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HAMPO CAC MINUTES: January 14, 2021

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 January 14, 2021.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Jeff Ricketson called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was not present.

INTRODUCTIONS:

PRESENT

Joe Kelly, CAC Vice-Chair	Liberty County
	Midway
Phil Odom	Gum Branch
Cassidy Collins	Hinesville
Ernest Brown	Liberty County
Elaine Moore	Hinesville
Curles Butler	Hinesville
Marcello Page	Hinesville

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

Ron Collins, CAC Chair	AASU
Troy Cook	Liberty County
Sylvester Moore	Hinesville
Dr. Modibo Kadalie	Riceboro
Bob Dodd	Walthourville
Tim Byler	Flemington
Terry Fortson	Midway

STAFF/GVT/Other:

Jeff Ricketson	HAMPO/LCPC
Kelly Wiggins	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 at the start of the meeting. After a quorum was reached, a motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2020 CAC meeting. This motion was made by Mr. Ernest Brown, and seconded by Mr. Phil Odom. This motion passed unanimously.

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 100% complete. Construction funds remain in long-range funding, with construction anticipated to begin in 2023.

SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is in final design and preliminary plans are 100% complete. Final plans are 100% complete. Project is scheduled for Let 2/19/2021, with an 18-month timeline to complete project.

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

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd @ Peacock Creek bridge replacement project has recently completed their survey and is starting concept development.

1.686 miles of milling and resurfacing on SR 38 from SR 119 to E of US 84 is 100% complete.

12.55 miles of milling and resurfacing on SR 38 from E of O.C. Martin Drive to E of I-95 is 90% complete.

Phil Odom asked if the Flemington Curve project is still working during the night for safety purposes. Rachel Hatcher responded that they are and are working some weekends as well. Coordination is happening with the City and County as well to make sure construction is not happening during events.

b. Transportation Update:

All precautions remain in place on the transit buses for protection. ADA infrastructure project bid documents completed and submitted to GDOT for Concurrence. FY 2022 Grant Application submitted, includes funding to begin the Transit Development Plan and to replace remaining two original transit buses. Fleet Replacement Plan in effect with slight delivery delays occurring. Paratransit ridership decreased from November to December, with 304 trips in December. Total ridership decreased slightly in December.

Joe Kelly asked if the new fleet will all come online at the same time. Rachael responded that they will not, that some of the vehicles will be decommissioned permanently, with four vehicles ordered in the first batch and two in the second batch of orders.

Marcello Page asked where the decommissioned vehicles go. Rachel stated that they follow FTA regulations on how to decommission vehicles with GDOT oversight, and then go to auction.

Joe Kelly asked if Covid-19 has impacted ridership. Rachel explained that it has and highlighted several statistics that showed a decrease in ridership. He then asked if this affected funds received as well. Rachel stated that it has, and now Liberty Transit receives 100% federal funding for capital and operating funding through the CARES Act.

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.

Phil Odom stated that GA 196 from US 17 W has lanes that have started to deteriorate. He added that on E. Stewart coming out of the apartment complex and by the shopping complex, grass and bushes have hindered visibility for turning. On Westbound GA 38/US 84, manholes in the westbound lane have deteriorated with loose overlay. In McIntosh, commercial carriers have trucks leaving the industrial community with gravel and debris covering the road and GDOT has had to send personnel to clear the roadway intersection twice. Phil Odom submitted a list of road complaints that need to be addressed.

Curles Butler stated that McArthur Dr. has pavement coming up and separating and poses safety issues.

Jeff stated that the City of Hinesville is currently working on a project to fix the issues on McArthur Drive.

d. Administrative Updates:

The Draft FY 2021 – 2022 UPWP and Draft FY 2021 -2024 TIP have both been released for a 30-day public comment period.

4) New Business:

- a. HAMPO Public Participation Plan (PPP) Amendment (Action). Rachel stated the purpose of a PPP. He explained that the PPP is getting an amendment to address virtual public participation. The document is being recommended to the Policy Committee to be released for a 45-day public comment period.

Curles Butler made a motion to recommend that the Policy Committee release the HAMPO Public Participation Plan Amendment for 45-day public comment period. Phil Odom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. HAMPO Bylaws Amendment (Action). Rachel Hatcher addressed this agenda item. The proposed action is to recommend to the Policy Committee approve the HAMPO Bylaws Amendment. This amendment address meeting in a virtual environment.

Phil Odom asked if the university representative on the CAC should be changed. Rachel Hatcher responded that it should be, and that an administrative modification can change the bylaws without it having to go for a vote through the various committees.

Joe Kelly made a motion to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the HAMPO Bylaws Amendment. Curles Butler seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

- c. Election of Officers (Action). Rachel Hatcher explained this agenda item. The CAC Bylaws list the requirements and process for electing a chairperson and vice-chairperson for the CAC. The current chairman is Ron Collins, and current vice chair is Joe Kelly.

Curles Butler made a motion to recommend Phil Odom to serve as the Chairman of the HAMPO CAC for calendar year 2021. Ernest Brown seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marcello Page asked for a brief bio from committee members to make a more informed decision when electing officers.

Phil Odom made a motion to recommend Marcello Page to serve as Vice-Chairman of the HAMPO CAC for calendar year 2021. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- d. SR 119/EG Miles Pkwy Special PL Funding Application (Action). Rachel Hatcher presented this agenda item. She explained the purpose of unutilized PL funds that are dispersed by GAMPO towards special projects and how HAMPO has used them in the past. The corridor to be studied is from 15th St. to General Screven Way, and a GDOT Signal Warrants Analysis was previously presented to the TCC and PC. She stated the potential project elements, and the draft application value is \$200,000.

A motion was made by Curles Butler to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the SR 119/EG Miles Pkwy Special PL Funding Application for submittal to GAMPO and that the 2021 UPWP Amendment be completed concurrently. The motion was seconded by Joe Kelly and passed unanimously.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

8. **SCHEDULE:**

- The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting will be February 11, 2021.

9. **ADJOURN:**

- Phil made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Curles Butler. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

Phil Odom, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC