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HAMPO CAC MINUTES: September 8, 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 September 8, 2022.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Phil Odom called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was not present. Introductions were made.

INTRODUCTIONS:

PRESENT

Phil Odom, Chairman	Gum Branch
Marcello Page-Vice-Chair	Hinesville
Tim Byler	Flemington
Bob Dodd	Walthourville
Cassidy Collins	Hinesville
Marcie Hamilton	Liberty County

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

Curles Butler	Hinesville
Jimmy Shanken	Long County
Terry Fortson	Midway
Elaine Moore	Hinesville
Emmanuel Joyner	Riceboro
Ron Collins	GSU
Ernest Brown	Liberty County
Julian Jones	Liberty County

STAFF/GVT/Other:

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

Kelly Wiggins	LCPC
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VACANT SEATS:

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2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for May 12, 2022.**

- **A motion was made by Tim Byler to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2022 meeting with a correction to attendance. 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 75% of the parcels.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project; environmental is ongoing. A virtual public information is live and open for comment until July 29th.

Sr 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. Waiting NTP for concept development, anticipated in August.

Jeff stated that GDOT is advertising for comment on the Peacock Creek bridge.

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

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. Has started but has not made the reports yet.

Milling, inlay and plant mix, resurfacing and shoulder rehab on SR 19 beginning N of Airport Rd and extending S of Sr 144 has been authorized.

b. Transit Update: Rachel.

Rachel stated that the sidewalk project on Busby Road in Walthourville has been completed. The transit agency is still in the process of purchasing vehicles. Ridership updates are up since July 2021. The systemwide trips per revenue service hours ratio is higher in June. Total trips increased from June 2021 to July 2022 by 99 trips.

Rachel stated that Ryan Arnold informed us that they are about to wrap up the solicitation process for a five year on-call consulting contract. They are waiting on award contract.

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

d. Administrative Updates: Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program. Rachel stated that the program was established through the BIL in 2021 and provides \$1 billion over the next five years. Funding is available for projects designed to reconnect communities that have been cut off from

opportunities by transportation infrastructure. There are two types of grants: planning grants and capital construction grants. Funding split for planning grants is 80/20; federal split for capital is 50% but may be supplemented with other federal funding sources for a total of 80% with a minimum 20% local match. Rachel went over eligible applicants and planning activities along with the project criteria. Applications for grants are due by October 13, 2022 and USDOT encourages joint applications from place-based partnerships headed by a lead applicant.

2022 Fall GAMPO Special PL Funding Meeting. Rachel stated that the next rounds of GAMPO Special PL funding application are due in September 2022 and March 2023. Funding is for planning only and cannot be used for PE, ROW, UTL or CST phases of projects. Funding split is 80% Federal and 20% Local with no minimum or maximum award size. Projects must be reflected in the HAMPO UPWP. Proposed projects must go through two cycles of MPO meetings prior to submittal. Proposed projects must support the HAMPO MTP. Rachel went over the GAMPO funding timeline and the project schedule.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. E.G. Miles Parkway Study Update (Information Item). Rachel went through the slides presented by Atlas Consulting at the TCC meeting. Whitney Sheppard with the Atlas firm went over the stakeholder and public involvement meetings and issues. Tim Byler suggested that a warning signal or sign be placed at the intersection of the Hospital.

b. FY 2024 TIP UPWP Kick-off (Information Item). Rachel gave FY 2022 highlights to the TCC.

Amended FY 2021 – 2024 TIP to bring in new funding from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Adopted FY 2023 UPWP, completed updates of PPP to include streamlined TIP public engagement process, began work on E.G. Miles Parkway Study, welcomed new CAC members and began efforts to fill all vacancies

FY 2023 summary of activities. Review and update Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), support local, state, and federal efforts to enhance multimodal accessibility and safety, perform equity analysis and participate in Urban Area Boundary smoothing and Urban Planning Area delineation following 2020 US Census Data release, develop Complete Streets Prioritization Plan. Rachel also went over the FY 2024 areas of emphasis.

c. FY 2024 GDOT 5303 Grant Application (Action Item). Rachel stated that HAMPO annual formula funding includes both PL and 5303 funds. Staff has initiated FY 2024 5303 Application including the following active line items: Administration, short range planning, long range planning and TIP.

A motion was made by Bob Dodd to recommend that the PC approve of FY 2024 5303 application resolution. The motion was seconded by Curles Butler. The motion was unanimous in favor.

- d. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Opportunity.** Rachel stated that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program that 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.

Action Plan Grant example activities: Leadership commitment and goal setting that includes a goal timeline for eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Planning structure through a committee, task force, implementation group, or similar body charged with oversight of the Action Plan development, implementation, and monitoring. Safety analysis of the existing conditions and historical trends that provides a baseline level of crashes involving fatalities and serious injuries across a jurisdiction, locality, Tribe, or region. Engagement and collaboration with the public and relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and community groups, that allows for both community representation and feedback. Equity considerations developed through a plan using inclusive and representative processes. Policy and process changes that assess the current policies, plans, guidelines, and/or standards to identify opportunities to improve how processes prioritize transportation safety.

A motion was made by Tim Byler to recommend PC approval of Safe Streets and Roads for ALL Grant Application Resolution. The motion was seconded by Marcello Page. The motion was unanimous in favor.

5) OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATE.

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION. Tim Byler stated that there is a ton a pedestrian traffic coming from Liberty County High School to the new neighborhood. Phil stated they have a contract to build the sidewalk there in Flemington.

7) SCHEDULE.

- The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2022.

8) ADJOURN.

Motion made by Tim Byler and seconded by Curles Butler. Unanimous in favor.

APPROVED:

Phil Odom, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC