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HAMPO PC MINUTES: April 8, 2021

The Policy Committee (PC) on Transportation met in Room 2100 of the Historic Court House via phone/ZOOM at 100 N. Main Street in Hinesville at 9:00 AM on April 8, 2021.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Chairman Lovette called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Voting Members Present

Mayor Allen Brown, Hinesville
Chairman Donald Lovette, LCBOC Chairman
Lynn Pace, Tim Byler proxy, LCPC Vice-Chair
Lily Baker, Chairman LCBOE
Mayor Paul Hawkins, Flemington
Radney Simpson, GDOT Planning
Mayor Larry Baker, Walthourville
Gary Gilliard, LCBOC
Debra Attical, City of Riceboro
Tin Caiafa, GDOT
Mayor Pro Tem Washington, Midway

Voting Members Absent

Mayor Joe Harris, Riceboro
Mayor Richard Strickland, Gum Branch
Mayor Thomas Hines, Allenhurst
Robert Parker, Long County BOC Chairman
Vicky Nelson, City Council, Hinesville
Melissa Carter Ray, LCDA

Non-Voting Present

Jeff Ricketson, LCPC Director
Ann-Marie Day, FHWA
Joey Brown, LC Administrator
Kenny Howard, Hinesville
Mark Wilkes, CORE MPO

Non-Voting Absent

Mel Meleka, Fort Stewart

Participating

Rachel Hatcher, RS&H, LCPC
Justin Dammons, RS&H, LCPC
Kelly Wiggins, LCPC
Phil Odom, Chairman of CAC
Ned Green, GDOT
Trent Long, T.R. Long Engineering
Marcus Sack, M.E. Sack Engineering
Christy Lovett, GDOT
Ansley Grantham, GDOT
Katie Proctor, GDOT

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Paul Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting, seconded by Lily Baker and all voted in favor.

3) STATUS UPDATES

a. Project Status Update: Katie Proctor with GDOT

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119 is under preliminary design and environmental work is ongoing. Environmental activities are at 67%. The preliminary plans are 100% complete. The public hearing was held March 4, 2021. The environmental studies are complete.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement is 100% complete. It is awaiting environmental approvals from the Corp of Engineers. Anticipated to start construction in September 2021.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd @ Peacock Creek bridge replacement project is still in first stages of development, with survey complete and work beginning on the concept development. Environmental was approved at end of March and is in concept development now. Anticipated to start in May.

Active Projects: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road has environmental activities and preliminary plans at 100% complete. Final plans are 100% complete. ROW is certified and scheduled for LET on 2/19/2021. Anticipated completion in November of 2022. This project is under contract. The NTP has not been issued yet.

b. Transportation Update: Rachel Hatcher

Covid 19 sanitation and protections remain in effect. Three new buses were lettered on April 1, 2021 and are expected to be delivered in the next few days. Construction began on the ADA infrastructure improvement project. Rachel presented the policy committee with pictures of the construction that has begun on the new bus stops. Funding was provided by the Cares Act. Trent Long stated that the improvements are expected to be completed by June 30, 2021. Kenny Howard stated that two of the buses have been delivered to the bus site.

Paratransit ridership was down in March but showed significant increase from February 2021 to March 2021. Routes 1 and 3 showed increase in ridership in March with a slight decrease in route 2.

c. Transportation Public Comment Log: No new comments.

d. Admin Update: FY 2018 -2021 TIP Administrative Modification # 3. On January 26, 2021 GDOT Office of Planning requested and administrative modification to the TIP. This administrative modification revises the construction cost estimates for Pls 0013750 and 522570. Rachel also gave an update of the GAMPO spring meeting held on March 29, 2021. The topics included: GDOT Office of Planning new organization and funding sources, Georgia Power Projection Platform Route Study, FTA updates, Conceptual 1-14 coordination, and GDOT Intermodal including 5303 contracts

and transit updates. The PL Funds Review Committee update included that the HAMPO MTP closed out and SR 119 Study passed unanimously.

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.

Lily Baker made a motion that the Policy Committee adopt the Draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan. The motion was seconded by Tom Caiafa. 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.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Washington for the Policy Committee to adopt the FY 2022 UPWP. The motion was seconded by Paul Hawkins. The motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

- c. **TSPLOST 30% Projects Status Update (Information):** Joey Brown updated the Policy Committee on how the list for prioritization is going and a list was provided in this presentation for the committee. Some of the listed projects have already started studies and design. Kenny Howard gave an update on Veterans Parkway/ South Main project. Kenny stated this is a three-phase project starting on Second Street. The second phase will go from Veteran's to Ralph Quarterman and the third phase will go from Ralph Quarterman to Kacey Drive. Kenny stated that sidewalks would be included. Mayor Allen Brown stated that he has attended a couple of meetings that have given him reason to believe that the signal located on the side of Walmart on Veterans Parkway is closer to agreement. Gary Gilliard asked if the medians going in on Highway 84 will be concrete or landscape. He has safety concerns for the ESG maintenance men that will be maintaining the medians. Rachel stated that when the project comes to the City, they will have a chance to weigh in on landscaping.

5) a. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Lily Baker asked if they are installing sidewalks at Edgewater. Trent stated they are making repairs to the roadway to help the buses pass through. They are having trouble with soil.
- Joey Brown stated that the airport hangar project had to be rebid but there will be an additional 15 hangers. The long-range land plan is due for wrap up shortly and be presented to the Army Corp of Engineers for an expansion at airport.

b. **CORE MPO Updates:**

- Mark Wilkes with CORE MPO stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- There were no public comments presented at the meeting.

7) **SCHEDULE:**

- The next regularly scheduled PC meeting will be June 10, 2021.

8) **ADJOURN:**

- Gary Gilliard made a motion to adjourn. Lily Baker seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Donald Lovette, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jeff Ricketson