## Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization



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#### **HAMPO CAC MINUTES: May 13, 2021**

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 May 13, 2021.

#### 1) **CALL TO ORDER**:

• Phil Odom called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was not present.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

#### **PRESENT**

Joe Kelly
Phil Odom, Chairman
Ernest Brown
Curles Butler
Ron Collins
Liberty County
Hinesville
AASU

#### **EXCUSED:**

#### **ABSENT:**

Troy Cook
Marcello Page
Bob Dodd
Tim Byler
Terry Fortson
Elaine Moore
Cassidy Collins
Liberty County
Hinesville
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Hinesville

#### **STAFF/GVT/Other:**

Jeff Ricketson HAMPO/LCPC
Rachel Hatcher RS&H, LCPC
Justin Dammons RS&H, LCPC
Mayor Larry Baker Walthourville
Patty Leon Coastal Courier

#### **VACANT SEATS:**

Vacant Allenhurst
Vacant Fort Stewart
Vacant Hinesville
Vacant Savannah Tech

#### 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

• There was no quorum present at this meeting, so the approval of the minutes will be deferred to the next CAC meeting in July.

#### 3) STATUS UPDATES

#### a. Project Update:

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119 has environmental activities at 67%, with preliminary plans 100% complete. ROW funds are expected to be available in June, with ROW acquisition starting in July.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement is still working through environmental approvals with Fort Stewart and the Corps of Engineers.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd @ Peacock Creek has concept development anticipated in May 2021.

SR38/US 84 at CR73/Old Sunbury Road let on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Anticipated completion by 11/2022.

Phil stated that there were GDOT survey crews were seen on site.

Jeff added that the City of Hinesville crew was working on relocating the water lines at this site.

US 84 improvement project from Patriots Trail to Flowers can anticipate work beginning this summer.

#### b. Transit Update:

Rachel stated that the Covid-19 sanitization and protections remain in effect. Three new buses were delivered on March 31, 2021, with remaining bus being cleared for service by the end of the week. Construction underway on the ADA infrastructure improvement projects, including at Savannah Tech on Technology Drive and on General Stewart Way. New Liberty Transit vehicles are sized more appropriately to the system ridership and allows for drivers without CDL licenses to drive the buses. Year over year paratransit ridership was up in April, but down from March ridership. System ridership was up in April for fixed route service. Route 1 and 2 increased ridership, with Route 3 slightly decreasing ridership in April.

#### c. Transportation Public Comment Log:

Ongoing: CAC member Phi Odom submitted a list of operational and maintenance issues that have been forwarded to GDOT and Local Jurisdictions for remediation.

**New Comments:** Resident on Charlotte Court off Veterans Parkway in Hinesville made a complaint that the resultant median after Veterans Parkway widening causes drivers to have to make a U-turn at Grove Point Drive. Crash data was pulled using GDOT Numetric Data and AADT sourced from

TADA. HAMPO staff coordinated with City of Hinesville and GDOT District 5 and provided agencies with a copy of the screening and a summary of findings. 25 total crashes occurred at this intersection between 2013-2019, with no injuries or fatalities from those crashes. Most of those crashes were rear end collisions and animal strike/not a collision with motor vehicle.

Phil noted that the planned infrastructure improvements on US 84 will be like the Veterans Parkway widening and will cause the same issue along that corridor as well.

Rachel stated that this improves safety for the public, and even with the few rear end collisions occurring, some collisions are to be expected. She added that HAMPO staff is also conducting a similar analysis at the Veterans Parkway at Walmart intersection.

#### d. Administrative Updates:

**GDOT Call for TAP Grant Applications.** GDOT recently released a FY 2022 Call for Projects for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). TAP projects are for pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, and pedestrian streetscaping projects. HAMPO is not an eligible project sponsor, and the Local Public Agency undertaking the project must be Local Administered Project (LAP) certified by GDOT. The City of Hinesville is the only LAP-certified agency in the MPO region. The project must have a 20% local match, and the minimum project cost is \$1,000,000.

