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**Cc:** [Linda Cramer](#); [Gloria Royal](#); [Stephanie Cutter](#)  
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**Subject:** FY2027 Millage Rate Request for Chatham Area Transit Authority  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 4:57:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter to County Manager re FY2027 Millage Rate 3.25.2026.pdf](#)

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Dear County Manager Kaigler:

On behalf of CAT Board Chairman Detric Leggett and CEO Stephanie Cutter, please see attached letter regarding CAT's millage rate request for FY2027.

Please feel free to contact the CEO or Board Office if you have any questions or if we can provide you with additional information.

Kind regards,

**Beverly Dumas** | Board Administrator  
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**From:** Beverly Dumas <beverly.dumas@catchacat.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2025 4:54 PM  
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**Subject:** FY2026 Millage Rate Request for Chatham Area Transit Authority

Dear Chairman Ellis and County Manager Kaigler:

On behalf of Chairman Leggett, please see attached letter regarding CAT's millage rate request for FY2026.

Please reach out if you have any questions or if we can provide you additional information.

Thanks,

Kind regards,

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March 24, 2026

Michael A. Kaigler, County Manager  
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Via email: "Michael Kaigler" [mkaigler@chathamcounty.org](mailto:mkaigler@chathamcounty.org)

RE: Chatham Area Transit Authority FY 2027 Millage Rate Request

Dear County Manager Kaigler:

Please accept this letter as the official request on behalf of Chatham Area Transit Authority to set the transit tax millage rate to 1.2 mills effective July 1, 2026. A millage rate increase is needed to achieve the goals and objectives of the Master Transit Plan, which will serve Savannah/Chatham County and the region. The goals and objectives outlined in the Master Plan are grounded in transportation equity, which aims to provide dependable, safe, and convenient service through a transportation network that gets people to where they need and want to go, including workforce transportation. Thus, a significant investment in our fleet is needed to replace fully depreciated buses.

Other local match needs are critical to the differently abled population. The construction of a Paratransit Maintenance Facility, partially funded by the Federal Transit Administration and the City of Savannah, is critically needed to support a comprehensive work program for Paratransit Operations.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of CAT's FY 2027 millage request. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (912) 704-6604 or [stephanie.cutter@catchacat.org](mailto:stephanie.cutter@catchacat.org).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie S. Cutter'.

Stephanie S. Cutter, Executive Director/CEO  
Chatham Area Transit Authority

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Detric Leggett'.

Detric Leggett, Chairman  
CAT Board of Directors

Cc: Linda Cramer, Assistant County Manager  
Gloria Royal, Interim Chief Financial Officer  
Beverly Dumas, Board Administrator