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HAMPO TCC MINUTES: January 13, 2022

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 January 13, 2022.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Joey Brown 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, Joey Brown, Jeff Ricketson, Kenny Howard, Mayor Hawkins, Robert Norby, Ned Green, Trent Long, Mayor Pro Tem Washington, and Mayor Baker, Emma Frost, Katie Proctor, Darrell Mosley, Ron Tolly.

Members Absent: Mayor Willis, Mayor Strickland, Paul Simonton, Ansley Grantham.

Non-Voting Members Present: Karen Randolph

Non-Voting Members Absent: Allen Burns, Don Masisak, Ann-Marie Day and John Lyles

Participating: None.

Staff Present: Rachel Hatcher, and Justin Dammons, Kelly Wiggins, Phil Odom

Public: None.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mayor Hawkins made the motion to approve the November, 18, 2021 minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Washington, and all voted in favor.

3) STATUS UPDATES

a. **Project Update:** Rachel Hatcher.

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119 Right of Way (ROW) has acquired 18 of 57 parcels.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement has a let date is scheduled for this month however, they are still experiencing utility issues.

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

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

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. Rachel stated that they did receive a list of the roads and it has been published to the LPCC HAMPO website. The anticipated completion date will be September 2022.

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. We are still waiting for purchase orders for two new buses and based on cost increases we may be limited to just one new vehicle.

She mentioned that Liberty County Transit was a part of the Hinesville Christmas parade. Rachel stated that year-over-year paratransit ridership was up for six months straight from July through December. Systemwide trips per revenue service hours ratio was higher than previous year's ratio for five months straight. Routes 2 and 3 had increased ridership in December, with Route 1 decreasing ridership but only by two trips. Total trips increased from December 2020 to December 2021 by seventeen percent.

Jeff stated that the city of Hinesville is getting ready to update their transit development plan that is required every five years.

Katie Proctor with GDOT joined the meeting. Chairman reverted back to GDOT project list for updates from her. Project # 1 is working toward FFPR, and they have acquired thirty two percent of the parcels. Project # 2 is still at risk due to utilities. Project # 3 next milestone is PFPR. Project # 4 is still in early concept. Under Active project # 1 there is still no LET date. Active Project # 2 the LET date was 9-17-21 and no notice to proceed yet. Joey stated that last contract for this project was cancelled. Katie stated it was LET, awarded and the pulled and will re-LET this January. Paul Hawkins said he was told to expect construction in April. Katie said that is correct.

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

d. Administrative Updates:

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. The project kick-off date was held December 1, 2021 and traffic counts were collected in December 2021. The stakeholder and public participation elements of this project will start soon.

Joey Brown asked for the consulting firm to go ahead and start a milestone calendar for everyone due to strict calendars. Rachel stated yes.

HAMPO Certification Review Results. Every four years a certification review is conducted to determine where the MPOs planning process adheres to federal statutes and regulations. HAMPO has been recertified for four years. Some of HAMPO's strengths and best practices were highlighted along with a list of recommended areas for improvements.

2021-2024 TIP Admin Modification # 2. A request for funding increase was requested by GDOT office. No action is needed.

4) **New Business:**

- a) **Draft FY 2023 UPWP (Action).** Rachel stated that the Draft FY 2023 UPWP is an action item to approve the document for your Policy Comment Committee pending the comment period closure. There have been no comments thus far. We would like this action in order to close this out without waiting to bring it back to you at next meeting. The areas of emphasis, include freight planning, community outreach, multi-year planning schedule, equity analysis, climate crisis, and complete streets. The 30-day public comment period was published from December 17 to January 2022. The comments received from oversight agencies were incorporated into the final draft. The Final draft will be presented to the Policy Committee in February for adoption, pending receipt of and substantial comments.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Washington to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the Draft FY 2023 UPWP with comments incorporated, pending receipt of any substantial comments. Paul Hawkins seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

- b) **HAMPO Public Participation Plan Update (Action).** HAMPO has updated the public participation plan on guidance received from GDOT during the HAMPO Certification Report process. The public Comment period for the Transportation Program (TIP) was adjusted from 30 days to 15 days.

Kenny Howard made a motion to recommend that the Policy Committee release the draft HAMPO Public Participation Plan for the 45-day public comment period. Jeff Ricketson seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous in favor.

- c) **Elections of Officers.** Term is for a period of one year.

Jeff Ricketson made a motion to keep the same Chairman as last year (Joey Brown). The motion was seconded by Paul Hawkins. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Washington made a motion to keep the same Vice-Chair as last year (Kenny Howard.) Paul Hawkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- 5) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATES:** Joey stated that the 196-planning project money is coming from T-SPLOST. Kenny Howard asked for an update on the progress for the project as well. Jeff stated he would send that out soon. Joey stated that the hangar project at the Airport is expecting the metal to be delivered on January 20th. He also stated that the funds have

been authorized for release for the sidewalks on the roadway next to the schools in Midway. Mayor Hawkins stated that the City of Flemington needs help with Wallace Martin and Joseph Martin Roads resurfacing. Mayor Pro Tem Washington asked how many years are required between traffic studies. Trent stated that a traffic study can be conducted once there is a significant change in traffic patterns. He will verify with traffic operations at GDOT meeting on Monday evening.

- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- 7) **SCHEDULE:** The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2022.
- 8) **ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Jeff Ricketson and seconded by Kenny Howard to adjourn.

APPROVED:

Joey Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC