



# Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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## HAMPO TCC MINUTES: November 18, 2021

The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) 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 November 18, 2021.

### 1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Mr. Kenny Howard called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was not currently present. Action on meeting minutes was suspended for the moment being. At 9:15 AM, quorum was present.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Jeff Ricketson announced each person participating.

**Members Present:** Mayor Pro Tem Axson, Jeff Ricketson, Kenny Howard, Mayor Hawkins, Katie Proctor, Ben Morrow, Ned Green, Trent Long, Mayor Pro Tem Washington, and Mayor Baker

**Members Absent:** Joey Brown, Paul Simonton, Ansley Grantham, Kyle Wemett, Mayor Hines, Robert Parker, Ron Tolley, and Franklin Perry

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Olivia Lewis, and Ryan Arnold

**Non-Voting Members Absent:** Allen Burns, Don Masisak, Karen Randolph, and John Lyles

**Participating:** None.

**Staff Present:** Rachel Hatcher, and Justin Dammons

**Public:** None.

### 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mayor Hawkins made the motion to approve the July 8, 2021, minutes, seconded by Mayor Baker, and all voted in favor.

### 3) STATUS UPDATES

a. **Project Update:** Katie Proctor.

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119 Right of Way (RoW) has acquired 14 of 57 parcels.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement has a let date that will be pushed back from December due to utilities in ROW. There was a check issued for the contractor. The contractor mentioned that due to the time lapse, the materials needed have increased in price. GDOT is working with the contractor currently for him to get started. Katie mentioned that she is unsure of current let date.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd @ Peacock Creek bridge replacement project past concept approval and is undergoing environmental.

Sr 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. Project is in early concept.

**Active:**

SR38/US 84 at CR73/Old Sunbury Road let earlier in the year, but the contract erroneously stated work provisions. Decision made to pull the contract. Anticipated re-let in January.

Signing, pavement marking upgrades, shoulder rehab on various CRs on 16 different roads let in September with no notice to proceed yet but should be coming in at any time.

b. **Transit Update: Rachel**

Rachel stated that the sidewalk construction on Phase I has been completed, and solicitation bids for Phase II taking place in the City of Flemington and City of Walthourville is ongoing, with bids due back November 30. Rachel mentioned that there is an anticipation of beginning work in January 2022 and completion by June 30, 2022. She mentioned that there will be improvements in sidewalks and safety enhancements and pads for additional shelters on the transit lines. Rachel stated that year-over-year paratransit ridership was up for four months straight from July through October. Systemwide trips per revenue service hours ratio was higher than previous year's ratio in August, September, and October. Concerning individual routes, Routes 2 and 3 had increased ridership in October, with Route 1 decreasing ridership. Total trips increased from October 2020 to October 2021 by nine percent.

- c. **Transportation Public Comment Log:** No new comments received. Continue to track one comment on safety and crossings on US 17 and Midway. Waiting until the Spring to check the shift in attendance at the museum's surrounding area.

**New Comments:** None.

d. **Administrative Updates:**

**Upcoming Election of Officers.** The TCC will select a chairperson and vice-chairperson at the first meeting of the calendar year when a quorum is present, for one calendar year, by simple majority vote.

**E.G. Miles Pkwy Special PL Study Update.** Four proposals were received and evaluated by the selection committee. Atlas Consulting was selected and is under contract to kick-off on schedule. The study is anticipated to run for nine months. Milestone presentations to the MPO are expected.

**September GAMPO Special PL Funds Review Committee Update.** The Georgia Association of MPOs (GAMPO) held their Fall 2021 meeting on September 27, 2021. Rachel reminded the committee that HAMPO last completed their revised freight plan in 2017. At the meeting, GDOT presented the Georgia Freight & Logistics Plan that is underway. Highlights included growth at Georgia's Ports, including neighboring ports in Savannah and Brunswick, as well as inland port facilities. In 2020 Georgia ranked as a top exporting state for the first time. Freight tonnage has also grown in the state, including freight volume on Georgia's roadways. The study will also include a statewide air cargo study. There is expectation that truck freight tonnage will shift/grow dramatically

from the 2017 study with projections through 2050. Rachel showed the volume of freight through the country and highlighted I-95 as a significant freight corridor in Georgia that goes through the MPO.

Status reports were reported on by other Georgia MPOs working on other PL projects. DARTS has a freight and bike ped plan currently out for bid, Brunswick had a corridor study adopted and a bike route study with bids opened, Hinesville had four proposals received for the EG Miles Pkwy corridor study, and CORE has two studies ongoing. Rachel shared the list of successful funding applications with accompanying values and local match contributions. Rachel highlighted an urban flooding dynamic modeling tool from the CORE MPO, and that CORE is conducting a regional freight transportation plan update. She mentioned that the next round of long-range plans are also forthcoming and on the radar for the next two years.

The next GAMPO meeting will be held in March 2022, and proposals require two rounds of MPO meetings before presenting at the next GAMPO meeting.

**New GDOT and FHWA Leadership.** Mr. Phillip Peevy is the new GDOT Intermodal contact, and Ann-Marie Day is now the Planning Team Leader for the Georgia Division of FHWA. Rachel stated that Olivia Lewis is the new Division Office Planner and will be working and sitting in on HAMPO committee meetings.

#### 4) **New Business:**

- a) **Draft FY 2023 UPWP (Action).** Rachel stated that the Draft FY 2023 UPWP is an action item requesting release for a 30-day public comment period. This public-comment period is a requirement the MPO delivers as a supplement to federal requirements. This document states the MPO's planning priorities and work efforts for the next fiscal year, July 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>. The UPWP is updated annually and is compliant with federal prescribed activities with GDOT oversight. FY 2023 budgets have been released, and they build on FY 2021 values. Rachel listed the four required categories of administration, public involvement, data collection and system planning. She also listed the transit planning funds items of program support, long-range and short-range transportation planning, transportation improvement program and other activities. The areas of emphasis, include freight planning, community outreach, multi-year planning schedule, and an equity analysis. The total value is \$181,808.25 with a 20% local match requirement in PL funds and 10% match in 5303 funds. The UPWP update schedule shows that the document is currently being reviewed by the MPO and ready for release for agency review and a 30-day public comment period.

Motion to recommend that the Policy Committee release the Draft FY 2023 UPWP for 30 Day Public Comment Period. Motion made by Mayor Hawkins. Multiple seconds. The motion passed unanimously.

- b) **FY 2023 FTA 5303 Grant Application (Action).** Rachel stated the HAMPO annual formula funding includes both PL and 5303 funds. Staff has finalized the FY 2023 5303 Application including administration, short range planning, long range planning and the TIP. Total cost equaling \$60,301.25 with Federal Share being 80% and GDOT Share and Local Share both being 10%. Motion by Mr. Long to recommend to Policy Committee approval of FY 2023 5303 Application

Resolution and Authorize Policy Committee Chair to fully execute the grant funding application. Seconded by Mayor Hawkins. The motion passed unanimously.

- c) **Transit Performance Measures Compliance (Action).** GDOT develops recommended performance targets for safety measures, and the 2022 calendar year targets were released. Rachel stated that these targets were agreed upon by HAMPO, and the MPO is required to approve the resolution adopting them for the next calendar year. The targets include the number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, fatality rate, serious injury rate, and total number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. The new safety performance measures have been included in the HAMPO 2045 MTP, the HAMPO 2021-2024 TIP. To participate in the MPO planning process, HAMPO has to have safety performance targets adopted annually. Rachel showed the calendar year 2022 updated targets as prescribed by GDOT for all the categories she mentioned.

Mr. Morrow made a motion to recommend to Policy Committee adopt by resolution the calendar year 2022 Safety Performance Management Targets as approved by GDOT. Seconded by Mayor Baker. The motion passed unanimously.

- d) **HAMPO 2022 Committee Meeting Calendar (Action).** There are no conflicts with holidays in 2022. Mayor Baker made a motion to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the 2022 HAMPO Committee Calendar. Seconded by Mayor Hawkins. The motion passed unanimously.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATES:** None.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**SCHEDULE:**

- The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2022.

7) **ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

APPROVED:

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Joey Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC