



# Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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## HAMPO CAC MINUTES: May 12, 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 12, 2022.

### 1) CALL TO ORDER:

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

### INTRODUCTIONS:

#### PRESENT

Phil Odom, Chairman	Gum Branch
Curles Butler	Hinesville
Marcello Page-Vice-Chair	Hinesville
Tim Byler	Flemington
Ernest Brown	Liberty County
Bob Dodd	Walthourville

#### EXCUSED:

#### ABSENT:

Bob Dodd	Walthourville
Jimmy Shanken	Long County
Terry Sellers	Savannah Tech
Cassidy Collins	Hinesville
Elaine Moore	Hinesville
Emmanuel Joyner	Riceboro

#### STAFF/GVT/Other:

Jeff Ricketson	HAMPO/LCPC
Justin Dammons	RS&H, LCPC

#### VACANT SEATS:

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2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for March 10, 2022.**

- **A motion was made by Tim Byler to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Curles Butler. The motion passed unanimously.**

3) **New Business:**

- a) **FY 2023 UPWP Amendment #1 (Action: Recommend for Adoption).** Justin stated that the UPWP is updated annually and informed the committee of our progress schedule. Jeff explained the previous actions. This amendment introduces a new UPWP task line item, 4.14 Complete Streets Program.

**A motion was made by Tim Byler to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the amended FY 2023 UPWP with any pending comments incorporated. The motion was seconded by Ron Collins. The motion passed unanimously.**

- b) **FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #1 (Action: Recommended for Adoption).**

Two changes have been drafted to the FY 2021-2024 TIP. Per the request of Liberty Transit, the TIP has been amended to reflect funding updates. Per the request of GDOT, the TIP has been amended to include funding from the IIJA/BIL for a carbon reduction program. On March 31, 2022 the GDOT Office of Planning made a request to include new funding in the FY 2021-24 TIP. This new funding source is for Carbon Reduction Policies and Programming. The amount subject to change is a preliminary estimate. The amendment was released for a 30-day public comment period on April 15, 2022 with PC approval and no comments were received.

**A motion was made by Curles Butler to recommend to the PC to adopt the amended 2021-2024 TIP with any pending comments incorporated. The motion was seconded by Ron Collins. The motion was unanimous in favor.**

- c) **HAMPO Public Participation Plan Amendment (Action: Recommend for Adoption).** Justin stated that HAMPO has updated the PPP on guidance received from GDOT during the HAMPO certification report process. The public comment period for the TIP was adjusted from 30 days to 15 days.

**A motion was made by Ron Collins to recommend that the PC adopt the amended HAMPO PPP. The motion was seconded by Tim Byler. The motion was unanimous in favor.**

4) **STATUS UPDATES**

- a. **Project Update: Justin.**

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119 Right of Way (ROW) has acquired 37 of 65 parcels. The reason for the additions of parcels is we acquired some remnants. This is 56% completed and the expected date for ROW acquisition is August.

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. Awarded on May 6, 2022.

**b. Transit Update: Justin.**

Justin Dammons with RS&H stated that there have been no accidents or employee injuries during the previous quarter. There have been no injuries since November 2020. Still in process of purchasing new vehicles and may be limited to only one due to costs and lack of inventory. Ridership updates are up since July 2021. The systemwide trips have rebounded over previous levels for the past two months. Total trips decreased by only two.

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

**d. Administrative Updates:**

**E.G. Miles Pkwy Special PL Study Update.** Justin gave an update on the E.G. Miles Parkway Special Study. Justin went over the project schedule. Currently we are in the stakeholder/public involvement phase. A second public meeting is at 6 PM today. The traffic analysis is still ongoing. The next steps will be complete traffic analysis, continue stakeholder and public involvement and develop recommendations and cost estimates.

**GAMPO Spring 2022 Meeting Update.** Justin gave this update and stated that on March 28, 2022 the Georgia Association of MPOs held their Spring 2022 meeting. The topics included were US 2021-billion-dollar weather and climate disasters, safety performance targets, US Census data, UZA updates, MPO plan, travel demand modeling schedule, joint agency data acquisition and management program, climate and transportation resilience, infrastructure investments and jobs act, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and carbon reduction program.

**Safe Streets and Roads for all (SS4A) Grant Opportunity.** Justin stated that the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) will provide \$5-6 Billion in grants over the next five years. This funding can be used to support regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Expected release of Notice of funding Opportunity will be in May 2022.

Jeff stated that the TCC asked the staff to bring back a proposal for the next round of meetings to be able to take advantage of these grants.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATE.** Jeff reminded the committee of the public hearing in the Annex at 6 PM. Tim Byler stated that people are complaining about the rapid deterioration of Old Sunbury Road in Flemington. There are still bits and pieces of the last accident laying in the area of McLarrys curve. The curb needs to be repaired. Jeff stated that once Gulick is resurfaced in the next year then Old Sunbury will be taken into the State system and will get resurfaced. Phil Odom stated that between McIntosh Mountain and Midway he has witnessed three rear end accidents and wanted to know if there is enough to warrant a traffic study. Marcello stated that there are lighting issues on E.G. Miles Pkwy. from Arlington Drive to the Hinesville Pharmacy.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:** None.

7) **SCHEDULE:**

- The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2022.

8) **ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned. **Motion made by Curles Butler and seconded by Ron Collins. Unanimous in favor.**

APPROVED:

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Phil Odom, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC