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Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

On-line Only due to COVID-19 Assembly Restrictions June 23, 2020 @ 5:30 PM

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Please join in via our Zoom meeting at:

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HAMPO CAC MINUTES: June 23, 2020

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 June 23, 2020.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

• Joe Kelly, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was not present at the start of the meeting. However, at 6PM we did have a quorum.

2) INTRODUCTIONS:

PRESENT

Ron Collins, CAC Chair

AASU

Joe Kelly, CAC Vice-Chair

Liberty County

Phil Odom

Gum Branch

Tim Byler

Flemington

Ernest Brown

Liberty County

Cassidy Collins

Hinesville

Bob Dodd

Walthourville

Malcolm Williams

Hinesville

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

Jimmy Shanken

Long County

Terry Fortson

Midway

Troy Cook

Liberty County

Sylvester Moore

Hinesville

Dr. Modibo Kadalie

Riceboro

STAFF/GVT/Other:

Jeff Ricketson

HAMPO/LCPC

Kelly Wiggins

LCPC

Rachel Hatcher

RS&H, LCPC

VACANT SEATS:

Vacant

Allenhurst

Vacant

Fort Stewart

Vacant

Hinesville

Vacant

Savannah Tech

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3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

• A motion was made by Tim Byler to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Bob Dodd. The vote was unanimous in favor.

4) OLD BUSINESS

a. Project and Transit Update:

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119 is under preliminary design and environmental work is ongoing. The preliminary plans are 90% complete.

SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is in final design and the Right-of-Way acquisition is underway. Preliminary plans are 100% complete.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement has Right-of-Way acquisition ongoing and finals plans have been submitted.

CS 926/Main Street, Ryon Ave from SR 38 to Central Avenue is under a TAP grant.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Road at Peacock Creek has PTIP in process. Adopted and bridge update is included now.

Active Projects:

I-95 resurfacing is 95% complete.

1.686 miles of milling and resurfacing on SR 38 from SR 119 to E of US 84 (General Stewart Way) is anticipated to be complete in summer 2020. Jeff stated that has begun.

12.55 miles of milling and resurfacing on SR 38 form E of CS 519/OC Martin Dr to E of I-95 is LET in March and APAC was low bidder.

Jeff stated that the resurfacing on General Stewart Way has begun.

There has been some impact caused by the Coronavirus on the transit system. Ridership is low but is starting to increase.

b. Transportation Public Comment Log:

US 17 Pedestrian Crossing near the Midway Museum. GDOT analyzed the pedestrian volumes at this location and determined that a crosswalk is not warranted. The policy committee asked for the TCC for input and recommendations to accompany the CAC recommendation.

5) New Business:

- a. 2018-2021 TIP/2040 MTP Amendment #6- release for comment:
 Rachel Hatcher with RS&H presented this TIP Amendment that was requested by GDOT Planning
 Office to install Intelligent Transportation Systems along our 13.34 miles of I-95. Preliminary will
 be completed by next year. Bob Dodd made a motion to recommend approval and Phil Odom
 seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- b. 2020-2045 MTP status update: Rachel Hatcher with RS&H presented the update of the MTP and the next steps in the process.
- c. Notice of funding opportunities:

Rachel gave an overview of upcoming and past opportunities to apply for funding for projects such as beautification and alternative transportation.

Malcolm Williams stated that he agrees with bike lanes being installed. He also asked if the transit vehicles will be smaller in the future. Rachel stated that has not been decided yet, but the vehicles are slated to be replaced.

Phil Odom asked about moving rumble strips on the highway to accommodate bicycles. Jeff stated that was accepted on the highway 84 overlay by GDOT.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Cassidy Collins stated that Liberty County Deputy Sheriff have been sitting in the center lane on Highway 196 East without lights and feels this is a safety issue for vehicles.
- Earnest Brown asked what the status is of the Bypass. Jeff stated that when the last TSPLOST did not pass there was no funding for the bypass. The county shifted and designed a freight connector that goes around Walthourville.

8. SCHEDULE:

• The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting will be June 23, 2020.

9. **ADJOURN:**

• Vice-Chairman Kelly asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Tim Byler and seconded by Bob Dodd to adjourn.

APPROVED:

Ron Collins, Chairman

ATTEST:



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3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the CAC Minutes of:

April 28, 2020





GDOT/Liberty County Projects Status Report

Thursday, June 11, 2020

#	Projects	PI	PE	ROW	CST	Environmental Activities	Preliminary Plans	Final Plans	Remarks
1	SR 38 Connector from SR 38/US 84 to SR 119	522570-	Auth	2020	LR	65%	90%		Preliminary design and environmental studies ongoing
2	SR 38/US 84 @ CR 73/Old Sunbury Road	0011730	Auth	Auth	LUMP	100%	100%	50%	Final design and right of way acquisition ongoing
3	SR 119 @ Taylors Creek - Bridge Replacement	0013750	Auth	Auth	2020	100%	100%	100%	Working through utility issue with base
4	CS 926/Main St/Ryon Ave from SR 38 to Central Ave.	0015393	Auth						TAP grant. Preliminary engineering funds authorized
5	CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd @ Peacock Creek	0016567	2021	LR	LR				PTIP in process

Active Construction Projects

#	Project Description	Contractor	Award Amount	% Complete	Anticipated Completion Date
1	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		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		Spring 21



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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 service has not resumed service
- Operators and staff provided with gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer
- Buses equipped with disinfectant for operators to sanitize after passengers disembark
- Clear protective barriers installed to separate passengers from operators.
- April ridership reached a record low, with slight improvements in May ridership.



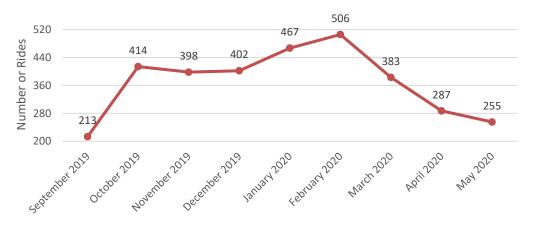
Paratransit service launched in September 2019, and the amount of rides/passengers served increased every month until March 2020, the onset of the 2020 Coronavirus Pandemic.

Passengers served further decreased in May, with a less dramatic decrease in riders than the previous month.

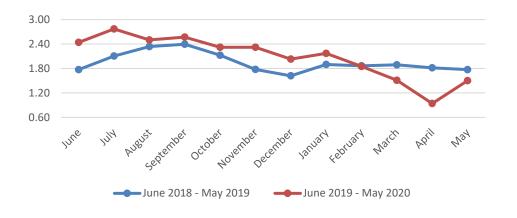
The trips per revenue service hours ratio increased in May, due to increased ridership on Route I & 2, even offsetting the shutdown on Route 3.

815 riders were served in May 2020, down from 1432 in May 2019. Trips per RSH was 1.84 in May 2019, currently 1.50 in May 2020.

Paratransit Ridership Data Sept. 2019 - May 2020



Trips per Revenue Service Hours for All Routes June 2018 - May 2019 to June 2019 - May 2020

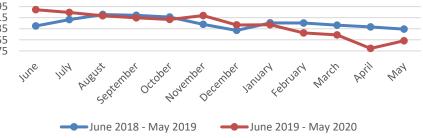




Service on Route I increased from April 2020 to May 2020, but still far below previous year's ridership numbers.