**GAMPO Semi-Annual Meeting Updates.** GAMPO held their Spring 2021 meeting on March 29, 2021. Topics discussed during the meeting include a new organizational structure and funding sources for the GDOT Office of Planning, the Georgia Power Projection Platform Route Study, FTA updates, conceptual I-14 coordination, and GDOT Intermodal updates. The PL Funds Review Committee met at this meeting, and the HAMPO MTP was closed out, and the SR 119 study passed unanimously. Ned Green and Tom Caiafa are the GDOT planners associated with the HAMPO MPO. Tom McQueen is the head of the new GDOT Freight Planning Division.

Georgia Power Project Platform Route Study. This is a study that is being conducted with the Federals Lands Division of FHWA and the Department of Defense. Highways for National Defense (HND) has a mission to ensure that national defense is served by adequate, safe and efficient public highway systems. The STRAHNET system has three different levels of corridors in the HAMPO region, including SRs 119, 144, US 84, and I-95. FHWA is supporting the execution of 8 PPP route studies, with the Fort Stewart study being the first to begin. The draft report will be released to GDOT then HAMPO. Supporting projects designed to relieve pressure on the PPP/STRAHNET corridors may be considered.

EG Miles Pkwy Special PL Study Update. This study was successfully awarded by the Special PL committee at the Spring 2021 GAMPO meeting. The RFP draft is under development and will be published upon receipt of the funding contract from GDOT. The anticipated timeline tentatively calls for the publication of the RFP in late June 2021, selection announcements in August, and contracting and negotiations in fall 2021. Anticipating less than a year for completion of the study project.

**HAMPO Certification Review.** MPOs are certified every four years to ensure that they are carrying out the metropolitan planning process in adherence with federal statues and regulations. HAMPO's last self-certification review was in 2016. GDOT and HAMPO staff held a kick-off meeting on April 20, 2021 to initiate the self-certification process. The preparation of certification report is underway.

4)	New	<b>Business:</b>

No New Business.

#### 5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

There were no updates on this agenda item.

#### 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

#### **SCHEDULE:**

• The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting will be July 8, 2021.

#### 7) **ADJOURN**:

ADDDOVED.

• The meeting was adjourned with no quorum present.

AFFROVED.
Phil Odom, Chairman
ATTEST:
Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC



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# 2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the CAC Minutes:

May 13, 2021





# a. Project Status Updates

## **Preconstruction Status July 21**

List No.	County	Project ID	Short Description	Improvement Type	Project Manager Name	Project Sponsor	Design Consultant Name	FY PE	FY ROW	FY CST	Next Milestone
1	Liberty	522570-	SR 38 CONNECTOR FROM SR38/US 84 TO SR 119	Construction of New Roads	Blocker, Brent	GDOT	Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc.	Auth	2021	2024	FFPR
2	Liberty	0013750	SR 119 @ TAYLORS CREEK - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	Bridge Replacement with No Added Capacity	Boswell, Kassandra	GDOT	GDOT D5 Design Office	Auth	Auth	2022	Anticipate Dec Let
3	Liberty	0016567	CR 171/LEWIS FRASIER RD @ PEACOCK CREEK	Bridge Replacement with No Added Capacity	Mcmullin, Recheal	GDOT	GDOT D5 Design Office	Auth	2024		Concept Development
4	Liberty	0017697	SR 38/US 84 FM CS971/FLOWERS DRIVE TO CS 502/PATRIOTS TRAIL	Safety Improvements	Duncan, Whitney	GDOT	Atkins Global	Auth	2023		Task Order for Concept

## **ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS JULY 21**

PROJECT #	COUNTY	DESCRIPTION	CONTRACTOR	Letting DATE (GDOT LET /Local)		% Complete	ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	Anticipated Completion Date
0011730	Liberty	SR /US 84 @ CR 73 /Old Sunbury Road	East Coast Asphalt, LLC	GDOT	2/19/2021		\$ 3,471,471.26	Winter 22





## 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.

## System Highlights:

- Three new buses are currently in service!
- Construction underway on the ADA infrastructure improvement projects
  - Technology Drive is complete, General Stewart and Pineland/Glenn Bryant ongoing





## b. Transit Updates

Construction began on March 29 to improve the following Liberty Transit bus stops:

