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HAMPO CAC MINUTES: March 10, 2022

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on Transportation met in Room 2100 of the Historic Court House via ZOOM and in person at 100 N. Main Street in Hinesville at 5:30 PM on March 10, 2022.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Phil Odom called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS:

PRESENT

Emanuel Joyner	Riceboro
Phil Odom, Chairman	Gum Branch
Curles Butler	Hinesville
Marcello Page-Vice-Chair	Hinesville
Cassidy Collins	Hinesville
Bob Dodd	Walthourville
Emma Frost	Fort Stewart
Elaine Moore	Hinesville
Tim Byler	Flemington
Ernest Brown	Liberty County
Bob Dodd	Walthourville

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

Jimmy Shanken	Long County
Terry Sellers	Savannah Tech

STAFF/GVT/Other:

Jeff Ricketson	HAMPO/LCPC
Rachel Hatcher	RS&H, LCPC

Emma Frost	GDOT
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VACANT SEATS:

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2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for July 8, 2021.**

- **A motion was made by Bob Dodd to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Collins. The motion passed unanimously.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

a. Project Update: Rachel.

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119 Right of Way (ROW) has acquired 27 of 62 parcels. The reason for the additions of parcels is we acquired some remnants. This is 44% completed and the expected date for ROW acquisition is December.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project; environmental and preliminary is still ongoing.

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

Active: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction. The project was LET and was awarded and pulled. It was re-Let in January 2022. It was awarded in February. It has an anticipated completion set for summer of 2023.

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.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement; LET had been moved to January 2022. This project had one bid, and it was rejected. Scheduled to re-LET in April.

b. Transit Update:

Rachel stated that the sidewalk construction on Phase I has been completed. Rachel stated they are working on the sidewalks on Busbee Road in Walthrouville. Waiting on contractor to receive his SAM number. Rachel stated they are still awaiting to purchase another transit bus. The first company they accepted bids from went out of business and cannot fill the order. That leaves one company on the state procurement list. He will try and push this through at the Liberty Transit Steering Committee next month. They are expecting engineering and design specifications at the end of this month for 8 bus shelters. Hope to see the shelters by August. Rachel stated that ridership is strong. Rachel stated that the ridership is nearly back to pre-Covid trends. Trent stated that he spoke with the contractor this morning and he has applied for his SAM registration and is waiting to hear back from them.

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

d. Administrative Updates:

E.G. Miles Pkwy Special PL Study Update. Rachel stated we will give an update on this study at each of the HAMPO meetings to share how we are progressing through this. A technical stakeholder meeting was held on February 16, 2022. Our consultant team has completed the existing conditions studies and the plans have been reviewed. The traffic analysis is currently being conducted and the stakeholder and public involvement is ongoing. The first stakeholders meeting was held March 2nd at ESG facility. Crash data was provided by the consultant team. Rachel went over the crash data with the committee members. The crash numbers exceed the state average by far. This area is significantly less safe than the state average. The next steps for the corridor study will be a complete traffic analysis. Stakeholder and public involvement will continue, and development of recommendations and cost estimates will follow. This should be completed in the June-July time frame and will be presented to the HAMPO committees. There will be a public open house on April 14th at 6 PM at ESG facility. We will email the announcement the committees.

4) **New Business:**

- a) **FY 2023 UPWP (Action).** Rachel stated that we are requesting an additional 30-day public comment release. We received the actual funding amounts for PL funds, and they included a new area of emphasis that is a part of the federal legislation. It requires that 2.5 percent of your funding be spent on assessing and analyzing complete streets. With this new requirement we have to bring the UPWP back out for public comment. Joey asked about the time frame. Rachel stated that it would be from July to June, and it would coincide with our bicycle and pedestrian analysis. Chairman Phil Odom asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Tim Byler to recommend that the Policy Committee release the FY 2023 UPWP Amendment #1 for a 30-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Bob Dodd. The motion passed unanimously.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATES:** Rachel stated that Joey gave this update at the TCC meeting today:

- Trent is working on preliminary designs for both and coordinating with GDOT District Engineer to tweak designs. Requesting financial partnership from GDOT to combine with local SPLOST and TSPLOST funding.
 - EB Cooper Hwy / SR 119 at Barrington Ferry Rd (round about)
 - Lewis Frasier at US 17 (round about)
- US 84 in Midway is expecting a new fueling center at Exit 76 and that activity combined with the industrial warehousing expansion on Islands Highway and nearby residential development calls for expedited improvements on US 84.
 - TSPLOST called for improvements that could include medians, so Trent is also developing preliminary schematics for this area.
 - Joey and Trent are also coordinating with GDOT regarding the need for expedited bridge / interchange replacement at US 84 / I-95 west of the TSPLOST project so that a 4-lane cross section could be a coordinated project.

- Will coordinate with HAMPO when PI numbers are assigned and need to be brought into the respective plans.
- Airport hangar should be completed by May.

- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:** Tim Byler asked if there were any plans to work on the area by Exit 76 where the proposed truck stop is being developed. Jeff stated that he spoke with GDOT, and they do not currently support that entrance. An alternate route will have to be created. Elaine Moore stated that the area at Barrington Ferry seems too tight to install a round-a-bout. Jeff agreed but there seems to be plenty of right-of-way. Jeff stated that the County advertised for CAC board members, and we did not receive any applicants. Jeff stated that he would like to delay the new member training until we have the new members appointed and have the training once for all of them. Elaine stated that she has not been able to attend the meetings lately due to the passing of her husband and other family members. Marcello Page asked if we would consider livestreaming the meetings. Rachel stated that we would have to get this approved by the federal government and additional staff to run the technology. The by-laws do not allow this at this time. Jeff stated that the agenda is published and has the link on it for anyone to attend. Jeff stated we would have to talk to our IT support but will look into it. Phil asked if we are still going to be under Covid restrictions for the next meeting. Jeff stated that we will offer the meeting in person and virtual.
- 7) **Election of officers: Ron Collins made a motion for the current officers to remain the same. The motion was seconded by Tim Byler. The motion passed unanimously.** The Chairman will remain Phil Odom and the Vice-Chair will remain Marcello Page.
- 8) **SCHEDULE:**
- The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2022.
- 9) **ADJOURN:**
The meeting was adjourned. **Motion made by Tim Byler and seconded by Bob Dodd. Unanimous in favor.**

APPROVED:

Phil Odom, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC