the planning objectives and to develop the CORE MPO's 20-year multimodal Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the TIP.
- 3. Contribute funds toward the annual budget for the CORE MPO's operations as established by the adopted UPWP and funding agreements outlined in Exhibit B, Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operations of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- 4. Notify CORE MPO in advance of public meetings and project-related neighborhood meetings and/or stakeholder meetings so that the information can be incorporated into the CORE MPO's plans and programs.
- XV. **IT IS FURTHER INTENDED**, that the Savannah Airport Commission assist the MPO Staff in gathering information and data relating to the planning process as may be necessary to ensure that the Savannah Airport Commission is adequately served by CORE MPO. Such data includes but is not limited to employment, land use, traffic, air traffic, and major street or enplanement changes. The Savannah Airport Commission will contribute funds to support the CORE MPO's operations, as established by the adopted UPWP and funding agreements outlined in Exhibit B, Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operations of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- XVI. **IT IS FURTHER INTENDED**, that the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) either provide or assist the MPO Staff in gathering information and data relating to the planning process as may be necessary to ensure that GPA is adequately served by CORE MPO. Such data includes but is not limited to employment, traffic, projected port activity, and major street or gate changes. The Georgia Ports Authority will contribute funds to support the CORE MPO's operations, as

established by the adopted UPWP and funding agreements outlined in Exhibit B, Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operations of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization.

#### XVII. IT IS FURTHER INTENDED, that:

- 1. The CORE MPO's planning process shall be of a continuing, comprehensive, cooperative nature and that all planning decisions shall be reflective of and responsive to the needs and desires of the local communities as well as the programs and requirements of the Georgia Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- 2. A reappraisal shall be made of the CORE MPO whenever there is a significant change in the community's goals and objectives, land use patterns, or travel characteristics or at least once every five (5) years.
- 3. The participating agencies shall cooperate in all phases of the CORE MPO's planning process. Adequate and competent personnel shall be assigned to ensure development of adequate and reliable data.
- 4. All parties to this agreement shall have access to all study related information developed by the other agencies, including the right to make duplication thereof.

However, nothing contained herein shall be construed to prohibit any party's undertaking any act, project, study, analysis, or any other activity which the party is required by law or contract to undertake as part of any other program which fulfills some function shown herein as intended to be performed by the party undertaking such act, project, study, analysis, or other activity.

CITY OF SAVANNAH	
Witness	
Mayor	Notary Public

However, nothing contained herein shall be construed to prohibit any party's undertaking any act, project, study, analysis, or any other activity which the party is required by law or contract to undertake as part of any other program which fulfills some function shown herein as intended to be performed by the party undertaking such act, project, study, analysis, or other activity.

COUNTY OF CHATHAM	
Witness	
Commission Chairman	Notary Public

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CITY OF BLOOMINGDALE	
Witness	
Mayor	Notary Public

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY	
Witness	
Mayor	Notary Public

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CITY OF POOLER	
Witness	
Mayor	Notary Public

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CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH	
Witness	
Mayor	Notary Public

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TOWN OF THUNDERBOLT	
Witness	
Mayor	Notary Public

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CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND	
Witness	
Mayor	Notary Public

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TOWN OF VERNONBURG	
Witness	
Mayor	Notary Public

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CITY OF RICHMOND HILL	
Witness	
Mayor	Notary Public

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EFFINGHAM COUNTY	
Witness	
Commission Chairman	Notary Public

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In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

Witness

**Executive Director** 

Notary Public

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HATHAM AREA TRANSIT AU	UTHORITY
Witness	
Executive Director	Notary Public

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AVANNAH AIRPORT COMM	ISSION
Witness	
Executive Director	Notary Public

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GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY		
Witness		
Executive Director	Notary Public	

### GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**RECOMMENDED:** 

Director of Planning Georgia Department of Transportation

Chief Engineer Georgia Department of Transportation

Witness

Commissioner

Notary Public

Exhibit A –Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO)

