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AGENDA Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee (PC) On-line Only due to COVID-19 Assembly Restrictions August 13, 2020 @ 9:00 AM

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HAMPO PC MINUTES: August 13, 2020

The Policy Committee (PC) on Transportation met via **ON-LINE** services and telephone on June 11, 2020 at 100 Main Street in Hinesville at 9:00 AM.

1. Call to Order

• Donald Lovette, Chairman, called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

2. Introductions

Voting Members Present

Mayor Paul Hawkins, Flemington (Vice Chair) Donald Lovette, Chairman LCBOC Mayor Allen Brown, Hinesville Larry Baker, Walthourville Tom McQueen, GDOT Melissa Carter Ray, LCDA Lynn Pace, Tim Byler proxy, LCPC Vice-Chair Clemontine Washington, Mayor Pro-Tem, Midway Lily Baker, LCBOE

Voting Members Absent

Mayor Joe Harris, Riceboro Mayor Richard Strickland, Gum Branch Mayor Thomas Hines, Allenhurst Robert Parker, Long County Vicky Nelson, Hinesville Council

Non-Voting Present

Jeff Ricketson, LCPC Director Kenny Howard, City Manager Mark Wilkes, CORE MPO Joey Brown, County Administrator Ann-Marie Day, FHWA

Non-Voting Absent

Ron Collins, CAC Chair Kyle Wemett, Fort Stewart Cassidy Collins, Hinesville **Participating** Rachel Hatcher, RS&H Vivian Carares Kelly Wiggins, LCPC Ryan Walker Ned Green Patty Leon, Coastal Courier Marcus Sack, ME Sack Engineering

3. Approval of Minutes

• Paul Hawkins made the motion to approve the June 11, 2020 minutes, seconded by Allen Brown and all voted in favor.

4. Old Business

Rachel informed the Policy Committee that Byron Cowart has taken a position outside of GDOT.

- a) GDOT:
 - a. Design Stage:
 - US 84 Freight Connector the R.O.W. has been pushed back to next year. They will begin to acquire R.O.W. within the next year and a half. Environmental work is at 65%. Joey stated there is one more public hearing that will be held in the next 45 days to clear one final matter. Preliminary plans are at 90%. Joey stated that there is a 2022 contract LET date.
 - Flemington Curve Improvements (Sunbury Road)— let 2020-Final design is ongoing. Appraisals are being prepared for R.O.W. negotiation. Preliminary plans are at 100% and final plans are at 50%. Out of 11 deeds there are 6 options and 4 condemnations pending.
 - Taylors Creek Bridge let January 2021- R.O.W. acquisition is ongoing. Final plans have been submitted and shifted to March. Utility issues with Fort Stewart. Costs estimates came back high.
 - Ryon Avenue/Main Street TAP grant. Preliminary engineering funds authorized. Contractor has been selected for design.
 - Lewis Frasier at Peacock Creek PTIP in process.

Mayor Allen Brown asked Jeff Ricketson if he heard from GDOT when the median project would start in Hinesville. Jeff stated that GDOT has not assigned a project number yet.

- b. <u>Under Construction</u>:
 - 38 Connector resurfacing. Proposed to begin late April has changed to summer 2020.
 - Resurfacing on US 84 from O.C. Martin Drive to I-95 on schedule to let in March. Completion date of Spring 2021 is
- b) LOCAL:
 - a. <u>Under Construction</u>:
 - S. Main Sidewalk all sidewalks have been installed from Glenn Bryant Road to Airport Road. Project is 100% complete.
- c) Liberty Transit:
 - Rachel stated that the operators are practicing COVID-19 requirements. Rt 3 has not resumed service. Protective barriers have been installed. April ridership reached a record low, with slight improvements in May and June. Minor setback in July but not near the numbers in April. All Covid-19 sanitation and protection remain in effect. T.R. Long Engineering was awarded the second phase of the sidewalk project for the City of Hinesville. Rachel will keep the committee posted. Rachel provided the committee with the paratransit service and the transit route services. Ridership is down 64% this year.
- d) Transportation Comment Log:
 - a. CAC reported deputies running radar with lights off from the decel lanes on Leroy Coffer Highway. Preliminary communication with the Liberty County Sheriff's Office has been initiated.

b. Ongoing efforts for the complaint of lack of pedestrian crosswalk across US 17 between the Midway Museum and the Historic Cemetery. HAMPO is gathering information on attendance at events located there.

5. New Business

a) **2018-2021 TIP Amendment # 6:**

Rachel Hatcher with RS&H gave this presentation stating that GDOT is requesting an amendment to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Plan and the MPO's MTP. GDOT planning office reached out and asked that we add a new project and offer a 30-day comment period. This is for ITS expansion along the 13.34 miles of I-95 in Liberty County for broadband, adding fiber and conduit along the route. We are asking for a motion to release draft 2018-2021 Amendment # 6 for 30-day public comment period.

Lily Baker made a motion to approve 2018-2021 TIP Amendment #6. The motion was seconded by Clemontine Washington and all voted in favor.

b) **2018-2021 TIP Admin. Mod. (Information):** Rachel informed the committee that the GDOT Planning Office requested an Administrative Modification to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Plan and the MPO's MTP for the revision of the project at SR 119 at Taylors Creek bridge.

Lily Baker made a motion to adopt the FY 2021 UPWP, seconded by Clemontine Washington and all voted in favor.

c) **2020-2045 MTP Status Update (Information):** Rachel gave a brief update of the events since the last meeting. The project list was reformatted to incorporate the TSPLOST project's and plan revenue was updated accordingly. The draft MTP was completed and submitted for oversight agency review and comment and the draft was released for 30-day public comment period on 8-1-2020.

Kenny Howard and Joey Brown mentioned that they met and adjusted their lists to incorporate items that can be funded by TSPLOST.

6. Other Business:

None.

7. Public Comments

• None

8. Schedule

- Next regularly scheduled meeting is October 8, 2020.
- Special called PC meeting for MTP adoption: September 10, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

- 9. Adjourn
 - Clemontine Washington made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Hawkins, and all voted in favor.

APPROVED: Chairman Donald Lovette, PC Chairman

ATTEST:



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3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the PC Minutes of:

June 11,2020





GDOT/Liberty County Projects Status Report

Thursday, August 13, 2020

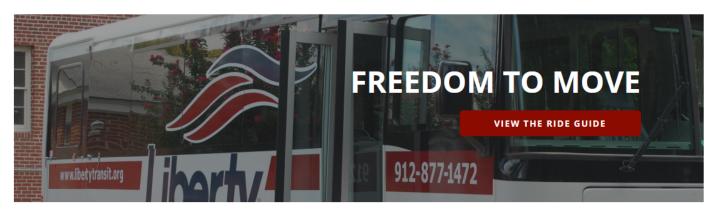
#	Projects	PI	PE	ROW	CST	Environmental Activities	Preliminary Plans	Final Plans	Remarks
	SR 38 Connector from SR 38/US 84 to SR 119	522570-	Auth	2020	LR	65%	90%		Environmental work ongoing
	SR 38/US 84 @ CR 73/Old Sunbury Road	0011730	Auth	Auth	LUMP	100%	100%	50%	Final design and right of way acquisition ongoing
.5	SR 119 @ Taylors Creek - Bridge Replacement	0013750	Auth	Auth	2020	100%	100%	100%	Right of way acquisition ongoing

Active Construction Projects

#	Project Description	Contractor	Award Amount	% Complete	Anticipated Completion Date
	1.686 miles of milling and plant mix resurfacing on SR 38 Conn from SR 119 to E of US 84/SR 38	East Coast Asphalt, LLC	\$751,589.10	80%	Summer 20
2	12.55 miles of milling, inlay and plant mix resurfacing on SR 38/US 84 from E of CS 519/OC Martin Dr. to E of I- 95	APAC - Atlantic, Inc.	\$4,599,314.25	30%	Spring 21









The City of Hinesville has published information regarding our approach and precautionary measures in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.

We will be posting all publications, along with links to helpful agency webpages and social media, to our new COVID-19 page. Follow the link below to visit: https://www.cityofhinesville.org/517/COVID-19.

Direct Impacts of Coronavirus on Liberty Transit:

- Route 3 has not resumed service
- April ridership reached a record low, with slight improvements in May/June, and minor reductions in ridership for the month of July.
- COVID19 sanitization and protections remain in effect: gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer, disinfectant, and protective barriers.

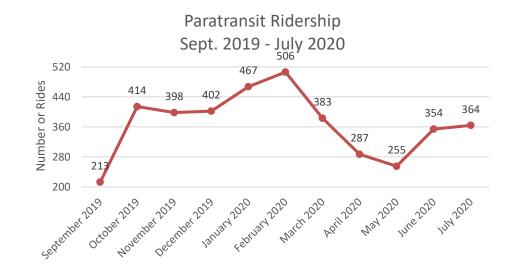
System Highlights:

• Preliminary design phase of second infrastructure project has begun!



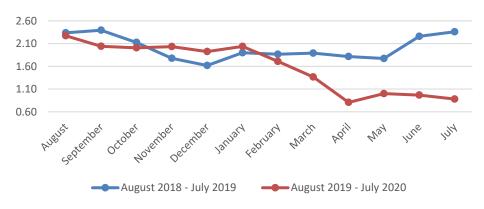


- Paratransit service launched in September 2019
- Paratransit ridership increased slightly in July 2020



- The trips per revenue service hours ratio slightly decreased in July
- Georgia and Liberty County have seen an increase in positive COVID-19 cases in the month of July
- Governor Kemp's Public Health State of Emergency mandate lasts through August 11, 2020.

Trips per Revenue Service Hours for All Routes August 2018 - July 2019 to August 2019 - July 2020

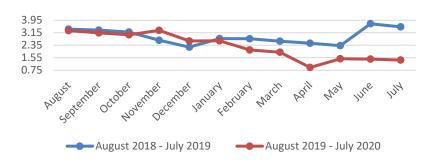




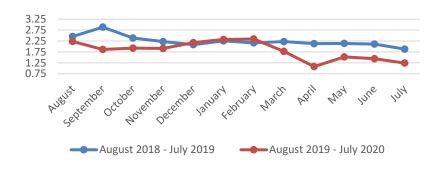


- Service on Route I decreased slightly in July
- Route 2 also had decreased ridership in July
- Route 3 did not operate during the month of July
- Total trips dropped from July 2019 to July 2020 by 175% (2158 to 784 trips)
- Average Daily Ridership: 35.64 (down from 39.09 in June 2020)

Trips per Revenue Service Hours for Route 1 August 2018 - July 2019 to August 2019 - July 2020



Trips per Revenue Service Hours for Route 2 August 2018 - July 2019 to August 2019 - July 2020







4b.Transportation Public Comment Log

- New Public Comments:
 - CAC reports deputies running radar with lights off from the decel lanes on Leroy Coffer Highway.
 - Preliminary communication with Liberty County Sheriff's office has been initiated.
- Ongoing Comment Activities:
 - US 17 Pedestrian Crossing Continuing to work with TCC and GDOT on recommended next steps.





5a. 2018 – 2021 TIP Amendment #6 (action)

GDOT Planning Office is requesting an amendment to the FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the MPO's MTP.

New Project PI# 0017411 I-95 FM FLORIDA STATE LINE TO S CAROLINA STATE LINE-ITS EXP County: Liberty Length: 13.34 miles Project Type : ITS ROW, CST currently in Long Range

Status	Phase	Fund Source	FY 2021	LR	
Proposed	PE	Z001/State	\$ 90,000		
Proposed	CST	Z001/State		\$ 4,260,000	

Additional information regarding Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) can be found at:

https://www.its.dot.gov/factsheets/benefits_factsheet.htm





5a. 2018 – 2021 TIP Amendment #6 (action)

Previous Actions:

HAMPO CAC and TCC voted unanimously to recommend approval.

