



# Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Liberty County BOC Chairman Donald Lovette, Policy Committee Chair

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## HAMPO PC MINUTES: June 11, 2020

The Policy Committee (PC) on Transportation met via **ON-LINE** services and telephone on April 9, 2020 at 100 Main Street in Hinesville at 9:00 AM.

### 1. Call to Order

- Donald Lovette, Chairman, called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

### 2. Introductions

#### Voting Members Present

Mayor Paul Hawkins, Flemington (Vice Chair)  
Donald Lovette, Chairman LCBOC  
Mayor Allen Brown, Hinesville  
  
Tom McQueen, GDOT  
Melissa Carter Ray, LCDA  
Lynn Pace, Tim Byler proxy, LCPC Vice-Chair  
Clemontine Washington, Mayor Pro-Tem, Midway  
Lily Baker, LCBOE

#### Voting Members Absent

Mayor Joe Harris, Riceboro  
Mayor Richard Strickland, Gum Branch  
Mayor Thomas Hines, Allenhurst  
Mayor Larry Baker, Walthourville  
Vicky Nelson, Hinesville Council

#### Non-Voting Present

Jeff Ricketson, LCPC Director  
Byron Cowart, GDOT  
Ryan Arnold, City of Hinesville  
Joey Brown, County Administrator  
Ann-Marie Day, FHWA

Mark Wilkes, CORE MPO

#### Non-Voting Absent

Ron Collins, CAC Chair  
Kyle Wemett, Fort Stewart

#### Participating

Rachel Hatcher, RS&H  
  
Kelly Wiggins, LCPC  
Ryan Walker  
Ned Green  
Mardee Sanchez, LCPC  
Marcus Sack, ME Sack Engineering

### 3. Approval of Minutes

- Lily Baker made the motion to approve the April 9, 2020 minutes, seconded by Paul Hawkins and all voted in favor.

### 4. Old Business

- GDOT:
  - Design Stage: (Byron Cowart from GDOT)

- US 84 Freight Connector – the R.O.W. has been pushed back to next year. They will begin to acquire R.O.W. within the next year and a half. Preliminary design and environmental work are ongoing. Supplemental preliminary plan review is scheduled for next month, on schedule to submit a draft environmental report this month. Four deeds have been acquired thus far. Mayor Brown asked if R.O.W was being acquired and Byron stated no. Byron stated that there will be another public hearing for people to speak. Preliminary plans are at 90%.
  - Flemington Curve Improvements – let 2020-Final design is ongoing. Appraisals are being prepared for R.O.W. negotiation. Preliminary plans are at 100% and final plans are at 50%.
  - Taylors Creek Bridge – let January 2020- R.O.W. acquisition is ongoing, and they are wrapping up final design. Dealing with fiber cable on base. Final plans have been submitted. Working through utility issue on base.
  - Ryon Avenue/Main Street – TAP grant. Preliminary engineering funds authorized.
  - Lewis Frasier at Peacock Creek – PTIP in process.
- b. Under Construction:
- 38 Connector resurfacing. Proposed to begin late April has changed to summer 2020.
  - Resurfacing on US 84 from O.C. Martin Drive to I-95 on schedule to let in March. Completion date of Spring 2021 is
- b) LOCAL:
- a. Under Construction:
- S. Main Sidewalk – all sidewalks have been installed from Glenn Bryant Road to Airport Road. Project is 100% complete.
- c) Liberty Transit:
- Ridership has been steady. Rachel stated that they operators are practicing COVID-19 requirements. Rt 3 has not resumed service. Protective barriers have been installed. April ridership reached a record low, with slight improvements in May. Ryan Arnold gave an overview on some RFQ and grants with City will be pursuing for such projects as connectivity to bus stops.
- d) Transportation Comment Log:
- a. There was a previous complaint about lack of a pedestrian crosswalk across US 17 between the Midway Museum and the Historic Cemetery. Byron stated that GDOT stated that this crosswalk does not warrant the amount of pedestrian traffic needed. Byron suggested that Jeff send in a request on letterhead for this matter and to acquire updated pedestrian counts. Jeff sent the request to GDOT and it was denied. This crosswalk was covered when repaving. GDOT stated that a crosswalk is not warranted. The policy Committee has asked that HAMPO reach out to GDOT again to discuss traffic when there are events in the area.

## 5. New Business

### a) 2018-2021 TIP Amendment # 5:

Rachel Hatcher with RS&H gave this presentation stating that GDOT is requesting an amendment to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Plan and the MPO's LRTP/MTP. Asking for a new

bridge project to be added located on CR 171/Lewis Frasier Road at Peacock Creek. Thirty-day public comment will be needed.

Lily Baker made a motion to approve 2018-2021 TIP Amendment # 5. The motion was seconded by Melissa Carter Ray and all voted in favor.

- b) **FY 2021 UPWP Adoption:** Rachel went over this with the committee.

Lily Baker made a motion to adopt the FY 2021 UPWP, seconded by Clemontine Washington and all voted in favor.

- c) **2020-2045 MTP Constrained Project List:** Rachel gave a brief update of the study overview, project status and next steps. Rachel indicated that the recent voter approval of the TSPLOST was not factored into the MTP although it will have an impact.

Clemontine Washington made a motion to adopt the 2045 MTP constrained project list with the condition that staff is given the ability to incorporate additional phases or projects in priority order based on additional revenues presented from TSPLOST. The motion was seconded by Allen Brown and all voted in favor.

- d) **Notice of Funding Opportunities:** Rachel went over the next steps and several grants that are available to the committee.

**6. Other Business:** None.

**7. Public Comments**

- None

**8. Schedule**

- Next regularly scheduled meeting is August 13, 2020.

**9. Adjourn**

- Clemontine Washington made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Hawkins, and all voted in favor.

**APPROVED:**

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Chairman Donald Lovette, PC Chairman

ATTEST:

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