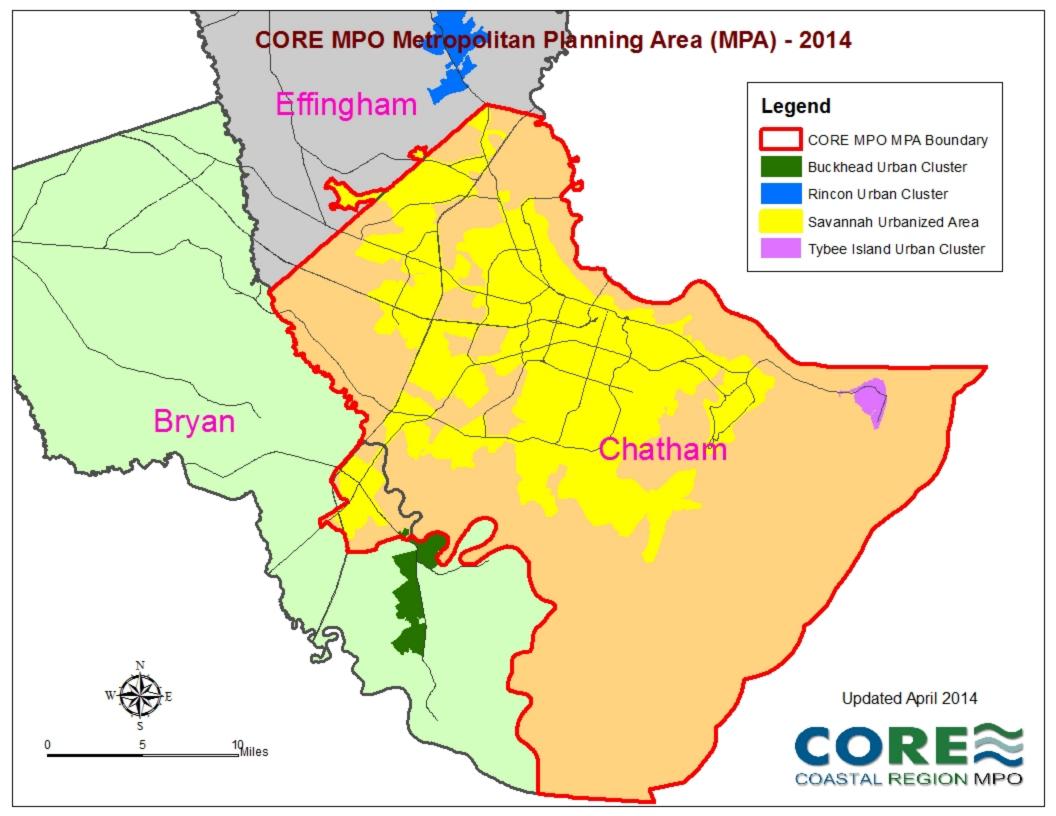


Exhibit B – Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operations of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO)

# Inter-Governmental Agreement For the Operations of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

THIS AGREEMENT, effective \_\_\_\_\_\_, is entered into by and between the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, herein after called (CORE MPO), the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Bloomingdale, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Garden City, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Port Wentworth, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Pooler, the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Thunderbolt, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Tybee Island, the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Vernonburg, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Richmond Hill, the Chatham County – Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission, the Board of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the Savannah Airport Commission, the Board of the Georgia Ports Authority, and the Georgia Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as "Parties").

WHEREAS, the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization to perform the federally mandated comprehensive, cooperative and continuing transportation planning process for the Savannah Metropolitan Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the CORE MPO's Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary as designated by the Governor of Georgia, shown in Exhibit A, covers all of Chatham County and its municipalities, the City of Richmond Hill and the unincorporated Bryan County located within the 2010 Savannah Urbanized Area, and the unincorporated Effingham County located within the 2010 Savannah Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the CORE MPO's transportation planning process is the regional forum for cooperative decision-making and is vital for the federal transportation improvement investments in the MPA; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that it is in the best interest of the public and governmental entities that the function of CORE MPO be supported; and

WHEREAS, the CORE MPO's planning functions will be staffed by the Chatham County – Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the CORE MPO's operating functions will be funded through the federal Metropolitan Planning set aside pursuant to the provisions of 23USC §104(f), the Metropolitan Transit Planning funds pursuant to the provisions of 49USC §5303, the federal Urban Attributable funds, and the local membership dues to match the federal grants; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Parties to specify the membership contributions to support the CORE MPO's transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Parties to specify their relationship with each other; and

WHEREAS, it is also the desire of the Parties to set forth their respective rights and obligations in contractual form;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained, the Parties mutually agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE ONE

#### CORE MPO Functions and Operations

On \_\_\_\_\_\_, the CORE MPO Board voted to continue CORE MPO as an operational department of the Chatham County – Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC).

- 1.1 The CORE MPO's functions will be to maintain a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Bryan Chatham Effingham region within the CORE MPO's MPA boundary as defined in Title 23 USC Section 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act.
- 1.2 The CORE MPO's detailed staff work activities and planning procedures will be outlined in the annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- 1.3 The CORE MPO' UPWP will include detailed budget information based on the funding contracts with the Georgia Department of Transportation.
- 1.4 The CORE MPO's local match to the federal grants for MPO's operations based on the UPWP budget will be funded by the Parties. The local match will be determined based on the latest decennial census population information and local agency contributions that have been agreed upon (see below).