Suggested Motion:

Motion to release the Draft 2018 – 2021 TIP Amendment #6 for 30-day Public Comment Period.



"Georgia DOT to expand broadband along interstate highways"

Green lines indicate proposed fiber and conduit; red shows existing fiber and conduit – Source: Bizjournals.com





5b. 2018 – 2021 TIP Admin. Mod. (information)

GDOT Planning Office requested an Administrative Modification to the FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the MPO's MTP.

Revisions: PI# 0013750 - SR 119 @ TAYLORS CREEK 3 MI NW OF HINESVILLE Project Type : Bridge

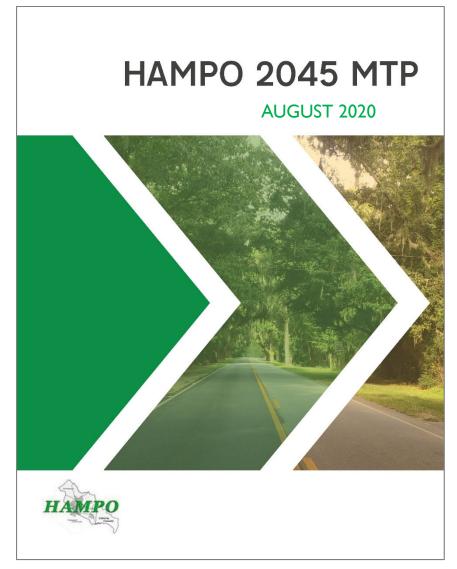
Status	Phase	Fund Source	FY 2020	FY 2021
Current	CST	Z232/State	\$ 2,909,762	
Proposed	CST	Z232/State		\$ 2,967,957





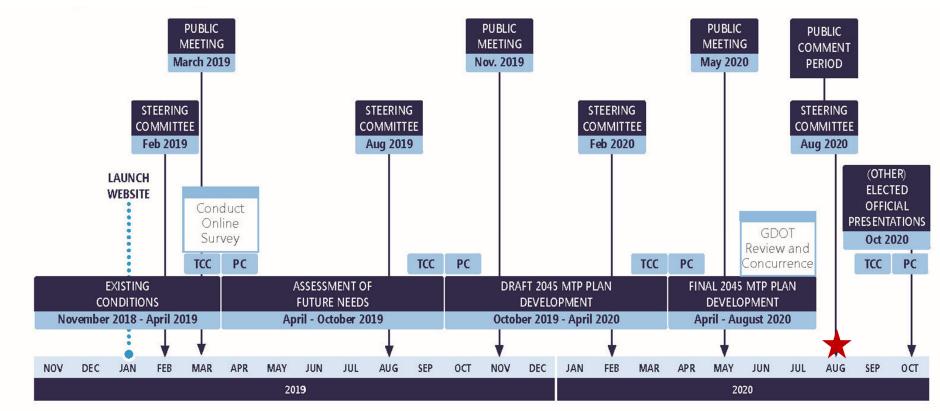
5c. 2020-2045 MTP Status Update (Information)

- Project Status Update
- Next Steps





5c. 2020-2045 MTP Status Update



PC = Policy Committee TCC = Technical Coordinating Committee Legend:





5c. 2020-2045 MTP Status Update

- At your last meeting:
 - Reviewed and recommended adoption of cost constrained project list with the condition that the TSPLOST projects and funding be incorporated into the final list.
- Since your last meeting:
 - Project list was reformatted to incorporate the TSPLOST project formatting and plan revenues updated.
 - Draft MTP was completed and submitted for oversight agency review and comment.
 - Draft was released for 30 day public comment period on 8/1/2020.
 - Advertised in Coastal Courier
 - Placed on HAMPO website in English and Spanish
 - Emailed to partner agencies with text for social media
 - Submitted to Resource Agencies for review and comment





Next Steps

- Close public comment period August 30, 2020
- Incorporate comments in final draft report
- Present to HAMPO Committees for Action in September 2020



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