1.55 0.75

Trips per Revenue Service Hours for Route 2 June 2018 - May 2019 to June 2019 - May 2020



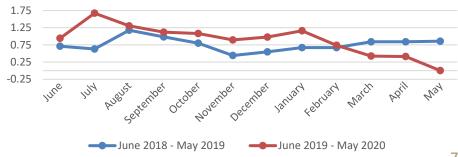
Trips per Revenue Service Hours for Route 1 June 2018 - May 2019 to June 2019 - May 2020

3.25 2.75 2.25 1.75 1.25 0.75 June 2018 - May 2019 June 2019 - May 2020

Route 2 also has seen ridership rebound slightly in May 2020, even with no service on Memorial Day (May 25th)

Trips per Revenue Service Hours for Route 3 June 2018 - May 2019 to June 2019 - May 2020

Route 3 did not operate the entire month of May due to COVID-19 Pandemic.







4b. Transportation Public Comment Log

US 17 Pedestrian Crossing

- Previous request to reinstall a pedestrian crosswalk on US 17 in Midway between the Historic Midway Congressional Church and Midway Cemetery
- 4/9 GDOT District correspondence: During repaving the pedestrian volumes were analyzed and the determination made that the crosswalk was not warranted.
- HAMPO gathered crash data and determined that vehicular crashes were minimal and did not include any bicycle and pedestrian crashes.
- HAMPO CAC requested that staff follow-up with GDOT to request reconsideration on the basis of event traffic that may not have been considered.
- PC requested TCC input and recommendations to accompany CAC recommendation.







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)

Suggested Motion:

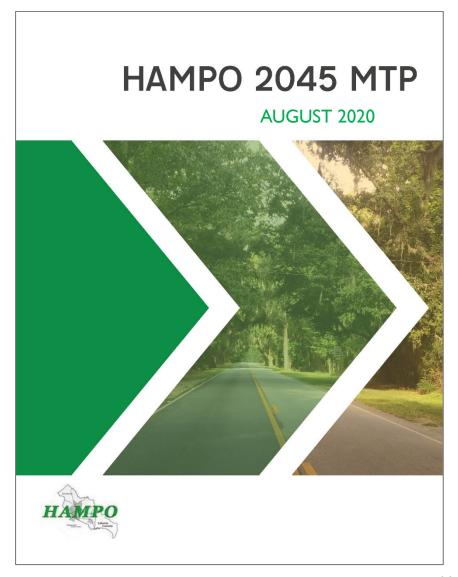
Motion to recommend that the Policy Committee release the Draft 2018 – 2021 TIP Amendment #6 for 30-day Public Comment Period.





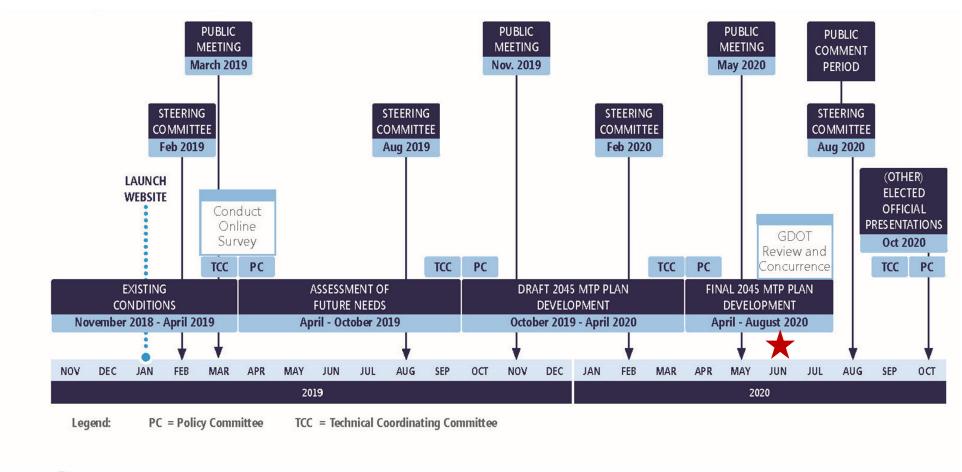
5b. 2020-2045 MTP Status Update (Information)

- Project Status Update
- Next Steps





5b. 2020-2045 MTP Status Update





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- At your last meeting:
 - Reviewed and recommended adoption of cost constrained project list.
- Since your last meeting:
 - HAMPO TCC also recommended adoption of cost constrained project list.
 - Liberty County voters approved TSPLOST referendum
 - PC accepted CAC and TCC recommendations and voted to adopt the cost constrained project list with the condition that the TSPLOST projects and funding be incorporated into the final list.
 - Draft plan has been compiled and will be transmitted to GDOT, FHWA and FTA for oversight agency review in July.



Next Steps

- Submit 6th Modeling Network to GDOT Modeling for incorporation into the TDM
- Complete MTP Report
 - Agency Review
 - MPO Review and Release for Comment
 - Public Comment
 - MPO Adoption





FY 21 TAP Program

Georgia DOT partners with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in facilitating and providing an opportunity for local governments to pursue non-traditional transportation related activities such as pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, and pedestrian streetscaping projects.

Authorized Applicants Local governments

- Regional Transportation Authorities
- Transit Agencies
- Natural Resources or public lands agencies
- School Districts, local education agencies or schools
- Tribal governments
- Any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails (other than a MPO or a State agency that the State determines to be eligible)
- **NOTE**: State DOTs and MPOs are not eligible entities as defined under 213(c)(4)(B) and therefore are not eligible project sponsors for TAP funds. However, State DOTs and MPOs may partner with an eligible entity project sponsor to carry out a project.





FY 21 TAP Program Requirements: (Applicants must demonstrate the following)

- The project is financially feasible
- Capacity of providing required matching funds, completing the project and planning for its ongoing maintenance of required items
- The Local Public Agency must be adequately staffed and suitably equipped to undertake and satisfactorily complete the project
- The Local Public Agency must provide a full-time employee to be in responsible charge of the project
- The Local Public Agency must be Local Administered Project (LAP) certified by GDOT according to Departmental policies and Federal Highway Administration Guidelines
- The minimum amount of funding requested for each project is \$1,000,000.
 The maximum amount is the pool limit. The minimum amount can be the sum of preliminary engineering (PE) cost, right of way (ROW) cost and construction (CST) cost.
- At least one phase of the project must be ready for funding to be federally authorized in state fiscal year 2020.





FY 21 TAP program Eligible Projects:

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

- Connect and develop documented regional or statewide non-motorized transportation networks
- Are appropriate for the need and user types targeted
- Benefit state tourism or economic development initiatives
- If locally significant, have strong transportation connection and involve planning efforts or serve as connectors to regional networks
- Are a priority on GDOT, county or regional non-motorized transportation plans
- Address documented pedestrian/bike deficiencies
- Are part of a broader non-TAP funded non-motorized system





FY 21 TAP program Eligible Projects:

Streetscape Improvements

- Are located in established traditional downtowns or historic districts
- Use a creative design approach that enhances pedestrian safety and takes into account the community identity, history, context, and the human environment
- Accomplish multiple goals (traffic calming, enhancement, aesthetics, pedestrian safety, tied with other initiatives, etc.)
- Receive input and support from citizens, local businesses, economic developers, traffic engineers, etc.

Safe Routes to School Program

Meet the requirements under section 1404 of the SAFETEA-LU

The deadline for applications is July 31, 2020.





2020 Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Council (REBC) Grant program (formerly known as the GATEway Grant program).

- Any local government, community improvement district, or state agency may apply for grants (maximum \$50,000) for landscape enhancement of the state right-of-way that involves the local community and displays the right-of-way in an attractive manner promoting further pride in Georgia. Awarded grant funds may be used for landscape plant material, sod, topsoil, mulch and labor costs associated with the approved items. The REBC requires the use of Georgia Grown materials for projects.
- The new application deadline is May 15, 2020
- http://augustaceo.com/news/2020/04/georgia-department-transportation-extends-rebc-grant-program-deadline-may-15th/





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