Jurisdiction/Agency	2010 census CORE MPO Planning Area Population	Pct of MPA Population	Funding Contribution
Richmond Hill	9,281	3.36%	
Unincorporated Bryan County in MPA	542	0.20%	
Bloomingdale	2,713	0.98%	
Garden City	8,778	3.18%	
Pooler	19,140	6.92%	
Port Wentworth	5,359	1.94%	
Savannah	136,286	49.31%	
Thunderbolt	2,668	0.97%	
Tybee Island	2,990	1.08%	
Vernonburg	122	0.04%	
Unincorporated Chatham County	87,072	31.50%	
Effingham County within Savannah UZA	1,455	0.53%	
Total CORE MPO MPA Population	276,406	100.00%	
Chatham Area Transit	N/A		
Savannah Airport Commission	N/A		
Georgia Ports Authority	N/A		

- 1.5 After the CORE MPO's UPWP is approved by the CORE MPO Board, the MPO's operating budget will be consolidated with the budgets for the other MPC functions, and submitted to the MPC Board and the Parties for approval and funding as part of the MPC budget process.
- 1.6 MPC will provide support and staff to the CORE MPO Board.
- 1.7 The Director of Transportation will be a staff member of MPC and will report to the MPC Executive Director.
- 1.8 The MPC Executive Director will be responsible to the CORE MPO Board for the operations of CORE MPO.

#### ARTICLE TWO

#### CORE MPO Board

The powers and the duties of the CORE MPO Board will be those as described in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the Bylaws of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization. Nothing in this agreement is intended to supersede the MOU and Bylaws.

The CORE MPO Board shall have powers reasonably necessary to manage all CORE MPO activities related to this Agreement. Such powers are not intended, and shall not be used, to supersede or usurp the authority of the Chatham County – Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission. Such powers include, but are not limited to, approval of the annual UPWP, approval of the MPO' plans and programs, approval of special projects, approval of associate members and use of the CORE MPO data, plans and programs.

#### ARTICLE THREE

#### Participating Agencies

The member agencies of CORE MPO will participate in the transportation planning process of CORE MPO and may participate in the sharing of data and information through CORE MPO.

#### ARTICLE FOUR

#### Term of Agreement

This agreement becomes effective on \_\_\_\_\_\_. It is the intent of the Parties that the term of this Agreement shall extend until a new agreement for the operation and management of CORE MPO is negotiated pursuant to other provisions of the Agreement.

APPROVED BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

SIGNITURE: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

CLERK OF CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### APPROVED BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

SIGNITURE: \_\_\_\_\_

### CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

### CLERK OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### APPROVED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

SIGNITURE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR, CITY OF SAVANANH

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

## CLERK OF SAVNANH CITY COUNCIL

### APPROVED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BLOOMINGDALE, GEORGIA

SIGNITURE: \_\_\_\_\_

### MAYOR, CITY OF BLOOMINGDALE

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

## CLERK OF BLOOMINGDALE CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF GARDEN CITY, GEORGIA

SIGNITURE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR, CITY OF GARDEN CITY

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

## CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL OF GARDEN CITY

APPROVED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF POOLER, GEORGIA

SIGNITURE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR, CITY OF POOLER

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

## CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL OF POOLER

APPROVED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PORT WENTWORTH, GEORGIA

SIGNITURE: \_\_\_\_\_

## MAYOR, CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

## CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL OF PORT WENTWORTH

### APPROVED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF RICHMOND HILL, GEORGIA

SIGNITURE: \_\_\_\_\_

### MAYOR, CITY OF RICHMOND HILL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

## CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL OF RICHMOND HILL

### APPROVED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THUNDERBOLT, GEORGIA

SIGNITURE: \_\_\_\_\_

### MAYOR, TOWN OF THUNDERBOLT

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

## CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL OF THUNDERBOLT

### APPROVED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF TYBEE ISLAND, GEORGIA

SIGNITURE: \_\_\_\_\_

### MAYOR, CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

## CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL OF TYBEE ISLAND

APPROVED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF VERNONBURG, GEORGIA

SIGNITURE: \_\_\_\_\_

### MAYOR, TOWN OF VERNONBURG

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

## CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL OF VERNONBURG

### APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CHAHTAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY, GEORGIA

SIGNITURE:	
	CHAIRMAN, CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
ATTEST:	
	CLERK
	(SEAL)

### APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION, GEORGIA

SIGNITURE	:
	CHAIRMAN, SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION
ATTEST:	
	CLERK
	(SEAL)

### APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY, GEORGIA

SIGNITURE:	
	CHAIRMAN, GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY
ATTEST:	
	CLERK
	(SEAL)

### APPROVED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SIGNITURE:	
GI	EORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ATTEST:	
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