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HAMPO TCC MINUTES: May 12, 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 May 12, 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, Kenny Howard, Mayor Hawkins, Dr. Perry, Katie Proctor, Pearlie Axson, Ben Morrow, Paul Simonton, Tom Caiafa, Trent Long and Emma Frost.

Members Absent: Mayor Willis, Mayor Strickland, Ron Tolley, Clemontine Washington, Mayor Stacy, Robert Parker, and Mayor Baker.

Non-Voting Members Present: Karen Randolph

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

Participating: Phil Odom, Arnold Jackson, Robby Caudill, Wycoda Wang

Staff Present: Justin Dammons, Kelly Wiggins, Vishanya Forbes, Shaleese Pitterson,

Public: None.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Trent Long made the motion to approve the March 10, 2022 minutes, seconded by Pearlie Axson 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 37 of 65 parcels. The reason for the additions of parcels is we acquired some remnants. This is 56% completed and FFPR anticipated in August.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project; environmental and preliminary plans are in progress. Working towards PIOH and PFPR.

Sr 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. First task order for concept was submitted in April. Waiting on NTP. Mr. Simonton stated several intersection improvements that were planned under T-SPLOST that we are trying to get incorporated and cannot until some progress

is made at least for the intersections. Is there concept available. Katie stated that is what the NTP is for, so they can make the schedule.

Active: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction. The project was LET in January. Waiting on NTP.

Signing, pavement marking upgrades, shoulder rehab on various CRs on 16 different roads let in September. Waiting on a start date.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement; It Re-LET in April and was awarded on May 6, 2022. Jeff asked if there was a status update for the bridge at Retreat Road. Trent stated that he talked to Troy Pittman, and he said it was getting ready to go out for bid.

b. Transit Update: Justin Dammons and Ryan Arnold

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.

Ryan Arnold stated that Ford is no longer taking orders on this type through 2023. Looking at different options. The Busby Road sidewalk will start Monday and be completed by June 15, 2022.

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. Joey asked if this information could be shared with the TCC before it goes to the PC. Jeff stated that we can schedule a presentation at the July meeting. Joey stated that he would like to see it before it goes to PC. Jeff will arrange a meeting for this.

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. Mr. Simonton asked if this will now be incorporated into every project that receives GDOT funding. Vishanya stated that this is all new information, and it was rolled out to inform that if there is a project that concerns these you can apply for grants for it. Its an opportunity not a mandate.

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. Jeff informed Kenny that he would take a look at this and see if there is opportunity for us. Vishanya stated that they also encourage joint applications. Expected release of Notice of Funding Opportunity will be in May 2022.

4) **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 Kenny Howard to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the amended FY 2023 UPWP with any pending comments incorporated. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hawkins. 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 IJJA/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 Paul Simonton to recommend to the PC to adopt the amended 2021-2024 TIP with any pending comments incorporated. The motion was seconded by Kenny Howard. The motion was unanimous in favor.

The next steps for submitting would be for CAC to recommend adoption by the PC on May 12 meeting and the PC to adopt at Special-called May 26 meeting.

- 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 Trent Long to recommend that the PC adopt the amended HAMPO PPP. The motion was seconded by Paul Simonton. The motion was unanimous in favor.

- 5) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATES:** Joey updated the committee on the safety enhancement plan along the Exit 76 corridor. Jeff gave an update on the Water Resource Committee that met yesterday.

- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- 7) **SCHEDULE:** The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2022.
- 8) **ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Trent Long and seconded by Jeff Ricketson to adjourn.

APPROVED:

Joey Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC