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HAMPO CAC MINUTES: March 11, 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 March 11, 2021.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Phil Odom called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS:

PRESENT

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

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

Troy Cook	Liberty County
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
Mayor Larry Baker	Walthourville
Patty Leon	Coastal Courier

VACANT SEATS:

Vacant	Allenhurst
Vacant	Fort Stewart
Vacant	Hinesville
Vacant	Savannah Tech

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2021 CAC meeting. This motion was made by Ron Collins and seconded by Curles Butler. 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. Once environmental work is complete, ROW acquisition can begin. PHOH was held March 4th.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement is 100% complete with final plans and working through a utility issue with the base. Waiting on environmental from the Corp of Engineers and it is expected in September.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd @ Peacock Creek bridge replacement project has completed survey and started concept development.

SR38/US 84 at CR73/Old Sunbury Road let on February 19th. Contract will be awarded on Monday.

b. Transit Update:

Rachel stated that the Covid-19 sanitization and protections remain in effect. Overall ridership is down for February. The preliminary design phase of the second infrastructure project is ongoing. Bus shelters have been ordered. FY 2022 Grant Application submitted, includes funding to begin the Transit Development Plan and to replace the remaining two original transit buses. Fleet Replacement Plan in effect with slight delivery delays occurring. The awarded funds will be made available July 1, 2021. Joe Kelly asked if we were maintaining the same transit routes. Rachel stated that the routes are the same.

c. Transportation Public Comment Log:

Ongoing: Midway Museum crosswalk and deputies running radar on SR 196 in decel lane with no lights on.

New Comments: CAC member Phi Odom submitted a list of operational and maintenance issues that have been forwarded to GDOT and Local Jurisdictions for remediation.

The LCPC received a comment from the Larry Sasser of Sasser Mobile Home Park and asked if there would be a possibility of installing a caution light at the area at the bottom of the overpass on Highway 84 and the entrance to his park.

Marcello Page mentioned the frequency of pedestrian fatalities located on E.G. Miles Pkwy and the possibility of some crosswalks. Jeff stated that we are submitting an application to GDOT tomorrow

for a corridor study that corridor. Marcello also asked if streetlights could be a part of that study. Jeff and Rachel stated they would pass that on to GDOT district and the City of Hinesville since SR 119 and SR 196 crosses over in that section.

d. Administrative Updates:

FY 2018-2021 TIP Administrative Modification # 3. On January 26, 2021 GDOT Office of Planning requested an administrative modification be made to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Plan. This administrative modification revises the construction cost estimates for project number 0013750 and project number 522570.

4) **New Business:**

- a) a. **Draft 2021-2024 TIP (Action).** Short range work program for projects over the next four years. Projects must be in the TIP to received federal and state highway funding for: Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-way, Utility Relocation, and Construction. Current TIP 2018-2021. Updated Annually. Oversight Agency Comment Log included, and all comments have been addressed and incorporated in the final draft. The final draft will be presented to the Policy Committee in April for adoption. Deadline is June 2021.

MOTION: A motion was made by Curles Butler to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the Draft 2021-2024 TIP. The motion was seconded by Ron Collins. The vote passed unanimously.

- b) **Draft FY 2022 UPWP (Action).** Rachel stated that the UPWP is an annual statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities of the MPO and is used to govern work programs for the expenditure of Federal and State planning Funds.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ron Collins to recommend the Policy Committee adopt the Draft FY 2022 UPWP. The motion was seconded by Joe Kelly. The vote passed unanimously.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS: Agency Updates. (None)**
New Member Orientation.

Rachel went over the history and background, MPO Planning 101, Roles and Responsibilities for the new elected members.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

SCHEDULE:

- The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting will be May 13, 2021.

7) **ADJOURN:**

- **Curles Butler made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ron Collins. The motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVED:

Phil Odom, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC