



# Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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## HAMPO CAC MINUTES: August 25, 2020

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on Transportation met in Room 2100 of the Historic Court House via phone/ZOOM at 100 N. Main Street in Hinesville at 5:30 PM on August 25, 2020.

### 1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Ron Collins, Chair, called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

### INTRODUCTIONS:

#### PRESENT

Ron Collins, CAC Chair	AASU
Joe Kelly, CAC Vice-Chair	Liberty County
Terry Fortson	Midway
Phil Odom	Gum Branch
Tim Byler	Flemington
Cassidy Collins	Hinesville
Malcolm Williams	Hinesville

#### EXCUSED:

#### ABSENT:

Jimmy Shanken	Long County
Troy Cook	Liberty County
Sylvester Moore	Hinesville
Dr. Modibo Kadalie	Riceboro
Bob Dodd	Walthourville
Ernest Brown	Liberty County

#### STAFF/GVT/Other:

Jeff Ricketson	HAMPO/LCPC
Kelly Wiggins	LCPC
Rachel Hatcher	RS&H, LCPC
Patty Leon	Coastal Courier

#### VACANT SEATS:

Vacant	Allenhurst
Vacant	Fort Stewart
Vacant	Hinesville
Vacant	Savannah Tech

## 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- A motion was made by Tim Byler to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Phil Odom. The vote was unanimous in favor.

## 3) **STATUS UPDATES**

### a. **Project Update:**

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119 is under preliminary design and environmental work is ongoing. The preliminary plans are 90% complete.

SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is in final design and the right-of-way acquisition is underway. Preliminary plans are 100% complete. Final plans are 90% complete.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement has right-of-way acquisition ongoing and final plans have been submitted.

1.686 miles of milling and resurfacing on SR 38 from SR 119 to E of US 84 is 80% complete.

12.55 miles of milling and resurfacing on SR 38 from E of OC Martin Drive to E of I-95 is 30% complete.

### b. **Transportation Update:**

Route 3 has not resumed service since its shut-down due to COVID-19. All protections remain in place on the transit buses for protection. The preliminary design phase of the second infrastructure project has begun. This will include sidewalks and bus stops. Liberty Transit will be using another TPO starting in October. First Transit is replacing Transdev. Paratransit ridership is back up to 364 trips in July.

Mayor Baker asked if Route 3 is the route in Walthourville. Rachel stated route 3 is the shortest route and it is located within the inner part of Hinesville. The CARES Act provided funding for Liberty Transit for infrastructure improvements. Total amount allocated is \$ 465,000. No local match is required. Phase 1 includes 9 projects of various sidewalks and shelters.

Mayor Baker stated that he has two bus stops without sidewalks and wanted to know how he could get these two stops on the list. Rachel advised Mayor Baker to express the need for this at the Transit Steering Committee meeting.

### c. **Transportation Public Comment Log:**

Deputies running radar with lights off from the decel lanes on Leroy Coffey Highway. Preliminary communication with Liberty County Sheriff's office has been initiated.

US 17 Pedestrian Crossing near the Midway Museum. GDOT analyzed the pedestrian volumes at this location and determined that a crosswalk is not warranted. TCC provided direction to contact

Midway Museum to gather visitor and event data for additional coordination with GDOT. Staff contacted Midway Museum for annual and special event visitor data. HAMPO staff is drafting a letter to send to GDOT with new figures and statistics regarding the need for a pedestrian crossing.

Phil Odom stated that the overlay on Hwy 84 has a pothole in the brand-new pavement near MM 11. There is a bad dip next to Winlectric and the striping is horrible. Jeff stated that he would speak with the contractor and if it is not corrected, he will contact GDOT.

d. **Administrative Updates:**

Policy committee approved the release of the draft 2018-21 TIP Amendment # 6 for 30-day public comment period. Administrative modification was made to the 2018-21 TIP and 2040 MTP. Change was made to fiscal year of funding for the construction phase of PI#0013750-SR 119 @ Taylors Creek 3 Miles NW of Hinesville. The annual report has been completed and submitted to GDOT for review and concurrence.

4) **New Business:**

- a. 2020-2045 MTP Adoption. Rachel gave a status update of the MTP schedule and items that have taken place since last meeting.

A motion was made by Joe Kelly to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the draft 2020-2045 MTP, incorporating comments and feedback received from the public and oversight agencies during the 30-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Mayor Larry Baker. The vote was unanimous in favor.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- None

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Joe Kelly stated that traffic signals need to be located on S. Main Street and Eunice Road due to traffic congestion. He also suggested more traffic signals along E.G. Miles Pkwy. Jeff stated that the City of Hinesville does have a major TSPLOST project underway in the next two years for that area.

8. **SCHEDULE:**

- The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting will be October 27, 2020.

9. **ADJOURN:**

- Chairman Collins asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mayor Larry Baker and seconded by Joe Kelly to adjourn. The vote was unanimous in favor.

APPROVED:

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Ron Collins, Chairman

ATTEST:

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