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HAMPO CAC MINUTES: October 27, 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 October 27, 2020.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Ron Collins, Chair, called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was not present.

INTRODUCTIONS:

PRESENT

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

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

Jimmy Shanken	Long County
Troy Cook	Liberty County
Sylvester Moore	Hinesville
Dr. Modibo Kadalie	Riceboro
Bob Dodd	Walthourville
Tim Byler	Flemington

STAFF/GVT/Other:

Jeff Ricketson	HAMPO/LCPC
Rachel Hatcher	RS&H, LCPC
Justin Dammons	RS&H, LCPC

VACANT SEATS:

Vacant	Allenhurst
Vacant	Fort Stewart
Vacant	Hinesville
Vacant	Savannah Tech

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- A quorum was not present. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

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. Construction funds remain in long-range funding.

SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is in final design and preliminary plans are 100% complete. Final plans are over 95% complete. Breaking ground anticipated for March 2021, with 12-24 months to complete project.

Mr. Collins asked if environmental activities has begun on that project. Mrs. Hatcher stated that they have, and the historical analysis has been completed and final plans are close to completion. Mr. Ricketson added that this project will be advertised for bids in the near future.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement is 100% complete with final plans and working through a utility issue with the base.

Ryon Ave. realignment project is a TAP grant project with preliminary engineering funds authorized. Will share with the CAC once the final designs are completed.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd @ Peacock Creek bridge replacement project was recently incorporated into the TIP with a schedule review slated for October.

SR 38 Connector resurfacing contractor is currently working on resolving issues with dips in the road and mudflaps being paved over. Mr. Ricketson stated that the Mayor of Midway had complaints about the construction work, and added the contractor briefly lost their rating with GDOT which paused work on the project. Construction work is ongoing and the complaints regarding delayed driveway installation will be addressed by the contractor.

1.686 miles of milling and resurfacing on SR 38 from SR 119 to E of US 84 is 85% complete.

12.55 miles of milling and resurfacing on SR 38 from E of OC Martin Drive to E of I-95 is 35% complete.

b. **Transportation Update:**

Route 3 resumed service on August 17. All protections remain in place on the transit buses for protection. The preliminary design phase of the second infrastructure project has begun. Liberty Transit will be using another TPO starting in October. First Transit is replacing Transdev and has already begun the transition process. Paratransit ridership decreased from August to September, with 262 trips in September. Total ridership increased slightly in September.

c. **Transportation Public Comment Log:**

Deputies running radar with lights off from the decel lanes on Leroy Coffey Highway. Have not received any additional information after reaching out to the Liberty County Sheriff's office.

US 17 Pedestrian Crossing near the Midway Museum. HAMPO Staff has had ongoing coordination with GDOT's District office and with Midway Museum. Cynthia Phillips with GDOT District 5 indicated that in the spring, GDOT District will reevaluate this corridor. Staff is working on getting this agreement documented and continuing coordinating with GDOT District and GDOT's Atlanta office.

Mr. Odom stated that the Midway Museum has recently reopened for tours and those tours are not currently crossing US 17.

Liberty Transit is going to start phasing out their diesel buses for gasoline buses in the next couple of months.

GDOT has assigned a project number to the median safety project on US 84 and is in the early stages of development.

d. **Administrative Updates:**

HAMPO staff is currently updating committee meeting by-laws, including provisions for meeting virtually. The meeting schedule for the CAC will be reviewed and evaluated to be better aligned with the other committees. The anticipated meeting schedule will be the second Thursday of odd numbered months at 5:30 PM.

4) **New Business:**

- a. Draft 2018 - 2021 TIP Amendment #6. Mrs. Hatcher stated that the GDOT Planning office is requesting an amendment to the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP and the 2045 MTP and explained the proposed changes. This amendment is to include PI# 0017411 (I-95 fm Florida State Line to S Carolina State Line – ITS Exp) into the 2018-21 TIP and 2045 MTP. No quorum was present, so no motion was made on agenda item, however committee members present offered consensus for approval with no issue or comment.
- b. Draft 2021- 2024 TIP. Mrs. Hatcher addressed this agenda item. The proposed action was to recommend to the Policy Committee to release the draft 2021-24 TIP for a 30-day public comment period. She explained the purpose of and highlighted projects that are included in the upcoming TIP.

Mr. Brown asked if the funding was already authorized for the projects in the 2021 – 2024 TIP. Mrs. Hatcher stated that it was not, and that the project cost detail sheets were preliminary information provided by DOT.

No quorum was present, so no motion was made on this agenda item, however committee members present offered consensus for approval with no issue or comment.

- c. Draft FY 2022 UPWP. Mrs. Hatcher explained this agenda item. The FY 2022 UPWP lists the planning activities and expected costs for the upcoming fiscal year. The proposed action was to recommend to the Policy Committee to release the draft FY 2022 UPWP for a 30-day public comment period. No quorum was present, so no motion was made on this agenda item, however committee members present offered consensus for approval with no issue or comment.

Mr. Kelly asked for more information regarding the South Main St/Ryon Ave widening and sidewalk project. Mrs. Hatcher responded that this project received SPLOST funding and was identified as a priority project for TSPLOST funding. Mrs. Hatcher further stated that the project has not begun PE at this time and is being evaluated for TSPLOST prioritization.

Mr. Odom asked if the bridge and intersection improvements at I-95 Exit 76 could be moved up in the list. Mr. Ricketson stated that the Development Authority has identified the project as a priority.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Ricketson stated that the CAC has a consistent issue with meeting the eight-person quorum requirements for meetings and the bylaws should be changed to allow for a lower quorum requirement. Mrs. Hatcher added that since the bylaws are already going to be open to change the virtual meeting standards and meeting schedule, the quorum requirements would be addressed along with those changes.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Mr. Brown asked if the meeting times were looked at being changed. Committee consensus is that the meeting time at 5:30pm works for everyone. Mrs. Hatcher stated that the committee meeting date would be changed to the afternoon of the bimonthly Thursday TCC meetings instead of the having the CAC meet the following month. The TCC meetings are on odd months.

The upcoming CAC meeting on December 29, 2020 would be moved to January 14, 2021, contingent on the PC approving the requested schedule change.

- Mr. Kelly asked about education for bike riders. He stated that bike riders on GA 196 and US 84 are on both sides of the road. He also asked if Hinesville has a rule stating that bicyclists cannot ride on the sidewalk. Mrs. Hatcher responded that if a sidewalk is 10 feet wide, it is considered a 'multiuse path.' She stated that coordination may be needed with bike riders as well as local law enforcement, so they do not ticket bicyclists on multiuse paths. Motorized wheelchairs are also permissible on multiuse paths. HAMPO staff will work to get this into the upcoming UPWP as a priority, concurrently with the bike/ped analysis application for supplemental 5303 funding.

8. **SCHEDULE:**

- The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting will be January 14, 2021.

9. **ADJOURN:**

- Vice-Chairman Kelly asked for a motion to adjourn. Chairman Ron Collins adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

Ron Collins, Chairman

ATTEST:
