



# Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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## HAMPO TCC MINUTES: March 10, 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 March 10, 2022.

### 1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Joey Brown called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Jeff Ricketson announced each person participating.

**Members Present:** Joey Brown, Jeff Ricketson, Ryan Arnold, Mayor Hawkins, Trent Long, Mayor Pro Tem Washington, Mayor Baker, Katie Proctor, Christy Lovette, and Ben Morrow.

**Members Absent:** Mayor Willis, Mayor Strickland, Paul Simonton, Ron Tolley, Ned Green, Mayor Stacy, Robert Parker, and Darrell Mosley.

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Ann Marie-Day

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

**Participating:** Phil Odom, Larry Logan, Johnathan Martinez

**Staff Present:** Rachel Hatcher, Justin Dammons, Kelly Wiggins

**Public:** None.

### 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mayor Hawkins made the motion to approve the January 13, 2022 minutes, seconded by Mayor Larry Baker and all voted in favor.

### 3) STATUS UPDATES

#### a. **Project Update:** Katie Proctor

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 has been moved to January 2022. This project had one bid, and it was rejected. Scheduled to re-LET in April.

**b. Transit Update: Ryan Arnold**

Ryan stated that the sidewalk construction on Phase I has been completed. Ryan stated they are working on the sidewalks on Busbee Road in Walthrouville. Waiting on contractor to receive his SAM number. Ryan 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 steering committee next month. They are expecting engineering and design specifications at the end of this month for 8 bus shelters. Hopes to see the shelters by August. Ryan 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.

Ryan asked if Rachel knew when the census would be released. Rachel stated that we will not know that until it is actually released. There may be a couple of weeks' notice to say that it is coming but we haven't received any notice yet.

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

**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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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 Joey Brown asked for a motion.

**A motion was made by Trent Long 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 Jeff Ricketson. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

5) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATES:** Mayor Hawkins introduced new Flemington Council member Larry Logan to the Committee and announced that he will serve on the TCC in his place on this board. Larry stated that he was happy to join the team.

- Joey gave an update on the status of items in Liberty County: 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:** None.

7) **SCHEDULE:** The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2022.

8) **ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Jeff Ricketson and seconded by Paul Hawkins to adjourn.

APPROVED:

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Joey Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC