



CORE MPO Board

Minutes
December 18th, 2024, at 10:00am

December 18, 2024 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		
Gary Norton	City of Port Wentworth		
Karen Williams	City of Pooler		
Brian West	City of Tybee Island	X	
Dana Williams	Town of Thunderbolt		
Laura Lawton	Town of Vernonburg		
Tim Callanan	Effingham County Commission	X	
Representative	Municipalities of Effingham County Rotating Seat		
Ben Taylor	Bryan County Commission		
Steve Scholar	City of Richmond Hill		
Vivian Canizares	Georgia Department of Transportation		
Deidrick Cody	Chatham Area Transit Board of Directors	X	
Jim Aiello	Savannah Airport Commission		
Jamie McCurry	Georgia Ports Authority		
Karen Jarrett	Metropolitan Planning Commission		
Chairperson	Economic Development & Freight Advisory Committee		
Voting Alternates	Representing		
Lee Beckman	Georgia Ports Authority	X	
Katie Proctor	GDOT	X	
Kathryn Downs	Bryan County Commission	X	
Katie Dunnigan	Representative for Port Wentworth		X
Others	Representing		
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X	
Kieron Coffield	CORE MPO/MPC	X	
Asia Hernton	CORE MPO	X	
Pamela Everett	MPC		X

Melanie Wilson	MPC	X	
Anna McQuarrie	MPC – Special Projects/CORE MPO	X	
Hind Patel	MPC/IT	X	
Sadie Esch-Laurent	MPC	X	
Joseph Longo	FHWA		X
Joseph Shearouse	City of Savannah	X	
Faye DiMassimo	City of Savannah	X	
Mary Moskowitz	Chatham Area Transit	X	
Deanna Brooks	Chatham County	X	
Brett Bell	City of Tybee Island	X	
Calia Brown	Bike Walk Savannah		X
Eric VonOtteren	Bryan County		X
Kaniz Sathi	GDOT		X
Kirra Fields	City of Savannah		X
Miles Wilford			X
Patricia Sinel			X
Suzanne Cooler	Chatham County		X

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Nick Palumbo, Councilman City of Savannah, motioned to approve the December 18th, 2024, CORE MPO Board meeting agenda; seconded by Ms. Tanya Milton, Commissioner of Chatham County. The motion passed with none opposed.

II. Committee Reports (verbal)

TCC - Ms. Deanna Brooks, Chatham County, stated TCC met on December 12th and endorsed all of the action items presented.

BPAC - Ms. Asia Hernton, CORE MPO staff, stated the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on December 10th. They endorsed all action items.

TEPIAC - Ms. Asia Hernton stated the TEPIAC met on December 10th and endorsed all action items.

III. Action Items

1. [Approval of the October 23rd, 2024, CORE MPO Board meeting minutes](#)

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to approve the October 23rd, 2024, Meeting Minutes; seconded by Ms. Tanya Milton. The motion passed with none opposed.

2. [Election of Chairperson](#)

Mr. Michael Kaigler motioned to keep the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson as County Commissioner Chester Ellis and Mayor Van Johnson, respectively. Mr. Nick Palumbo nominated himself for Chairperson.

Mr. Jay Melder, City Manager for City of Savannah motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Mr. Nick Palumbo.

VOTING RESULTS – to keep the same with Chairperson Chester Ellis and Vice Chairperson Van Johnson.

Ms. Katie Proctor – Yes

Ms. Kathryn Downs – Yes

Mayor Brian West – No

Ms. Tanya Milton – Yes

Mr. Jay Melder – No

Mr. Nick Palumbo – No

Chairperson Chester Ellis – Yes

Mr. Michael Kaigler – Yes

Mr. Tim Callanan – Yes

Mr. Deidrick Cody – Yes

Mr. Lee Beckman – Yes

8 in favor, 3 opposed. The majority chooses keep the same with Chairperson Chester Ellis and Vice Chairperson Van Johnson.

[3. Election of Vice Chairperson](#)

[4. 2050 MTP Amendments](#)

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to open the public hearing; seconded by Ms. Tanya Milton. The motion passed with none opposed.

PUBLIC HEARING – no comments

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to close the public hearing; seconded by Ms. Tanya Milton. The motion passed with none opposed.

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to approve the 2050 MTP Amendments seconded by Mr. Michael Kaigler, County Manager of Chatham County. The motion passed with none opposed.

[5. FY 2024 - 2027 TIP Amendments December 2024](#)

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to open the public hearing; seconded by Ms. Tanya Milton. The motion passed with none opposed.

PUBLIC HEARING – no comments

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to close the public hearing; seconded by Mayor Brian West, City of Tybee Island. The motion passed with none opposed.

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to approve the FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendments for December 2024, seconded by Mr. Michael Kaigler. The motion passed with none opposed.

[6. FY 2026 UPWP Preliminary Draft](#)

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to approve the FY 2026 UPWP Preliminary Draft, seconded by Mr. Tim Callanan, County Manager of Effingham County. The motion passed with none opposed.

[7. PBPP Targets Adoption](#)

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to approve the PBPP Targets Adoption seconded by Mr. Michael Kaigler. The motion passed with none opposed.

[8. RFP - US 80 Phase II](#)

Mayor Van Johnson, City of Savannah, motioned to approve the release of the RFP for US 80 Phase II, seconded by Mr. Tim Callanan. The motion passed with none opposed.

[9. RFP - Urban Flood Model Phase II](#)

Mayor Van Johnson motioned to approve the release of the RFP for the Urban Flood Model Phase II, seconded by Mr. Michael Kaigler. The motion passed with none opposed.

[10. RFP - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Study](#)

Mr. Michael Kaigler motioned to approve the release of the RFP for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Study, seconded by Mr. Tim Callanan. The motion passed with none opposed.

IV. Other Business

V. Status Reports

[11. 2050 MTP Executive Summary](#)

[12. Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Status Report](#)

[13. Federal Certification Review](#)

[14. Highway Functional Classification Updates](#)

VI. Information Reports (verbal)

[15. GDOT Project Status Update](#)

Report attached to the agenda. Ms. Katie Proctor gave the update.

[16. Chatham County Project Status Update](#)

Report attached to the agenda. Ms. Deanna Brooks gave the update.

[17. City of Savannah Project Status Update](#)

Report attached to the agenda. Mr. Joseph Shearouse gave the update.

[18. Savannah Hilton Head International Airport Project Status Update](#)

Report attached to the agenda.

[19. Chatham Area Transit Project Status Update](#)

Report attached to the agenda. Ms. Mary Moskowitz gave the update.

[20. LATS-SCDOT Project Status Update](#)

Report attached to the agenda.

VII. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VIII. Notices

[21. FY 2025 UPWP Administrative Modifications](#)

Report attached to the agenda. Ms. Wykoda Wang gave a presentation.

[22. PROTECT Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

Report attached to the agenda. Ms. Anna McQuarrie gave a presentation.

[23. Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank - State Road and Tollway Authority](#)

Report attached to the agenda.

[24. Next CORE MPO Board Meeting February 26th, 2025, at 10:00am](#)

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the December 18th, 2024, CORE MPO Board meeting was adjourned.

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