Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization



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Chairman Donald Lovette, Policy Committee Chair

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AGENDA

Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee (PC)

On-line Only due to COVID-19 Assembly Restrictions Special Called Meeting: September 10, 2020 @ 10:00 AM

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions
- 2. Approval of August 13, 2020 Minutes
- 3. Status Updates
 - a. Project Status Reports
 - b. Transit Updates
 - c. Transportation Public Comment Log
 - d. HAMPO Administrative Updates
- 4. New Business
 - a. 2020-2045 MTP adoption (action)
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 - a. Agency Updates
 - b. CORE MPO Updates
- 6. Public Comments
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 - a. Next regularly scheduled meeting: October 8, 2020
- 8. Adjourn

Please join in via our Zoom meeting at:

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HAMPO PC MINUTES: September 10, 2020 **Special Called Meeting**

The Policy Committee (PC) on Transportation met via ON-LINE services (ZOOM) and telephone on September 10, 2020 at 100 Main Street in Hinesville at 10:00 AM.

1. Call to Order

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

Introductions:

Voting Members Present

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

Voting Members Absent

Mayor Joe Harris, Riceboro Mayor Richard Strickland, Gum Branch Mayor Thomas Hines, Allenhurst Robert Parker, Long County BOC Chairman Lily Baker, Chair LCBOE

Vicky Nelson, Hinesville City Council

Non-Voting Present

Jeff Ricketson, LCPC Director Ann-Marie Day, FHWA Mark Wilkes, CORE MPO

Non-Voting Absent

Ron Collins, CAC Chair

Kyle Wemett, Fort Stewart Cassidy Collins, Hinesville **Participating** Rachel Hatcher, RS&H Vivian Canizares Kelly Wiggins, LCPC Ryan Walker Ned Green

Justin Dammons, RS&H

2. Approval of Minutes

• Paul Hawkins made the motion to approve the August 13, 2020 minutes, seconded by Kenny Howard and all voted in favor.

3. Old Business

a) GDOT: Project Status Reports:

Design Stage:

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. Final plans are 90% complete.

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

1.686 miles of milling and resurfacing on SR 38 from SR 119 to E of US 84 is 80% complete.

12.55 miles of milling and resurfacing on SR 38 from E of OC Martin Drive to E of I-95 is 30% complete.

Kenny Howard asked if there is a timeline for the completion of the Sunbury Road. Rachel stated it is expected for the first of 2021.

b) Liberty Transit:

Ridership is climbing slowly. Clear barriers were installed to separate passengers and operators. The bus drivers are using all protective measures to protect the riders and themselves from Covid-19. All buses are equipped with disinfectant. Due to the CARES ACT, additional funding was secured for the preliminary design phase of the second infrastructure project. That will include shelters and sidewalks surrounding the areas of the bus stops. Nine projects are included in Phase 1. Liberty Transit also completed their procurement of their third-party operator. The new company, First Transit will begin operations in October 2020. Route 3 began operating again on August 17, 2020.

Kenny Howard stated that the Governor has extended his Public Health State of Emergency to October 10, 2020.

c) Transportation Public Comment Log:

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.

US 17 Pedestrian Crossing near the Midway Museum. GDOT analyzed the pedestrian volumes at this location and determined that a crosswalk is not warranted. TCC provided direction to contact Midway Museum to gather visitor and event data for additional coordination with GDOT. Staff contacted Midway Museum for annual and special event

visitor data. HAMPO staff is drafting a letter to send to GDOT with new figures and statistics regarding the need for a pedestrian crossing.

d) HAMPO Administrative Updates:

Policy committee approved the release of the draft 2018-21 TIP Amendment # 6 for 30-day public comment period. Administrative modification was made to the 2018-21 TIP and 2040 MTP. Change was made to fiscal year of funding for the construction phase of PI#0013750-SR 119 @ Taylors Creek 3 Miles NW of Hinesville. The annual report has been completed and submitted to GDOT for review and concurrence. FY 2020 UPWP Administrative Modification #2 included the balance of task level budgets to actual year-end expenditures. This is available on the HAMPO website under the plans and documents tab.

4. New Business:

a) **2020-2045 MTP Adoption:** Rachel Hatcher with RS&H provided the status update and recommendation to the committee. Chairman Lovette asked for a motion to adopt the draft 2020-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Gary Gilliard made a motion to adopt the 2020-2045 draft MTP. The motion was seconded by Clemontine Washington and all voted in favor.

The signed resolution will be submitted to FHWA by 5 PM today.

5. Other Business:

Chairman Lovette asked if Airport Road was going to be renamed. Joey stated that several years ago the LCBOC named that highway, Russell C. Smiley Highway. He suggested taking that into consideration when it comes up with the County and City of Hinesville.

CORE MPO Updates: Mark Wilkes gave an update of the CORE meetings.

6. Public Comments

None

8. Schedule

Next regularly scheduled meeting is October 8, 2020.

9. Adjourn

• Gary Gilliard made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Kenny Howard, and all voted in favor.

APPROVED:

Chairman Donald Lovette, PC Chairman

ATTEST:



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2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the PC Minutes of:

August 13, 2020



a. Project Status Updates

GDOT/Liberty County Projects Status Report

Thursday, August 13, 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%		Environmental work 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%	Right of way acquisition ongoing

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	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



b. Transit Updates





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 resumed service on August 17
- April ridership reached a record low, with slight improvements in May/June, and minor reductions in ridership for the month of July.
- Service increased in August on all three routes
- COVID 19 sanitization and protections remain in effect: gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer, disinfectant, and protective barriers.

System Highlights:

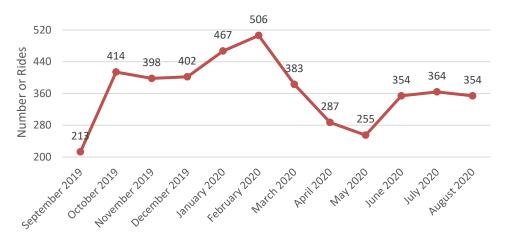
- Preliminary design phase of second infrastructure project has begun!
- Liberty Transit TPO selection: First Transit will begin operations October 2020



3. Status Updates b. Transit Updates

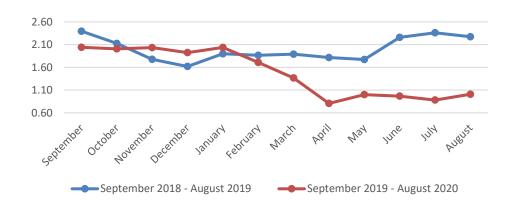
- Paratransit service launched in September 2019
- Paratransit ridership decreased by ten riders from July 2020 to August 2020

Paratransit Ridership Data September 2019 - August 2020



- The trips per revenue service hours ratio slightly increased in August
- Georgia and Liberty County have seen a decrease in positive COVID-19 cases in the month of August
- Governor Kemp's Public Health State of Emergency mandate lasts through September 10, 2020.

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



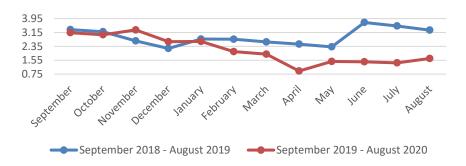




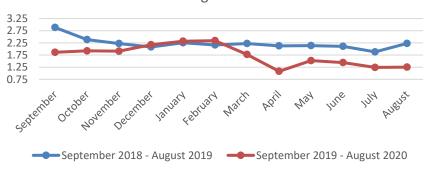
b. Transit Updates

- Route I Service increased slightly in August
- Route 2 had increases in services in August
- Route 3 operated partially in August, beginning service on August 17
- Total trips dropped from August 2019 to August 2020 by 133% (1953 to 839 trips)
- Average Daily Ridership: 39.95 (up from 35.64 in July 2020)

