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HAMPO TCC MINUTES: September 10, 2020

The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on Transportation met via Zoom conference call 9:00 AM on September 10, 2020.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Joey Brown, Chair, called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS: Jeff stated each person that was present for the meeting.

Members Present: Joey Brown, Jeff Ricketson, Mayor Hawkins, Ned Green, Trent Long, Kenny Howard, Clemontine Washington, Paul Simonton, Ben Morrow, and Ryan Walker.
Members Absent: Kyle Wemett, Dr. Franklin Perry, Mayor Joe Harris, Mayor Thomas Hines, Mayor Richard Strickland, Mayor Larry Baker, Ron Tolley, Chuck Scragg
Non-Voting Members Present: Theodis Jackson. Ann-Marie Day.
Non-Voting Members Absent: Allen Burns, Robert Buckley, Don Masisak, and John Lyles, Mark Wilkes.
Participating: Vivian Canizares
Staff Present: Rachel Hatcher, Kelly Wiggins, Mardee Sanchez
Public: Patty Leon, Coastal Courier, Marcus Sack, M.E. Sack Engineering.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Trent Long made the motion to approve the July 9, 2020 minutes, seconded by Paul Simonton, and all voted in favor.

3) OLD BUSINESS:

a) GDOT: Project Status Reports:

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. Mayor Pro-tem Washington asked if the piles of dirt along the roadway will be cleaned up. Jeff stated that he has had several conversations with Mayor Clancy and will speak with the contractor again.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement has right-of-way acquisition ongoing and finals 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) **Liberty Transit:**

Ridership is climbing slowly. Clear barriers were installed to separate passengers and operators. The bus drivers are using all protective measures to protect the riders and themselves from Covid-19. All buses are equipped with disinfectant. Due to the CARES ACT, additional funding was secured for the preliminary design phase of the second infrastructure project. That will include shelters and sidewalks surrounding the areas of the bus stops. Nine projects are included in Phase 1. Liberty Transit also completed their procurement of their third-party operator. The new company, First Transit will begin operations in October 2020. Route 3 began operating again on August 17, 2020.

c) **Transportation Comment Log**: Deputies running radar with lights off from the decel lanes on Leroy Coffer 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.

d) 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. FY 2020 UPWP Administrative Modification #2 included the balance of task level budgets to actual year-end expenditures. This is available on the HAMPO website under the plans and documents tab.

4) NEW BUSINESS:

a) **2020-2045 MTP Adoption:** Rachel Hatcher with RS&H provided the status updated and recommendation to the committee. Chairman Brown asked for a motion to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the draft 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
Trent Long made a motion to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the 2020-2045 draft MTP. The motion was seconded my Paul Hawkins. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Brown stated that this will go before the Policy Committee at a special called meeting to take place at 10:00 today. Rachel stated that the deadline for submittal for this is 5PM today and

generally we receive feedback from them immediately. Ann-Marie stated that there is not a formal process to respond that they did receive it, but she attends these meetings, so she is aware of the submittal.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

7) **SCHEDULE:** The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting will be November 12, 2020.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED:

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Joey Brown, Chair

ATTEST:

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Jeff Ricketson