



**CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee and
Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation**

Minutes
June 5th, 2024, at 3:00pm

June 5th, 2024, Special-Called CAC and ACAT Meeting

CAC Voting	Representing	Present
Anthony (Tony)	Chatham County	
Dr. Daniel Brantley	Chatham County	
Vacant	Chatham County	
A'riel Johnson	Chatham Area Transit	X
Kevin Glover	Savannah	
Armand Turner	Savannah	
Robert Pirie	Savannah	X
Vacant	Pooler	
Vacant	Garden City	
Brett Bennett	Effingham County	
Vacant	Port Wentworth	
Vacant	Richmond Hill	
Bill Grainger	Bloomington	
Robert Milie	Thunderbolt	
Vacant	Tybee Island	
Vacant	Vernonburg	
ACAT Voting	Representing	Present
Ben Lewis	Chatham County	
Vacant	Savannah Council of the Blind	
Wayne Dawson	Savannah - Chatham County Fair Housing Council	
Brenda Pollen	Housing Authority of Savannah	
Paula Valdez	Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision	X
Carol Hunt	NAACP - Savannah Branch	
Jackie Immel	Georgia Infirmary Day Care Center for Rehabilitation	

Shannon Ginn	Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE), Inc.	X
Patti Lyons	Senior Citizens Savannah Chatham County, Inc.	X
Representative	Savannah – Chatham Council on Disability Issues (SCCDI)	
Tyrone Palmer	National Federation of the Blind, Local Chapter	X
President & CEO	Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire	
Representative	Effingham County	
Representative	GDOT District Five	
Representative	Richmond Hill	
Asia Hernton	CORE MPO	X
Clealice Timmons	Coastal Center for Development Services	
Terry Tolbert	Economic Opportunity Authority	
Tia Baker	Chatham Area Transit	X
Vacant	GVRA/Chatham County Coastal	
Others	Representing	Present
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
Anna McQuarrie	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Kieron Coffield	CORE MPO/MPC	X

i. Approval of Agenda

ii. Action Items

iii. Other Business

[1. Bylaws for the Transportation Equity and Public Involvement Advisory Committee \(TEPAIC\)](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated a lot of people still do not show up to our CAC and ACAT meetings and we normally have 3 or 4 people attend. ACAT currently has 26 voting seats but we struggle to have 5 or 6 people attend the meeting. Our intention for the combined committee is to have 15 voting members. We will keep the members who are regularly attending as voting members, but for those who do not show up we will move them to a non-voting advisory role. Ms. Wykoda Wang has been working at the MPC and MPO for more than 20 years and she has never seen some of these members attend the meetings. She believes it makes more sense to move those non-attending members to advisory roles. If we do need to consult with them, we will reach out so they can provide direction to us.

Right now, let's focus on the voting members. Currently we have around 6 people from the CAC who regularly attend, so we will give six interested citizens seats for those voting members. Regularly attending agencies, will have 9 seats. Please visit this and look at the bylaws and send us your comments or questions.

For the language "Voting membership shall be determined by the position of the regional organizations, with the positions listed below as members. There are six (6) opportunities for interested citizens to serve on the TEPIAC, Interested Citizens cannot be employed by any of the TEPIAC member organizations." Ms. Wykoda Wang is not sure we need to include the part that says "Interested citizens cannot be employed by any of the TEPIAC member organizations" as Ms. A'riel Johnson has been attending the CAC regularly as CAT staff member, and now she would like to attend the TEPIAC meetings as an interested citizen. We need to delete this language, so that Ms. A'riel Johnson can participate as an interested citizen. Do any CAC or ACAT members see any conflict of interest here, or how do you feel about deleting the language?

Ms. Paula Valdez, Savannah Center for the Blind, asked if Ms. A'riel Johnson is a staff representative of CAT. Wouldn't she fit under the staff representative role?

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated normally the staff representative for CAT is the paratransit manager. Ms. A'riel Johnson is handling the public involvement portion for CAT.

Ms. Patti Lyons, Senior Citizens Savannah, stated she believes it depends if you don't want to have more than one representative for a voting member agency. Could she be a non-voting advisory member?

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated she would be an interested citizen.

Ms. Patti Lyons asked if Ms. A'riel Johnson would be coming to the meetings as a representative of CAT?

Ms. Wykoda Wang answered no, Ms. A'riel Johnson would be coming to the meeting as an interested citizen, not as a representative of CAT.

Ms. Patti Lyons asked if it would still give her a voting role?

Ms. Wykoda Wang answered yes.

Ms. Patti Lyons stated she is not sure if it's a conflict of interest, but it could be from a strictly bylaws standpoint; it just depends on how it is set up.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated if there are any items related to CAT on the agenda, Ms. A'riel Johnson will abstain.

Ms. Patti Lyons stated that's true, okay.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated Ms. A'riel Johnson has been regularly attending the CAC meetings. She also has a passion for public involvement, so she can bring a lot of input to our MPO process.

Ms. A'riel Johnson, CAT, stated thank you for explaining how this could possibly work. She definitely does not want to be in violation of anything. She is interested in everyone's comments and thank you to Ms. Patti Lyons for chiming in so that everyone is on the same page.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated so we can propose to remove this sentence "Interested citizens cannot be employed by any of the TEPIAC member organizations". We will tentatively remove this sentence from the bylaws. For voting members, Ms. Patti Lyons has been attending the meetings several times. Ms. Patti Lyons, do you want to designate somebody or do you want to continue to participate yourself? We can move you back to the voting members.

Ms. Patti Lyons stated she would love to be a voting member as transportation is a big issue for older adults.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated she will move Ms. Patti Lyons back to the voting member list.

Ms. Patti Lyons stated the agency is now called Senior Citizens Inc.; they have dropped the Chatham County part of their name as the agency serves multiple counties now.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that is great, as our MPO Boundary has expanded to include portions of Southern Bryan and Effingham Counties. In that case, maybe interested citizens will become 5. We will review these voting members as follows.

Voting Members:

- Staff Representative, Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT)
 - Paratransit coordinator attends
- Transportation Planner, Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)
 - Ms. Asia Hernton
- Staff Representative, Economic Opportunity Authority for Savannah – Chatham County (EOA)
 - Mr. Terry Tolbert
- Resident Service Coordinator, Housing Authority of Savannah
 - Ms. Brenda Pollen
- Independent Living Coordinator, Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE), Inc.
 - Para Support and Housing coordinator Mr. Shannon Ginn
- Staff Representative, National Federation of the Blind of Georgia - Local Chapter

- Mr. Tyrone Palmer
- Staff Representative, Savannah – Chatham Council on Disability Issues (SCCDI)
 - Used to be Pam Oglesby. Ms. Asia Hernton will check with SCCDI; if SCCDI does not want to continue to come, we will move them to non-voting.
 - Mr. Shannon Ginn stated he is not sure if SCCDI is still meeting or not, as LIFE is typically invited to SCCDI events but Mr. Shannon Ginn has not received any invitations recently.
- Staff Representative, Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision
 - Representative Ms. Paula Valdez
- Staff Representative, Savannah Council of the Blind
 - Ms. Paula Valdez stated this used to be Teresa Brenner, but she does not know who it is now. Ms. Asia Hernton stated it says representative on the ACAT membership list, but we do not have a specific name. Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that since we already have the National Federation for the Blind and the Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision, maybe we can move this agency to a non-voting role. They have not been attending the meetings for several years, so it does not make sense to keep them in voting roles.
- Senior Citizens Inc.
 - Staff Representative
- Interested Citizens (6)
 - Mr. Armand Turner, currently the CAC Chairperson
 - Dr. Daniel Brantley
 - Ms. A'riel Johnson
 - Mr. Kevin Glover
 - Mr. Anthony Abbott
 - Mr. Robert Pirie

Ms. Wykoda Wang asked if everyone was okay with the voting members now? Since the other agencies have not been attending the meetings, we will move them to non-voting members. We will reach out to the non-voting members as needed. Now for the non-voting advisory members.

Non-Voting Advisory Members

- Coastal Center for Developmental Services
 - Staff Representative
- Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)
 - District 5 Staff Representative
- Georgia Infirmary Day Center
 - Staff Representative
- Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire
 - Staff Representative

- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
 - Savannah Chapter
 - Staff Representative
- Savannah - Chatham County Fair Housing Council
 - Staff Representative
- Deaf Community
 - Representative
- Chatham County
 - Staff Representative
- Bryan County
 - Staff Representative
- Effingham County
 - Staff Representative
- Harambee House (added later in the discussion)
 - Representative

Ms. Wykoda Wang asked if the ACAT and CAC are okay with the list of non-voting members? If Okay, then we will move on.

Mr. Shannon Ginn asked how many people are needed for a quorum?

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated we will talk about that in the next section. We have just resolved the mission statement and the voting and non-voting members. Next is Duties and Responsibilities.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. The TEPIAC shall serve as the forum for cooperative decision-making with regard to addressing transportation equity, public involvement, accessible transportation, Title VI and Environmental Justice related issues in the Savannah region.
2. The TEPIAC provides a forum to obtain public views on transportation issues and problems, reviews transportation reports and recommendations to ensure that local goals are considered and directs issues of public concern to the attention of the CORE MPO Board.
3. The TEPIAC has the responsibility to advise the CORE MPO Board and the Chatham Area Transit Authority Board on transportation equity related policies, plans, programs and projects.
4. The TEPIAC shall assist and provide guidance in preparing and updating the CORE MPO's Participation Plan, Title VI Plan, Language Assistance Plan, as well as Environmental Justice Report. The committee shall make recommendations to the CORE MPO Board on these plans and programs.

Ms. Wykoda Wang asked if ACAT and CAC are okay with this?

Ms. Patti Lyons stated that it looks good.

5. The duties of the TEPIAC shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a. Act as a liaison between the transportation planning process and the general public.
 - b. Act as a liaison between the transportation planning process and the traditionally underserved communities in the Savannah region (i.e., those communities with high concentrations of minority, low-income, disabled and elderly populations).
 - c. Ensure that the transportation planning process is current and responsive to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, especially, but not limited to, the following: Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA); Executive Order 12898 (environmental justice); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended; and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Justice 40; and
 - d. Ensure that the full panoply of transportation options is available to all citizens.

Ms. Wykoda Wang asked the ACAT and CAC if they have anything to add for the duties of the TEPAIC? Do you think it is comprehensive and inclusive?

Ms. Patti Lyons stated yes.

6. The TEPIAC shall advise the Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) on accessible transportation related issues. This includes reviewing and advising CAT on public transportation programs and studies such as the Transit Development Plan, service changes, paratransit handbook, transit amenities, etc.

7. The TEPIAC shall provide a forum for regional cooperation and coordination on transportation equity related issues.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated since we are dealing with other equity related communities, she is thinking we should add Harambee House as a non-voting advisory member.

Ms. Asia Hernton stated that is a good idea.

Mr. Shannon Ginn asked what kind of organization is Harambe House, as he has never heard of them before.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated they deal with Title VI and Environmental Justice.

8. The TEPIAC shall establish contact with and work with any and all other agencies and community organizations dealing with transportation equity related issues in the Savannah region.

Ms. A'riel Johnson stated she has a question about the last duty and responsibility (#8), "dealing with transportation equity related issues in the Savannah region". She asked even though the CORE MPO is branching out, are we only doing the Savannah region because CAT only serves Chatham County and Savannah region at this moment?

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated she used Savannah region so that it includes Chatham, Bryan, and Effingham Counties (our portion of those counties). At the beginning of the bylaws, we do have the MPO boundary, so when Ms. Wykoda Wang says Savannah region, she is referring to the area inside the MPO boundary.

Ms. A'riel Johnson stated got you, thank you.

Mr. Robert Pirie asked if those are the updated MPO boundary, which includes the changes to lower Bryan County?

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated yes, this the CORE MPO boundary which has been approved by the CORE MPO Board and also concurred by the Governor. When talking about the Savannah region, we are talking the CORE MPO boundary.

Ms. Patti Lyons stated that we may want to say that we are in charge of the CORE MPO region; that way it survives several years instead of saying it as the Savannah region, say CORE MPO defined region.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated she will update the language to the CORE MPO region (she will update it throughout the document). Are we okay with the language for duties and responsibilities?

Ms. A'riel Johnson stated yes.

Ms. Asia Hernton stated for duties and responsibilities item #4, please add "the" before Environmental Justice Report.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated if everyone is okay with the duties and responsibilities, we will move on to the Officers and Organizations.

Officers and Organization

1. The officers of the TEPIAC will consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Coordinating Staff.
2. An election will be held at the last TEPIAC meeting each calendar year for the purpose of determination of the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the next year.
3. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the TEPIAC shall be elected by the voting members by a simple majority vote.

4. The term of office for the Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be one year.
5. Should the seat of the Chairman become vacant in mid-term, the Vice Chairman shall become Chairman, and a new Vice Chairman shall be elected. Should the Vice Chairman be unable to serve as Chairman, election shall be held for both Chairman and Vice Chairman.
6. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall temporarily assume the responsibilities of the Chairman for the purpose of conducting the official business of the TEPIAC.
7. In the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, the members present for the meeting shall designate, by majority vote, a member to temporarily assume the responsibilities of the Chairman for the purpose of conducting the official business of the TEPIAC.
8. The Chairman may at any time establish sub-committees subject to the TEPIAC approval. Such sub-committees shall function in a manner similar to the TEPIAC in accordance with these Bylaws.
9. The Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) staff shall be the Coordinating Staff for the TEPIAC.