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



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



Route 3 – By The Numbers	August 2019	August 2020
Passenger Trips	239	11
Average Daily Ridership	10.86	1.0
Trips per Revenue Service Hour	1.30	0.12

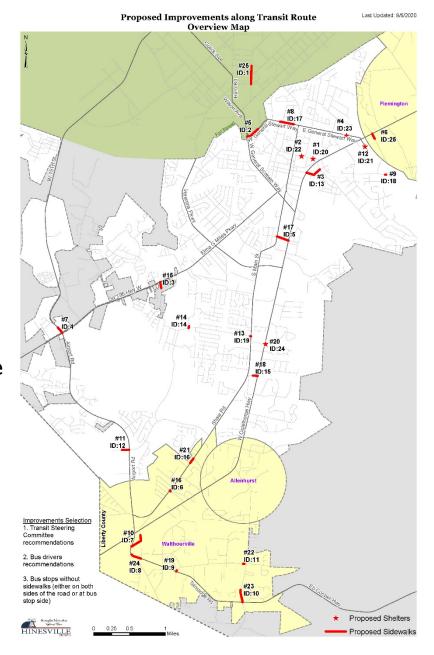




b. Transit Updates

Liberty Transit has received funding through the CARES Act for Infrastructure ADA improvements and bus shelter installations

- Total amount allocated: \$465,000
- No local match required if construction is completed before June 30, 2021
- 25 Total eligible projects divided into Phase I and Phase II
- Phase I includes 9 projects







b. Transit Updates

9 Phase I Projects

Total Costs of Phase I Projects: \$457,208.53

Proposed Improvements Scores & Ranking

Priority	ID	Location	Description	Jurisdiction	Average Score	Opinion of Probable Costs	Phase 1
1	20	VA Clinic Stop	Shelter1	Hinesville	62	\$ 14,887.00	\$ 14,887.00
2	22	First Baptist Church Stop	Shelter1	Hinesville	58	\$ 14,887.00	\$ 14,887.00
3	13	Norman St & Fraser Dr (DFCS Stop)	Sidewalk	Hinesville	56	\$ 126,069.33	\$ 126,069.33
4		W 15th St between GA 196 Hwy W & Parkland Blvd (Food Lion Stop)	Sidewalk & Shelter	Hinesville	52	\$ 67,407.65	\$ 67,407.65
5		W General Stewart Way between Gause St & Stewart Ter (Olmstead Estates Subdivision Stop)	Sidewalk	Hinesville	51	\$ 96,681.20	\$ 96,681.20
6	12	Technology Dr between Airport Rd & Techwood Ct (Savannah Tech Stop)	Sidewalk & Shelter	Hinesville	48	\$ 42,422.69	\$ 42,422.69
7	21	Walmart East 84 Stop	Shelter2	Hinesville	47	\$ 14,887.00	\$ 14,887.00
8	978056	Glenn Bryant Rd between S Main St & Star Ct (Deerwood Subdivision NB Stop)	Sidewalk connecting from S Main St sidewalk to bus stop	Hinesville	47	\$ 31,199.17	\$ 31,199.17
9		Pineland Ave between Glenn Bryant Rd & Ellie Ln (Colonial Park Subdivision SB Stop)	Sidewalk & Crosswalk	Hinesville	46	\$ 48,767.49	\$ 48,767.49



b. Transit Updates

Location: VA Clinic Stop **Description:** Bus Stop

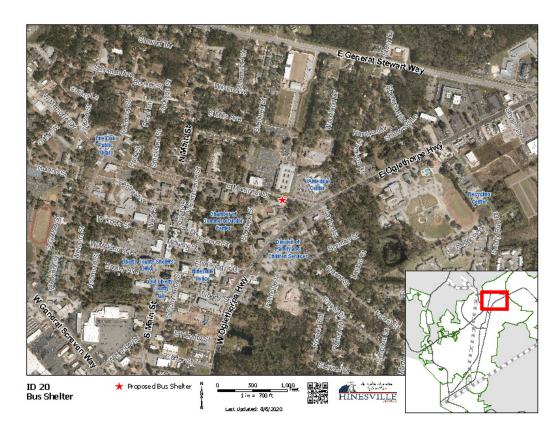
Shelter

Construction Cost:

\$14,887.49

Average Score 62

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b. Transit Updates

Location: First Baptist

Church Stop

Description: Bus Stop

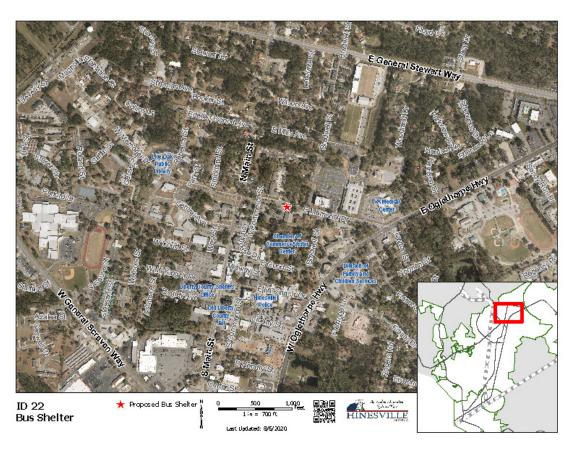
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Construction Cost:

\$14,887.49

Average Score 58

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b. Transit Updates

Location: Norman Dr. and

Fraser St.

Description: Bus Stop

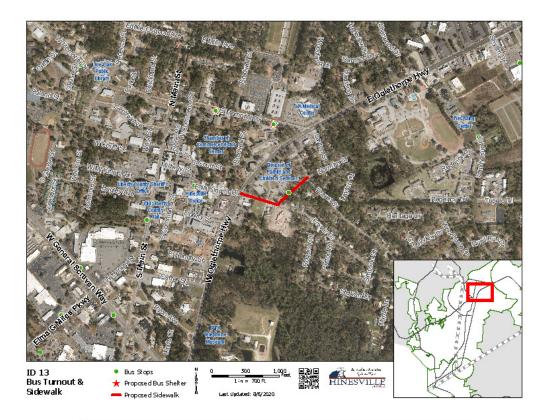
Shelter and Sidewalk

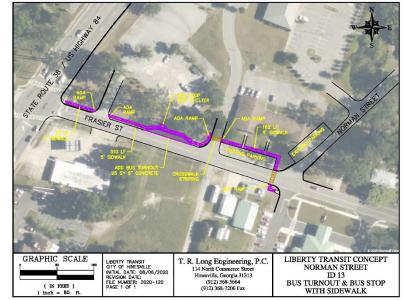
Construction Cost:

\$120,069.33

Average Score 56

Population Under Age 18	65
Population Above Age 65	45
Population Density	32
Daytime Population Density	100
% Poverty	69
% Household without Cars	80
% Minority	8
Distance to Essential Services	88
Distance to School	70
Road Functional Class	54
Bus Stop Density	3
Connection to Existing Sidewalks	100
Proposed Sidewalk Length	14







b. Transit Updates

Location: 15th St. between GA 196 Hwy W & Parkland Blvd. (Food Lion)

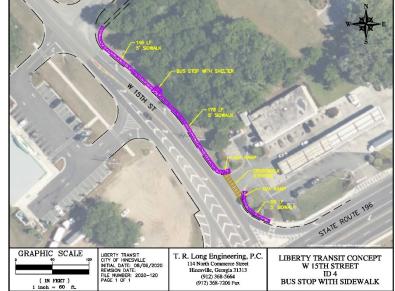
Description: Bus Stop Shelter and Sidewalk **Construction Cost:** \$67,407.65

Average Score

52

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Population Under Age 18	74
Population Above Age 65	15
Population Density	33
Daytime Population Density	57
% Poverty	41
% Household without Cars	19
% Minority	40
Distance to Essential Services	77
Distance to School	43
Road Functional Class	100
Bus Stop Density	11
Connection to Existing Sidewalks	100
Proposed Sidewalk Length	65







b. Transit Updates

Location: W. General
Stewart Way between Gause
St. & Stewart Ter. (Olmstead
Estates Subdivision Stop)
Description: Bus Stop
Shelter and Sidewalk
Construction Cost:
\$96,681.20

Average Score 51

Population Under Age 18	44
Population Above Age 65	29
Population Density	49
Daytime Population Density	100
% Poverty	48
% Household without Cars	50
% Minority	30
Distance to Essential Services	72
Distance to School	44
Road Functional Class	62
Bus Stop Density	4
Connection to Existing Sidewalks	100
Proposed Sidewalk Length	25









b. Transit Updates

Location: Technology Dr. between Airport Rd. & Techwood Ct. (Savannah Tech Stop)

Description: Bus Stop Shelter and Sidewalk

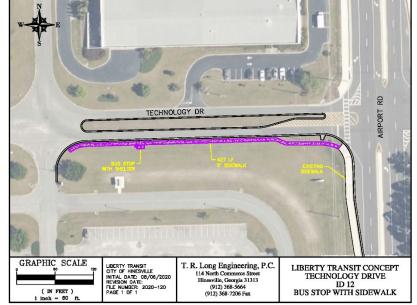
Construction Cost:

\$42,422.69

Average Score 48

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Population Under Age 18	77
Population Above Age 65	17
Population Density	28
Daytime Population Density	36
% Poverty	37
% Household without Cars	44
% Minority	15
Distance to Essential Services	52
Distance to School	76
Road Functional Class	69
Bus Stop Density	11
Connection to Existing Sidewalks	100
Proposed Sidewalk Length	65







b. Transit Updates

Location: Walmart East 84

Stop

Description: Bus Stop

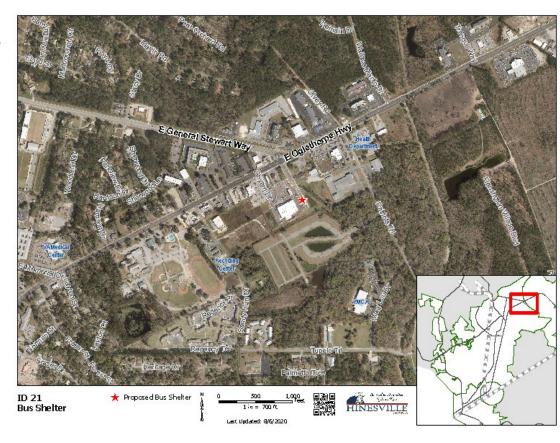
Shelter

Construction Cost:

\$14,877.49

Average Score 47

Population Under Age 18	65
Population Above Age 65	45
Population Density	32
Daytime Population Density	100
% Poverty	69
% Household without Cars	80
% Minority	8
Distance to Essential Services	92
Distance to School	0
Road Functional Class	1
Bus Stop Density	28
Connection to Existing Sidewalks	-
Proposed Sidewalk Length	-







b. Transit Updates

Location: Glenn Bryant Rd. between S Main St. & Star Ct. (Deerwood Subdivision NB Stop)

Description: Bus Stop Shelter and Sidewalk

Construction Cost: \$31,199.17

Average Score 47

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Population Under Age 18	37
Population Above Age 65	32
Population Density	63
Daytime Population Density	40
% Poverty	51
% Household without Cars	37
% Minority	46
Distance to Essential Services	0
Distance to School	26
Road Functional Class	52
Bus Stop Density	25
Connection to Existing Sidewalks	100
Proposed Sidewalk Length	100







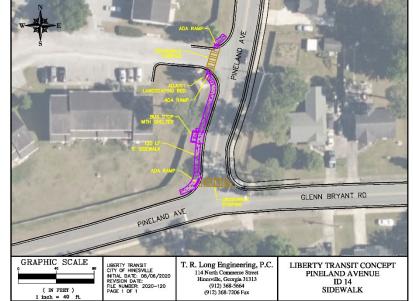
b. Transit Updates

Location: Pineland Ave between Glenn Bryant Rd. & Ellie Ln. (Colonial Park Subdivision SB Stop) Description: Bus Stop Shelter and Sidewalk Construction Cost: \$48,767.49

Average Score 46

Population Under Age 18	94
Population Above Age 65	15
Population Density	82
Daytime Population Density	42
% Poverty	50
% Household without Cars	25
% Minority	48
Distance to Essential Services	0
Distance to School	0
Road Functional Class	80
Bus Stop Density	22
Connection to Existing Sidewalks	50
Proposed Sidewalk Length	93







b. Transit Updates

Location: Econolodge Stop

Description: Bus Stop

Shelter

Construction Cost:

\$14,887.49

Average Score 54

Population Under Age 18	62
Population Above Age 65	42
Population Density	37
Daytime Population Density	100
% Poverty	41
% Household without Cars	54
% Minority	7
Distance to Essential Services	75
Distance to School	9
Road Functional Class	100
Bus Stop Density	72
Connection to Existing Sidewalks	-
Proposed Sidewalk Length	-







c. Transportation Public Comment Log

Ongoing Comment Activities:

- 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.

US 17 Pedestrian Crossing

- TCC provided direction to contact Midway Museum to gather visitor and event data for additional coordination with GDOT.
- Staff contacted Midway Museum for annual and special event visitor data.
- HAMPO Staff is working on draft letter to send to GDOT with new figures and statistics regarding the need for a pedestrian crossing.

New Public Comments:

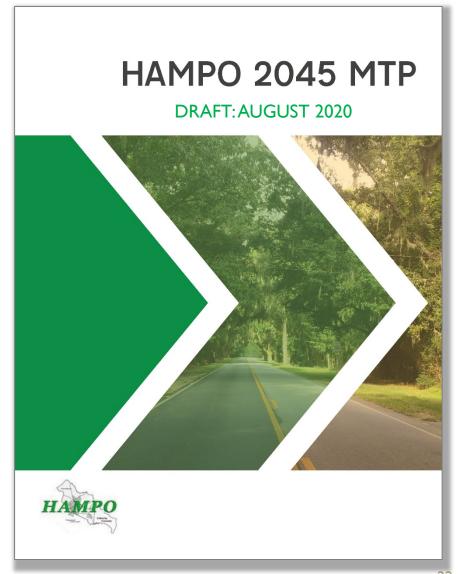


d. HAMPO Administrative Updates

- HAMPO 2018 2021 TIP Amendment #6
 - Policy Committee approved the release of the draft 2018-21 TIP Amendment #6 for 30-Day Public Comment Period
- HAMPO 2018 2021 TIP and 2020 2045 MTP Administrative Modification
 - Administrative Modification was made to the 2018-21 TIP and 2040 MTP
 - Change was made to fiscal year of funding for the construction phase of PI#0013750
 SR 119 @ TAYLORS CREEK 3 MI NW OF HINESVILLE
- Title VI/Environmental Justice Questionnaire
 - Annual report has been completed and submitted to GDOT for review and concurrence.
- FY 2020 UPWP Administrative Modification #2
 - Balanced the task level budgets to actual year-end expenditures
 - Available on HAMPO website under the Plans and Documents tab.

a. 2020-2045 MTP Adoption (action)

