



Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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AGENDA

Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee (PC)

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June 10, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

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HAMPO PC MINUTES: April 8, 2021

The Policy Committee (PC) 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 April 8, 2021.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Chairman Lovette called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Voting Members Present

Mayor Allen Brown, Hinesville
Chairman Donald Lovette, LCBOC Chairman
Lynn Pace, Tim Byler proxy, LCPC Vice-Chair
Lily Baker, Chairman LCBOE
Mayor Paul Hawkins, Flemington
Radney Simpson, GDOT Planning
Mayor Larry Baker, Walthourville
Gary Gilliard, LCBOC
Debra Attical, City of Riceboro
Tin Caiafa, GDOT
Mayor Pro Tem Washington, Midway

Voting Members Absent

Mayor Joe Harris, Riceboro
Mayor Richard Strickland, Gum Branch
Mayor Thomas Hines, Allenhurst
Robert Parker, Long County BOC Chairman
Vicky Nelson, City Council, Hinesville
Melissa Carter Ray, LCDA

Non-Voting Present

Jeff Ricketson, LCPC Director
Ann-Marie Day, FHWA
Joey Brown, LC Administrator
Kenny Howard, Hinesville
Mark Wilkes, CORE MPO

Non-Voting Absent

Mel Meleka, Fort Stewart

Participating

Rachel Hatcher, RS&H, LCPC
Justin Dammons, RS&H, LCPC
Kelly Wiggins, LCPC
Phil Odom, Chairman of CAC
Ned Green, GDOT
Trent Long, T.R. Long Engineering
Marcus Sack, M.E. Sack Engineering
Christy Lovett, GDOT
Ansley Grantham, GDOT
Katie Proctor, GDOT

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Paul Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting, seconded by Lily Baker and all voted in favor.

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

a. **Project Status Update: Katie Proctor with GDOT**

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119 is under preliminary design and environmental work is ongoing. Environmental activities are at 67%. The preliminary plans are 100% complete. The public hearing was held March 4, 2021. The environmental studies are complete.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement is 100% complete. It is awaiting environmental approvals from the Corp of Engineers. Anticipated to start construction in September 2021.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd @ Peacock Creek bridge replacement project is still in first stages of development, with survey complete and work beginning on the concept development. Environmental was approved at end of March and is in concept development now. Anticipated to start in May.

Active Projects: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road has environmental activities and preliminary plans at 100% complete. Final plans are 100% complete. ROW is certified and scheduled for LET on 2/19/2021. Anticipated completion in November of 2022. This project is under contract. The NTP has not been issued yet.

b. **Transportation Update: Rachel Hatcher**

Covid 19 sanitation and protections remain in effect. Three new buses were lettered on April 1, 2021 and are expected to be delivered in the next few days. Construction began on the ADA infrastructure improvement project. Rachel presented the policy committee with pictures of the construction that has begun on the new bus stops. Funding was provided by the Cares Act. Trent Long stated that the improvements are expected to be completed by June 30, 2021. Kenny Howard stated that two of the buses have been delivered to the bus site.

Paratransit ridership was down in March but showed significant increase from February 2021 to March 2021. Routes 1 and 3 showed increase in ridership in March with a slight decrease in route 2.

c. **Transportation Public Comment Log:** No new comments.

d. **Admin Update: FY 2018 -2021 TIP Administrative Modification # 3.** On January 26, 2021 GDOT Office of Planning requested and administrative modification to the TIP. This administrative modification revises the construction cost estimates for Pls 0013750 and 522570. Rachel also gave an update of the GAMPO spring meeting held on March 29, 2021. The topics included: GDOT Office of Planning new organization and funding sources, Georgia Power Projection Platform Route Study, FTA updates, Conceptual 1-14 coordination, and GDOT Intermodal including 5303 contracts

and transit updates. The PL Funds Review Committee update included that the HAMPO MTP closed out and SR 119 Study passed unanimously.

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 received 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 incorporated in the final draft. The final draft will be presented to the Policy Committee in April for adoption. Deadline is June 2021.

Lily Baker made a motion that the Policy Committee adopt the Draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan. The motion was seconded by Tom Caiafa. The motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

- b. **Draft FY 2022 UPWP (Action).** Rachel stated that the UPWP is an annual statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities of the MPO and is used to govern work programs for the expenditure of federal and state planning Funds.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Washington for the Policy Committee to adopt the FY 2022 UPWP. The motion was seconded by Paul Hawkins. The motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

- c. **TSPLOST 30% Projects Status Update (Information):** Joey Brown updated the Policy Committee on how the list for prioritization is going and a list was provided in this presentation for the committee. Some of the listed projects have already started studies and design. Kenny Howard gave an update on Veterans Parkway/ South Main project. Kenny stated this is a three-phase project starting on Second Street. The second phase will go from Veteran's to Ralph Quarterman and the third phase will go from Ralph Quarterman to Kacey Drive. Kenny stated that sidewalks would be included. Mayor Allen Brown stated that he has attended a couple of meetings that have given him reason to believe that the signal located on the side of Walmart on Veterans Parkway is closer to agreement. Gary Gilliard asked if the medians going in on Highway 84 will be concrete or landscape. He has safety concerns for the ESG maintenance men that will be maintaining the medians. Rachel stated that when the project comes to the City, they will have a chance to weigh in on landscaping.

5) a. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Lily Baker asked if they are installing sidewalks at Edgewater. Trent stated they are making repairs to the roadway to help the buses pass through. They are having trouble with soil.
- Joey Brown stated that the airport hangar project had to be rebid but there will be an additional 15 hangers. The long-range land plan is due for wrap up shortly and be presented to the Army Corp of Engineers for an expansion at airport.

b. **CORE MPO Updates:**

- Mark Wilkes with CORE MPO stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- There were no public comments presented at the meeting.

7) **SCHEDULE:**

- The next regularly scheduled PC meeting will be June 10, 2021.

8) **ADJOURN:**

- Gary Gilliard made a motion to adjourn. Lily Baker seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

Donald Lovette, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson

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2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the PC Minutes of:

April 8, 2021



3. Status Updates

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a. Project Status Updates

GDOT/Liberty County Projects Status Report

June

#	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	2021	2024	100%	100%		Env Doc Approved, L&D submitted,pending. ROW Cert in progress.
2	SR 119 @ Taylors Creek - Bridge Replacement	0013750	Auth	Auth	2022	100%	100%	100%	Awaiting Env Approvals from COE - Anticipated Sept 21. Anticipate Dec 21 Let
3	CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd @ Peacock Creek	0016567	Auth	2024	LR				Concept Dev in progress, anticipate TO in May.

Active Construction Projects

June

#	Project Description	Contractor	Award Amount	% Complete	Anticipated Completion Date
1	SR 38/US 84 @ CR 73/Old Sunbury Road	Anticipated East Coast Asphalt, LLC	\$3,471,471.,26		Let in Feb. Anticipated completion by 11/2022



3. Status Updates

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:

- COVID19 sanitization and protections remain in effect: gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer, disinfectant, and protective barriers.

System Highlights:

- Three new buses were delivered 3/31/2021, two are currently in service
 - The remaining bus should be cleared for service by end of the week
- Construction underway on the ADA infrastructure improvement projects
 - Technology Drive is complete, General Stewart and Pineland/Glenn Bryant ongoing

3. Status Updates

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.



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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

3. Status Updates

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General Stewart



W. 15th Food Lion



Glenn Bryant/Pineland



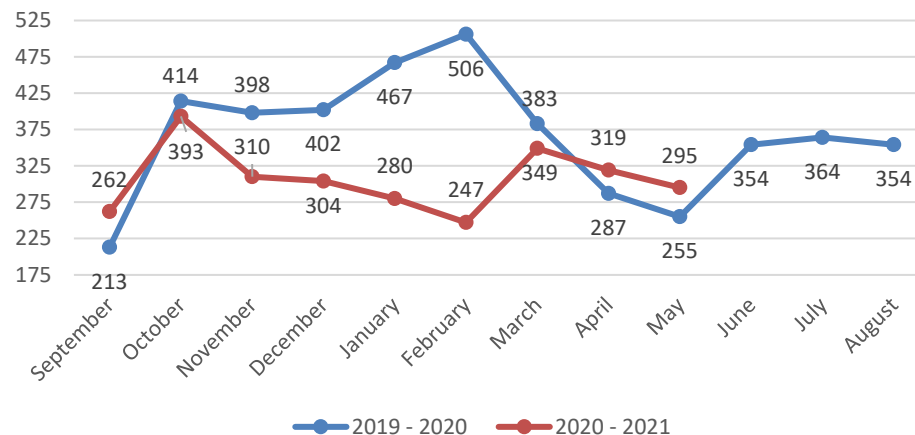
East 84 Walmart

3. Status Updates

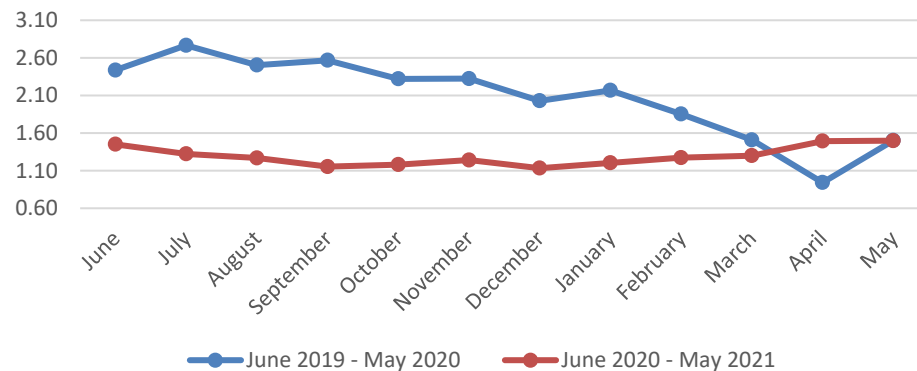
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- Year over year paratransit ridership was up in May, but slightly decreased from April ridership
- Systemwide trips per revenue service hours ratio increased in May

Paratransit Ridership Data
Sept. 2019 - May 2021



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

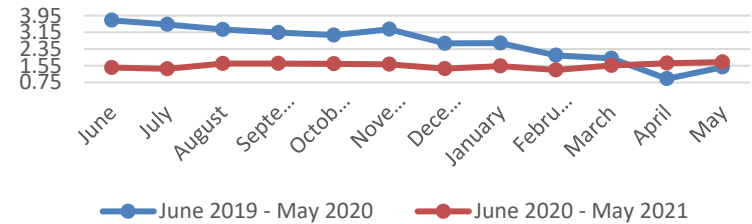


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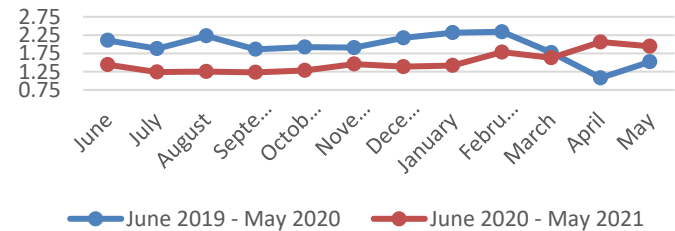
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- Route 1 and Route 3 increased ridership in April
- Route 2 slightly decreased ridership in May
- Total trips increased from May 2020 to May 2021 by 30% (815 to 1063 trips)

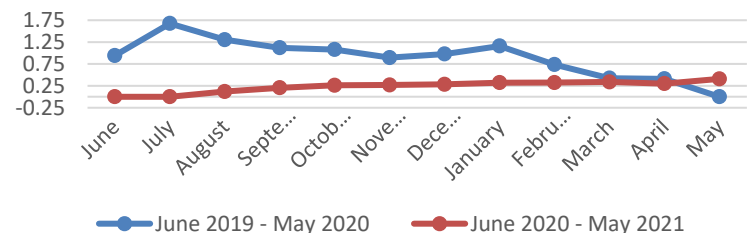
Trips per Revenue Service Hours for Route 1
June 2019 - May 2020



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



3. Status Updates

c. Transportation Public Comment Log

New Public Comments:

- New comment received 4/28/2021 from resident on Charlotte Court off of Veterans Parkway in Hinesville.
- Complaint: Veterans Parkway widening and the resulting median in front of Charlotte Court requires a U-turn at Grove Point Drive to get back into town. He says it is dangerous to make a U-turn at Grove Point because of southbound traffic coming from Fort Stewart and traffic from Grove Point.



3. Status Updates

c. Transportation Public Comment Log

- Staff Actions:

- Performed a safety screening using GDOT Numetric Data and AADT sourced from TADA.
- Coordinated with City of Hinesville and GDOT District providing a copy of the screening and a summary of findings.

HAMPO Crash Analysis - Veterans Parkway @ Grove Point Drive

	Total Number of Crashes	Number of Years of Data	Number of Vehicles Per Day (Both Directions)	Length of the Roadway Segment in Miles	Rate Per 100 Million VMT	2021 GDOT Safety Targets	Status
Total Crashes	25	7	10800	5	18.1198811		
Injuries	0	7	10800	5	0	4.422	Below Ave
Fatalities	0	7	10800	5	0	1.23	Below Ave
Angle Collisions	5	7	10800	5	3.62397623		
Rear End Collisions	11	7	10800	5	7.9727477		
Head on Collision	1	7	10800	5	0.72479525		
Animal Strike/Not a Collision with Motor Vehicle	8	7	10800	5	5.79836196		
Rear End - Distracted Driver	4	7	10800	5	2.89918098		
Following Too Closely	6	7	10800	5	4.34877147		

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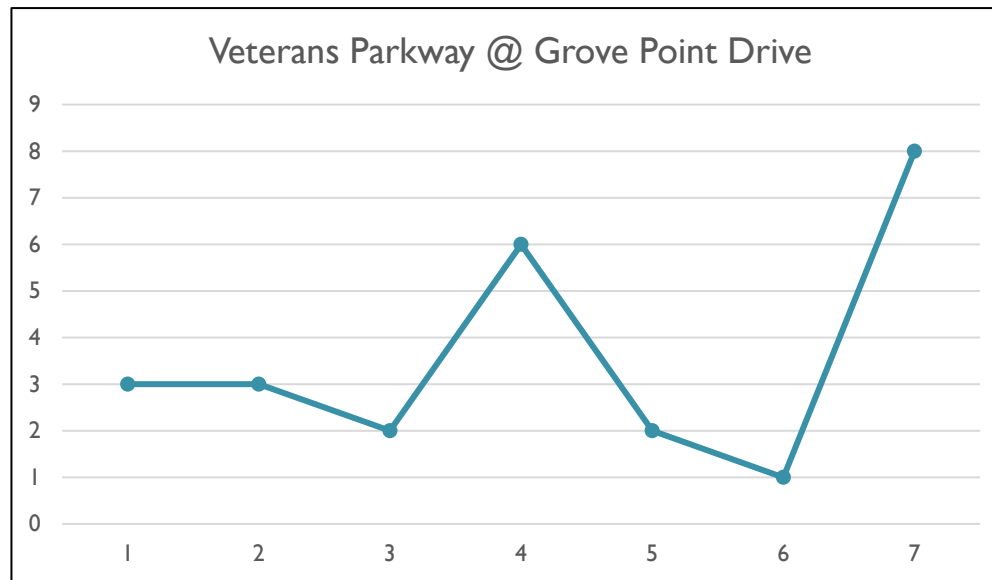
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Number of Crashes by Year

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average
3	3	2	6	2	1	8	3.57



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c. Transportation Public Comment Log

- Preliminary Findings:

- Crash rates for both injuries and fatalities are 0 for seven years and therefore below the MPO/statewide targets.
- Majority of crashes unrelated to the configuration of the roadway/intersection.
 - High level of Animal Strikes
 - High levels of distracted driver and driver following too closely as contributing factors.
 - While there were a higher number of crashes in 2019 (8 total); there were no injuries or fatalities, and only 3 were angle collisions.

- Recommended Next Steps:

- Receive concurrence on staff findings from HAMPO TCC, City of Hinesville, and GDOT District.
- Respond to complainant with findings
- Review this location when post-Covid travel volumes normalize and subsequent AADT and crash data is published (approximately 2 years) ensuring the trends remain consistent with these findings.

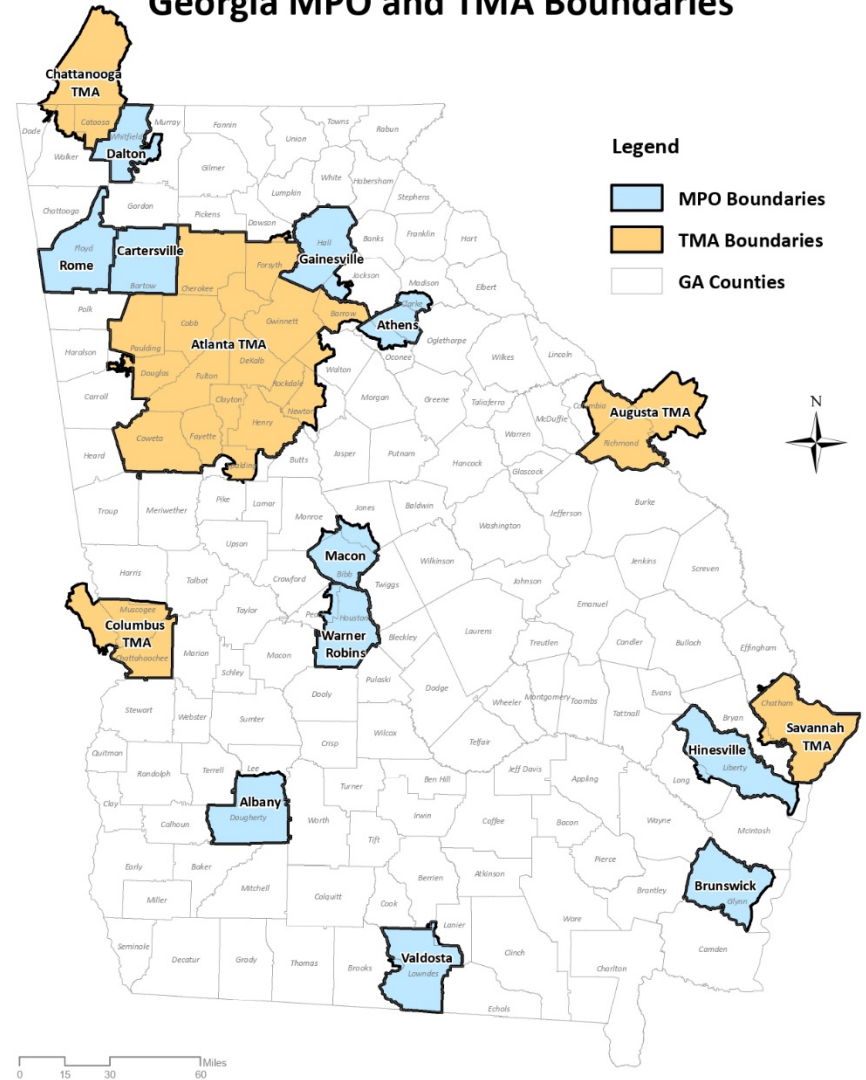


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d. Administrative Updates

- **GDOT Call for TAP Grant Applications**
 - GDOT recently released a FY 22 Call for Projects for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
 - TAP projects are for non-traditional transportation related projects like pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, and pedestrian streetscaping 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

Georgia MPO and TMA Boundaries



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- GDOT Call for TAP Grant Applications
 - Project Requirements:
 - 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

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- GDOT Call for TAP Grant Applications
 - State DOTs and MPOs are not eligible entities and therefore not eligible project sponsors for TAP funds. They can partner with an eligible entity project sponsor to carry out a project
 - 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)



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- EG Miles Pkwy Special PL Study Update
 - Successfully awarded by Special PL Committee on 3/29/21
 - \$200,000 Total (80% Fed., 20% Local)
 - RFP Draft is under development

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				

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- FY 2022 UPVWP 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 (UPVWP).
 - This administrative modification revises the funding total of the Freight Planning task under the System Planning element for the FY 2022 UPVWP 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

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- **HAMPO Certification Review**
 - Every four years, an MPO must be certified that it is carrying out the metropolitan planning process in adherence with federal statutes and regulations.
 - HAMPO's last certification review was in 2016
 - Certification review consists of four activities:
 - Site visit (virtual)
 - Review of planning documents in advance of site visit
 - Certification report
 - Certification review closeout presentation
 - GDOT and HAMPO staff kick-off meeting held 4/20/21
 - Preparation of Certification Report is underway



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- **GAMPO Special PL Funding Application**
 - The next round of GAMPO Special PL funding applications are due in September 2021
 - HAMPO was successfully awarded funding for the EG Miles Pkwy study in March 2021
 - If there is a project you would like to submit an application for, now is the time to start discussion in order to adhere to the GAMPO Fall 2021 Cycle timeline



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- GAMPO Special PL Funding Application
 - GAMPO/Special PL Funding Timeline

GAMPO Special PL Funding Fall Cycle	June	July	August	September
PC Suggestions/Recommendations for Potential Projects				
TCC/CAC Review and Recommendation to PC				
PC Review and Approval/Transmittal to GAMPO Special PL Funding Committee				
GAMPO/Special PL Funding Committee Fall 2021 Meeting				

*Timeline does not reflect schedules for project sponsor approval of local funding commitment



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