Duties of the Officers

1. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the TEPIAC.
2. The Chairman shall authenticate minutes of meetings of the TEPIAC and its recommendations to the CORE MPO Board.
3. The Chairman shall represent the TEPIAC at hearings, conferences, and other events or designate another member of the TEPIAC to serve in his/her place.
4. The Coordinating Staff shall prepare the meeting agenda and distribute it to the TEPIAC no later than one (1) week prior to any scheduled meeting.
5. The Coordinating Staff, or a designated representative, shall duly record the proceedings of each meeting of the TEPIAC and authenticate that they are a true and accurate record of the proceedings and policy decisions once approved by the TEPIAC.

Ms. Wykoda Wang asked if everyone is okay with the duties of the officers? Do we have anything to add for the Chairperson and Coordinating Staff? She deleted this item because it should be included under meetings “TEPIAC members desiring an item to be included on a meeting agenda shall notify the Coordinating Staff at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting if the item does not require amendments to the major planning documents (Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, etc.).” Since

there are no comments on the duties of officers, we will move on to the meetings.

Currently TCC and CORE MPO Board meet bimonthly, while our EDFAC meets as needed (at least two meetings in a year). When we were developing the freight plan, EDFAC met quarterly. ACAT and CAC used to meet bimonthly. Does everyone still want to meet bimonthly, or would everyone want to meet quarterly?

Mr. Robert Pirie stated he is fine with meeting bimonthly; he would be open to meeting monthly if needed. Quarterly works for him, but he doesn't see a reason to change from bimonthly if everyone else is fine with it.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated she will update the language to bimonthly meetings.

Meetings

1. The TEPIAC shall hold meetings bimonthly on such dates and at such times as are approved by a majority of its membership. An annual calendar specifying meeting dates, times, and places will be adopted at the last meeting of the calendar year. The meetings may be re-scheduled to a different date and time by a majority vote of the TEPIAC.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated the first TEPIAC meeting will be held in August. In June the ACAT and CAC will accept the bylaws. Currently CAC meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 5:30pm and ACAT meetings are on the fourth Monday of the month at 1:00pm. Which time works better for everyone?

Ms. A'riel Johnson stated she votes for the fourth Monday at 1:00pm. She was a part of CAC. She is open to any and all collective votes on the meeting date and time.

Mr. Robert Pirie states it is better for his work schedule to meet in the middle of the day, as he just has to let his employer know he may be late on Mondays. He is fine with Mondays at 1:00pm.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated the ACAT meeting is normally the fourth Monday and the CORE MPO Board meets the following Wednesday.

Mr. Robert Pirie stated he wants to make sure CORE MPO staff have enough time between meetings, as he does not want to add undue stress.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated the TEPIAC agendas will be a little different than the TCC and CORE MPO Board agendas, because the TEPIAC focus is on public involvement and transportation equity. The reason she had "at least quarterly" before is because if the TEPIAC has something to discuss, we will meet, if not then we don't meet.

Ms. Patti Lyons stated she believes quarterly would be plenty versus bimonthly, but Ms. Wykoda Wang knows the workflow better. She likes keeping the language that says at least quarterly, so we can be flexible. If we need to meet bimonthly, that could happen, but at least quarterly. Could we do a doodle poll to see what would work best for everyone? Do we have to put the meeting date and time in the bylaws?

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated no; normally we adopt a calendar for the next year in December. So if we want to do quarterly meetings, we can decide on those dates. If we need to have more meetings, then we can have additional meetings.

Mr. Shannon Ginn asked if the meeting gets changed, does the MPO website stay updated to date?

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated yes; we are constantly updating the MPO website.

2. Special meetings may also be called by petition to the Chairperson by any six (6) members of the TEPIAC. However, a special meeting called in this manner will be subject to the following regulations:

- a. The notice of any such meeting shall state the reason(s) that the meeting has been called, the business to be transacted, by whom the meeting is being called, and the time and place of the meeting, and
- b. No other business but that specified in the notice may be transacted at such special meeting without the unanimous consent of all members in attendance at such meeting.

3. No action items can be voted on by the TEPIAC unless a quorum of the membership is present. Six (6) members (1/3 of all members + 1) shall constitute a quorum.

4. The Coordinating Staff shall cause a notice to be sent to all members of the TEPIAC at least seven (7) calendar days in advance of the meeting date giving the time and place of the meeting and the preliminary agenda.

5. Any meeting may be cancelled either by the Chairperson or by a majority vote of the members via proper notice.

6. The members of the TEPIAC must be given notice at least seven (7) calendar days in advance of meeting cancellation.

7. The meetings of the TEPIAC shall follow all requirements as defined by the Georgia Open Meetings Law. Meetings will be held in accessible locations and meeting materials will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that ACAT has been meeting virtually as it is difficult for our members to make transportation arrangements, which is not

very convenient to them. This is why we want to have a virtual option. Should we add the language “and have a virtual option”?

Mr. Robert Pirie asked if virtual option is okay for voting members, or would the voting members have to be physically present for the quorum?

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that virtual is okay, because currently Georgia state law only requires that the decision-making board needs to have an in-person quorum, which is our CORE MPO Board. The new TEPIAC will be like the ACAT and CAC as it is an advisory committee. We have different needs for our TEPIAC members, so we want to add the virtual option to ensure the meetings will be hybrid.

Ms. Asia Hernton asked if we should add language earlier in the bylaws to say that attending virtually counts as being in attendance for voting members? So if a voting member attends virtually, it still counts towards the quorum.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated she will add in “if a voting member attends virtually, he or she will still be counted towards the quorum.”

Mr. Shanno Ginn asked if we need to add something about how we can’t all meet in person based on the special circumstances?

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated she will add “Since TEPIAC meetings are hybrid (in person and virtual).”

Ms. Patti Lyons stated to take out the “so” and she thinks that is good.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated she thinks that covers it.

8. The meetings of the TEPIAC shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

9. The agenda for the TEPIAC meetings shall be established by the Chairperson in coordination with the Coordinating Staff and the order of business shall be at the discretion of the Chairperson.

10. The TEPIAC meetings are open to the public and members of the public are given an opportunity during the meetings to submit brief comments.

11. Upon petition by any six (6) members of the TEPIAC, the Chairperson shall place item(s) on the agenda with notice of at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting if the item does not require amendments to the major planning documents (Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, etc.).

12. Motions, properly seconded and discussed, will be voted on by the members in attendance. Motions will be passed or approved when a simple majority of the members in attendance vote in favor of the motion.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that is the end of the bylaws. Are there any comments, edits, or corrections?

Ms. Patti Lyons stated she thinks where the members are listed, we are missing a Staff Representative for the Harambee House.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated she will go back and fix that. She will also need to do some other edits like this.

Ms. Patti Lyons asked in the next section in the amendments, should we add in there that CORE MPO staff has the authority to make typographical or grammatical changes without being voted on.

Ms. Wykoda Wang asked which section Ms. Patti Lyons is talking about?

Ms. Patti Lyons stated we could put the language anywhere, usually under the “amendments to the bylaws”, that staff has the ability to amend or make typographical or grammatical changes without a vote.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated the “amendments to the Bylaws” means that the TEPIAC can approve the TEPIAC section of the bylaws but the final approval will come from the CORE MPO Board.

Ms. Patti Lyons stated she has seen it in bylaws where it says that we can make typographical or grammatical changes without requiring a vote, and that is all she was thinking.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated she will try this “The CORE MPO staff can make typographical or grammatical changes to the bylaws without requiring formal amendments. Any others changes?”

Mr. Robert Pirie stated he has a question about the non-voting members. Is there a mechanism for if another organization wants to join the TEPIAC, how do they join?

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated for voting members we have to amend the bylaws to add the member in, so the bylaws can be amended as needed. If we adopt the bylaws in June and there is a change in October, we can amend the bylaws then.

Any other questions? CORE MPO staff will double check and make corrections on the members list, then we should be good to go, especially since we can amend the bylaws later.

Mr. Shannon Ginn asked if we could change every year if needed?

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated yes; we could change anytime as needed. She is not sure who developed the original ACAT bylaws. They had about 26 agencies, but she has never seen an ACAT meeting have more than seven members attend.

Mr. Shannon Ginn stated he looked at the MPC website and he has never seen half the members listed for ACAT.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated she is not sure how long Mr. Shannon Ginn has been with ACAT, but she has been here more than 20 years and not seen those people in 20 years.

Mr. Shannon Ginn stated he thinks he has been coming to the ACAT for 2 or 3 years, but 20 years is a long time.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that LIFE has been consistently attending the ACAT for the last 20 years. Any more questions or suggestions? If not, thank you everybody for attending and for your input. The first item for TEPIAC will be the 2050 MTP adoption. If we do decide to have an August meeting, we will determine the final date and time and let everyone know.

iv. Status Reports

v. Information Reports (verbal)

vi. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

vii. Notices

viii. Adjournment

There being no further business, the June 5th, 2024, ACAT and CAC meeting was adjourned.

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