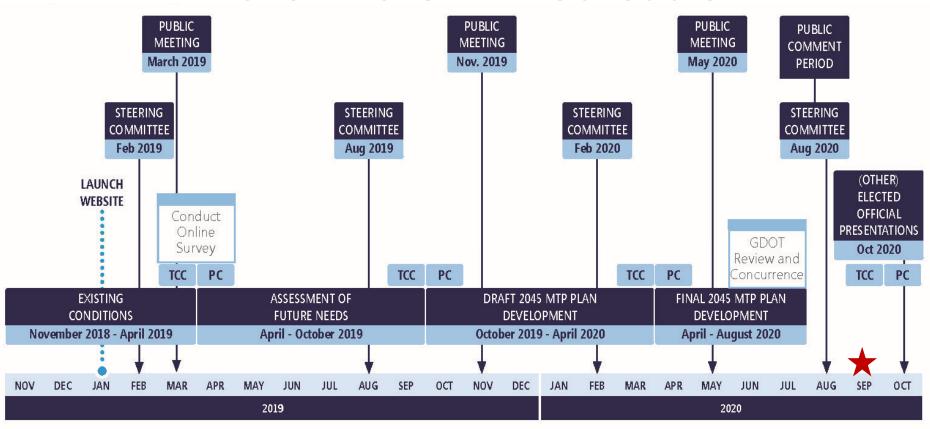
- Project Status Update
- Adoption by Policy Committee
- Next Steps





a. 2020-2045 MTP Adoption (action)

2020 - 2045 MTP Schedule



Legend:

PC = Policy Committee

TCC = Technical Coordinating Committee



a. 2020-2045 MTP Adoption (action item)

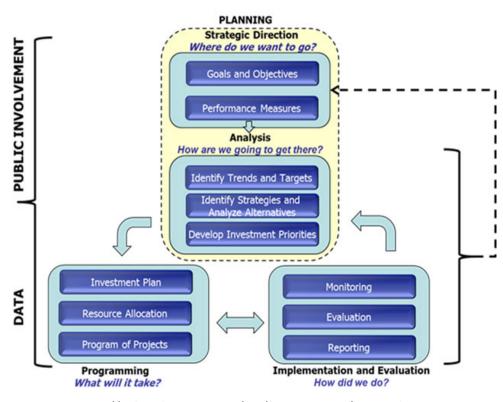
- Since your last meeting:
 - Cost constrained project list was reformatted to incorporate the TSPLOST project formatting and plan revenues updated.
 - Draft MTP was completed and submitted for oversight agency review and comment.
 - Draft was released for 30-day public comment period from 8/1/2020 to 8/31/2020
 - 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
 - Comments incorporated into final draft document



a. 2020-2045 MTP Adoption (action)

- Existing Conditions and Operational Analysis
- ✓ Socioeconomic Data (2015 & 2045)
- ✓ Travel Demand Model Results
- ✓ Public / Stakeholder Involvement Feedback
- ✓ Goals, Objectives, and Measures of Effectiveness
- ✓ Unconstrained Project List
- ✓ Performance Based, Prioritized, Cost Constrained, Project List
- ✓ Plan Development and Documentation

FHWA Performance Based Planning Process



https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/tsp/fhwasa16116/mod2.cfm





a. 2020-2045 MTP Adoption (action item)

Oversight Agency Feedback:

FHWA:

"At this time, the Division does not have any comments on the Hinesville MPO's draft 2045 MTP. Great job!"

GDOT:

"The only comment that we have at the moment is that on Page 5 (page 16 of PDF document) in the section that discusses the Georgia Freight and Logistics Plan, the last sentence is cut off. Other than that, the document looks good."

Additional GDOT Planning Comments:

Comments included figures and charts that needed to be realigned, an updated freight profile map and financial analysis table.

Fiscally constrained list project names updated to match GDOT system names, and TSPLOST projects were differentiated from other projects.

a. 2020-2045 MTP Adoption (action item)

- Public Comment(s):
 - One comment was received regarding Liberty Transit operations. This comment was forwarded to Liberty Transit and will be included in the appendix of the MTP.
 - No action or plan amendments were required.





a. 2020-2045 MTP Adoption (action)

Suggested Motion:

Motion that the Policy Committee adopt the draft 2020 – 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.



a. 2020-2045 MTP Adoption (action)

Next Steps

Submittal of final document and signed Authorizing Resolution to FHWA, GDOT



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