- Food Lion, W. 15th St. between GA Hwy. 196 and Parkland Blvd.
- Savannah Technical College, 100
   Technology Dr. (shown on the right)
- Liberty County Division of Family and Children Services, Norman St./Frasier Dr. Intersection
- Deerwood Subdivision, Pineland Ave.
   Northbound
- Olmstead Estates Subdivision, W. General Stewart Way
- Veteran Affairs Clinic, 500 Oglethorpe Hwy.
- Walmart Neighborhood Market, E. GA Hwy. 84
- First Baptist Church, 220 Memorial Dr. (shown on the bottom right)
- Econo Lodge Near Fort Stewart, 726 E.
   Oglethorpe Hwy.







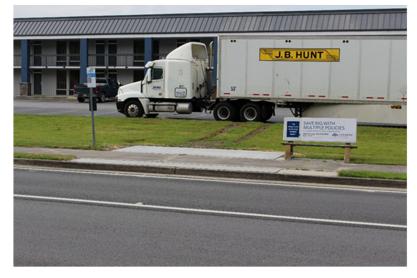


# b. Transit Updates

- Construction is expected to take place Monday – Friday (8am to 5pm)
- Funding provided by the CARES Act



Drivers in front of new Liberty Transit vehicle



General Stewart/Econo Lodge



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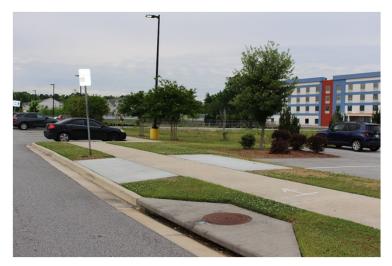
General Stewart



Glenn Bryant/Pineland



W. 15<sup>th</sup> Food Lion



East 84 Walmart

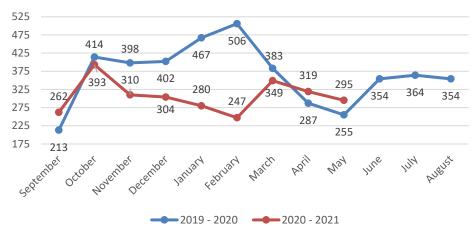




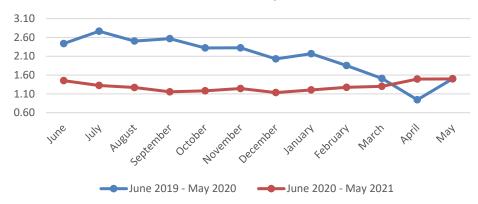
## b. Transit Updates

- Year over year paratransit ridership was up in May, but slightly decreased from April ridership
- Systemwide trips per revenue service hours ratio increased in May

Paratransit Ridership Data Sept. 2019 - May 2021



Trips per Revenue Service Hours for All Routes
June 2019 - May 2020
June 2020 - May 2021

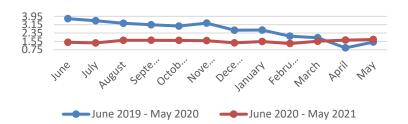






## b. Transit Updates

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

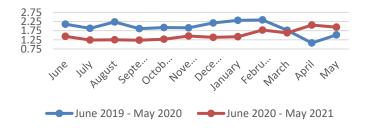


- Route I and Route 3 increased ridership in April
- Route 2 slightly decreased ridership in May
- Total trips increased from May 2020 to May 2021 by 30% (815 to 1063 trips)

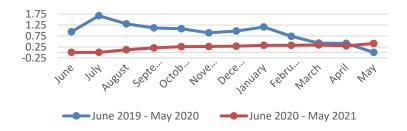
Trips per Revenue Service Hours for Route 2

June 2019 - May 2020

June 2020 - May 2021



Trips per Revenue Service Hours for Route 3
June 2019 - May 2020
June 2020 - May 2021







c. Transportation Public Comment Log

## New Public Comments:

• No new public comments received.





- d. Administrative Updates
- EG Miles Pkwy Special PL Study Update
  - RFP Draft has been completed and circulated for sub-committee concurrence.
  - Awaiting funding contract from GDOT

Draft RFP Timeline	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Finalize Draft RFP				
Publish RFP (Pending Receipt of Funding Contract from GDOT)				
Conduct RFP Selection Process				
Announce Selected Firm and Begin Negotiations / Contracting				





## d. Administrative Updates

- FY 2022 UPWP TIP Administrative Modification #1
  - On June 1, 2021, GDOT Office of Planning requested an administrative modification be made to the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
  - This administrative modification revises the funding total of the Freight Planning task under the System Planning element for the FY 2022 UPWP Budget Summary table.
  - The updated document has been posted to the MPO website for reference.

4.10 Freight Planning												
Status	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	Local \$	Total \$							
Current	FHWA	5,005.25	-	1,251.75	6,257.00							
Proposed	FHWA	5,005.60	-	1,251.40	6,257.00							





## d. Administrative Updates

- GAMPO Special PL Funding Application
  - Next rounds of GAMPO Special PL funding applications are due in September 2021 and March 2022
  - Funding is for planning only and can not be used for PE, ROW,
     UTL or CST phases of projects
  - Funding split is 80% Federal and 20% Local with no minimum or maximum award size
  - Projects must be reflected in the HAMPO UPWP
  - Proposed projects must go through two cycles of MPO meetings prior to submittal
  - Proposed projects must support the HAMPO MTP





- d. Administrative Updates
- GAMPO Special PL Funding Application
  - GAMPO/Special PL Funding Timeline

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Begin FY 2022 & Identify Needs (1)	<b></b>											
Develop scope and fee estimates												
Present to PC (I)												
Modify scope and fee, as needed and identify local match sponsor												
Present updated scope and fee to CAC and TCC (2)												
Present to PC for action (2)												
Incorporate in UPWP												
Submit to GAMPO												
Prepare / publish RFP												



- d. Administrative Updates
- Meeting Format Assessment and Strategies
  - HAMPO staff is assessing how member organizations are currently meeting and if revised meeting structure plans are in place.
  - Meeting strategies will be established and presented to the Policy Committee at their August meeting.





# 4. New Business

# a. FY 2023 UPWP – Call for Areas of Emphasis

	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
INITIATE PLAN DEVELOPMENT												
SEEK MPO COMMITTEE FEEDBACK ON ANNUAL GOALS AND AREAS OF EMPHASIS												
STAFF DEVELOPS DRAFT REPORT INCORPORATING COMMITTEE FEEDBACK												
MPO REVIEWS DRAFT AND RELEASES FOR AGENCY REVIEW AND PUBLIC COMMENT												
30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD												
STAFF REVIEWS COMMENTS AND MODIFIES UPWP												
FINAL UPWP REVIEWED BY CAC/TCC AND RECOMMENDED TO HAMPO PC												
UPWP ADOPTED BY HAMPO PC AND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION SIGNED												
FINAL DOCUMENT TRANSMITTED TO GDOT AND FHWA FOR CONCURENCE												

Note: Schedule represents the typical HAMPO process and is subject to modification





## 4. New Business

a. FY 2023 UPWP – Call for Areas of Emphasis

## FY 2021 Highlights

- Completed 2045 MTP update
- Completed 2021 2024 TIP update
- Adopted FY 2022 UPWP
- Completed updates of PPP and Bylaws incorporating remote meeting procedures
- Successfully secured funding for EG Miles Corridor Study (MTP priority project)
- Welcomed new CAC members and began efforts to fill all vacancies

## FY 2022 Areas of Emphasis

- Support implementation of HAMPO Freight Plan recommendations
- Support local, state, and federal efforts to enhance multimodal accessibility and safety
- Support implementation of 2045 MTP recommendations
- Monitor 2020 Census results and perform associated report/document updates
- Perform self-certification review





## 4. New Business

a. FY 2023 UPWP – Call for Areas of Emphasis

## FY 2023 Areas of Emphasis?

- I. Administration
- 2. Public Involvement
- 3. Data Collection
- 4. System Planning
- 5. Transit Planning
- 6. Unfunded Special Studies (GAMPO candidates)





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