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HAMPO TCC MINUTES: March 11, 2021

The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on Transportation met via Zoom conference call 9:00 AM on March 11, 2021.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

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

INTRODUCTIONS: Jeff Ricketson announced each person participating.

Members Present: Joey Brown, Jeff Ricketson, Mayor Paul Hawkins, Ned Green, Trent Long, Kenny Howard, Troy Pittman, Robert Norby, Darrell Mosley, Debra Attical, Mayor Larry Baker, Paul Simonton, Ron Tolley.

Members Absent: Kyle Wemett, Mayor Thomas Hines, Mayor Richard Strickland, Clemontine Washington, Ryan Walker

Non-Voting Members Present: Karen Randolph.

Non-Voting Members Absent: Allen Burns, Robert Buckley, Don Masisak, Ann-Marie Day, and John Lyles.

Participating: Vivian Canizares, Trang Mai, Cole Mullis. Ryan Arnold, Ansley Grantham, Patty Leon, Katie Proctor, Mark Wilkes: MPO, Savannah, Vishanya Forbes, Emma Frost, Scott Berson, Tom Caiafa

Staff Present: Rachel Hatcher, Kelly Wiggins, Justin Dammons

Public: None.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mayor Paul Hawkins made the motion to approve the November 12, 2020 minutes, seconded by Kenny Howard, and all voted in favor.

3) OLD BUSINESS:

- a) GDOT: Project Status Reports: Katie Proctor with GDOT:

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. The contract should be awarded soon and as soon as it is, Troy will let the committee know the start date.

Paul Simonton asked if there was an update of the Hwy 84 safety project. Troy stated that the project has a PI number but does not have the information with him at this time. Will find out and let committee know.

b) Liberty Transit:

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.

c) Transportation Comment Log: Ongoing: Midway Museum crosswalk and deputies running radar on 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.

d) HAMPO 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) 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.

Trent Long made a motion to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the Draft 2021-2024 TIP. Mayor Paul Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

- 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.

Kenny Howard made a motion to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the Draft FY 2022 UPWP. Mayor Paul Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS: Troy Pittman stated that the Hwy 84 safety project PE funds were authorized a few weeks ago but does not have a schedule yet. Troy will keep the Committee updated on this project. Paul Simonton stated that this project is holding up the final concept report for the Ryon Avenue realignment and asked for a contact number for the Project Manager for the project. Joey Brown stated that the potential change in the MPO statistical change could make us not eligible to be a MPO anymore and affect our federal funding. Jeff stated that it would not affect the funding in and of itself, but it is possible down the road. Rachel stated that various agencies are reaching out to the Government to fight this. We have also reached out to GMA for assistance. Letters have been provided and signed by LCBOC Donald Lovette and Mayor of Hinesville, Allen Brown. Joey asked for a meeting to discuss the recommendations for the 30 percent SPLOST money. Jeff said he would have the staff set up the meeting. Joey stated that each city will have to audit their own TSPLOST funds.

5) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

6) **SCHEDULE:** The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting will be May 13, 2021.

ADJOURN:

- Trent Long made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Larry Baker and all voted in favor.

APPROVED:

Joey Brown, Chair

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson