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Subject: You're Invited to join the CORE MPO's Transportation Equity and Public Involvement Advisory Committee!
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Caution: External Message

Good afternoon!

You are invited to join or appoint a representative to the CORE MPO's very first Transportation Equity and Public Involvement Advisory Committee! The first meeting is **July 29th at 1pm**. This committee has hybrid meetings, meaning that attendance can be in-person and virtual. I will be sending an invite out soon, but I first want to inform everyone of what this committee is!

What is TEPIAC?

The Transportation Equity and Public Involvement Advisory Committee (TEPIAC) is an advisory committee to the CORE MPO Board. The mission of TEPIAC involves transportation equity and public participation issues in the CORE MPO's transportation planning process. The TEPIAC is consolidated from the previous CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT).

How does this impact the community?

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. This ensures that the viewpoints and needs of citizens in the region are heard.

Meeting Schedule

The committee shall meet at least quarterly unless decided otherwise.

Responsibilities

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 CORE MPO region. This will involve attending meetings to review transportation plans and decisions. The input from these meetings will be used to inform the CORE MPO board and the Technical Coordinating Committee.

What is the CORE MPO

The Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) is the transportation planning organization for the Savannah area, which includes all of Chatham County and parts of Bryan and Effingham Counties. The MPO sets regional

and long-term transportation policies, prioritizes projects, and creates transportation plans that directly impact project funding.

Committee Composition

Voting Members	Non-Voting Advisory Members
Staff Representative, Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT)	Staff Representative, Savannah Council of the Blind
Transportation Planner, Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)	Staff Representative, Coastal Center for Developmental Services
Staff Representative, Economic Opportunity Authority for Savannah – Chatham County (EOA)	District 5 Staff Representative, Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)
Resident Service Coordinator, Housing Authority of Savannah	Staff Representative, Georgia Infirmity Day Center
Para Support and Housing Coordinator, Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE), Inc.	Staff Representative, Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire
Staff Representative, National Federation of the Blind of Georgia - Local Chapter	Staff Representative, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) - Savannah Chapter
Staff Representative, Savannah – Chatham Council on Disability Issues (SCCDI)	Staff Representative, Savannah - Chatham County Fair Housing Council
Representative, Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision	Representative, Deaf Community
Staff Representative, Senior Citizens Inc.,	Staff Representative, Bryan County
Staff Representative, Chatham County	Staff Representative, Effingham County
Interested Citizens (6)	

Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information. I will send an official invite for **July 29th at 1pm** very soon!

Sincerely,

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Let us know your thoughts on the local transportation system! Take the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Survey and share it with other residents! Link to survey → <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KZ8B3LF>

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