Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization



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Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)

On-line Only due to COVID-19 Assembly Restrictions July 8, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

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HAMPO TCC MINUTES: May 13, 2021

The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on Transportation met via Zoom conference call 9:00 AM on May 13, 2021.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

• Joey Brown, Chair, called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS: Jeff Ricketson announced each person participating.

Members Present: Joey Brown, Jeff Ricketson, Mayor Paul Hawkins, Ned Green, Trent Long, Kenny Howard, Franklin Perry, Mayor Larry Baker, Paul Simonton, Ansley Grantham, Mayor Pro Tem Washington.

Members Absent: Kyle Wemett, Mayor Thomas Hines, Mayor Richard Strickland, Ben Morrow, Ryan Walker, Robert Parker, Mayor Harris, Ron Tolley.

Non-Voting Members Present: Karen Randolph, Ann-Marie Day

Non-Voting Members Absent: Allen Burns, Robert Buckley, Don Masisak, and John Lyles.

Participating: Tom Caiafa, Ryan Sager, Kristen Mote, Christy Lovette and Marcus Sack.

Staff Present: Rachel Hatcher, Kelly Wiggins, Justin Dammons, Vishanya Forbes.

Public: None.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

• Kenny Howard made the motion to approve the March 11, 2021 minutes, seconded by Trent Long, and all voted in favor.

3) OLD BUSINESS:

a) GDOT: Project Status Reports: Rachel Hatcher:

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119 has completed environmental studies. Draft EA approved. PHOH was held 3-4-21. Comment letter being vetted. Environmental activities 67% and preliminary plans 100%. Joey Brown stated the vetting process is complete and they are starting ROW acquisition beginning in July.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement is 100% complete with final plans and working through a utility issue with the base. Waiting on environmental from the Corp of Engineers and it is expected in September. Jeff stated that he received an email that the construction cost will be increasing on this project. We will need to update the MTP and TIP in the next month.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd @ Peacock Creek bridge replacement project has completed survey and started concept development. Env TO approved 3-29. Concept Development in progress. Anticipated TO in May.

SR38/US 84 at CR73/Old Sunbury Road let on February 19th. The contract has been awarded. Anticipated completion by 11/22.

b) Liberty Transit:

Rachel stated that the Covid-19 sanitization and protections remain in effect. Overall ridership did increase in April. Total trips increased by 87% from April 2020 to April 2021. Three new buses were delivered in March and two of them are in service. The remaining bus should be ready by the end of this week. The preliminary design phase of the second infrastructure project is ongoing. Technology Drive has been completed. Rachel included photos of the bus stops that have been completed and the stops that are ongoing. The deadline for completion is June 30, 2021.

c) Transportation Comment Log:

New comments: received new comment on 4-28-2021 from resident on Charlotte Court. Veterans Parkway widening and the resulting median in front of Charlotte Court requires a U-turn at Grove Point Drive to get back to town. Resident stated that it is dangerous to make a U-turn at Grove Point because the southbound traffic coming from Ft. Stewart and traffic from Grove Point. Rachel stated they conducted a preliminary screening using GDOT District Numeric Data and AADT sourced from TADA. She coordinated with the City of Hinesville and GDOT District providing a copy of the screening and a summary of findings. We pulled data from 2013 to current data. We felt it was important to document the crash rates pre-widening and post-widening. The majority of the crashes were unrelated to the configuration of the roadway/intersection. High level of animal strikes and distracted driver factors. There were no fatalities. We will respond to complainant with our findings and review this location when post-Covid travel volumes normalize, and new crash data is published.

d) HAMPO Administrative Updates:

GDOT Call for TAP Grant Applications: GDOT recently releases a FY 22 Call for Projects for the TAP. TAP Projects are for non-traditional transportation related projects. The TAP call for projects is limited to areas with a population less than or equal to 200,000. The deadline for applications is July 31, 2022.

GAMPO Semi-Annual Meeting Updates: The meeting was held on March 29, 2021. The topics included were GDOT Office of Planning new organization and funding sources. Georgia Power Projection Platform Route Study, FTA Updates, Conceptual I-14 coordination and GDOT Intermodal: 5303 Contracts and transit updates.

PL Funds Review Committee: HAMPO MTP closed out. SR 119 Study Passed Unanimously. Rachel went over the Georgia Power Projection Platform Route Study.

E.G. Miles Pkwy Special PL Study Update: The study was successfully awarded by Special PL Committee on 3-29-21. (\$200,000 Total 80% Fed., 20% Local.) Rachel stated the RFP draft is under development. Hoping to publish RFP at end of June 2021. Rachel stated the study will not exceed 12 months but hopes to finish it within 9 months.

HAMPO Certification Review: Every four years and MPO must be certified that it is carrying out the metropolitan planning process in adherence with federal statutes and regulations. Our last certification review was in 2016. The certification consists of a site visit, review of planning documents in advance of site visit, certification report and certification review closeout presentation. The site visit will be conducted virtually this year. We conducted a meeting with GDOT staff and HAMPO staff on April 20, 2021 to begin the early stages of our certification report. Rachel also discussed moving the deadlines for the UPWP.

4) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Draft 2021-2024 TIP (Action).** Short range work program for projects over the next four years. Projects must be in the TIP to receive federal and state highway funding for: Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-way, Utility Relocation, and Construction. Current TIP 2018-2021. Updated Annually. Oversight Agency Comment Log included, and all comments have been addressed and
- 5) OTHER BUSINESS: Joey Brown stated that they recently had to readvertise the additional hangars at the airport and the contract has been awarded.
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- 7) SCHEDULE: The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting will be July 8, 2021.
- 8) ADJOURN:
- Jeff Ricketson made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Paul Hawkins and all voted in favor.

APPROVED:	
Joey Brown, Chair	
ATTEST:	
Jeff Ricketson	



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2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the TCC Minutes of:

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.







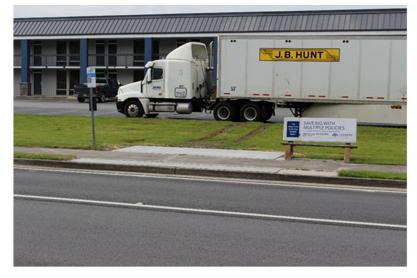


b. Transit Updates

- 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



b. Transit Updates



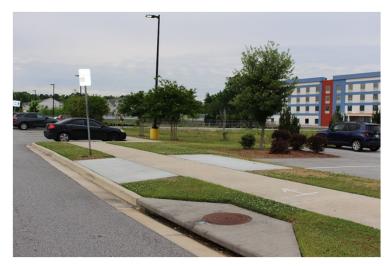
General Stewart



Glenn Bryant/Pineland



W. 15th Food Lion



East 84 Walmart

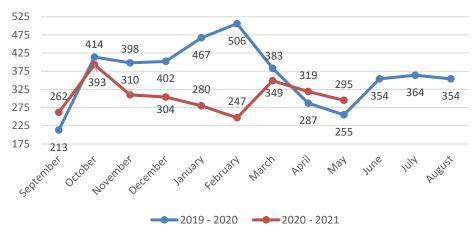




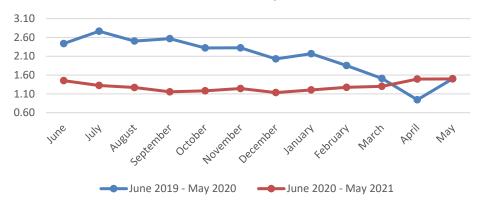
b. Transit Updates

- 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

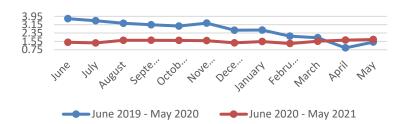






b. Transit Updates

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

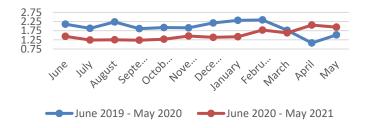


- Route I and Route 3 increased ridership in April
- Route 2 slightly decreased ridership in May
- Total trips increased from May 2020 to May 2021 by 30% (815 to 1063 trips)

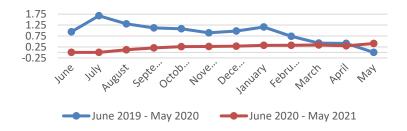
Trips per Revenue Service Hours for Route 2

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)												
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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