



Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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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
Justin Dammons	RS&H, LCPC
Kelly Wiggins	LCPC

VACANT SEATS:

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2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for July 14, 2022. NO QUORUM.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

a. Project Update: Rachel

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119 Right of Way (ROW) has acquired 78% of the parcels.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project; environmental is ongoing. The next milestone is PFPR. Anticipated in October.

Sr 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. Waiting NTP for concept development, anticipated in August. Rachel stated that the TCC asked contact with GDOT to find out what is causing this delay on this project.

Active: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction. The work has begun on intersection improvements.

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 119 beginning N of Airport Rd and extending S of Sr 144 has been authorized awaiting NTP.

b. Transit Update: Justin.

Justin stated that the transit updates look similar to previous meeting because there was not a lot of new information to report due to the way the meetings fell. The sidewalk infrastructure project in Walthourville is complete. The purchase of new vehicles for transit continues to be a challenge. Rachel stated that they are in the final stages of contract negotiations for selecting the 5 year on call transit planning support. Transit Development Plan will be initiated Summer/Fall 2022. Year over year paratransit has decreased for second straight month. Systemwide trips per revenue service hours ratio is lower in in August. Route 1 increased ridership by 47% and routes 2 and 3 decreased by 29% and 9%. Total trips decreased form August 2021 to August 2022 by 57 trips.

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

d. Administrative Updates:

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. Last month the Policy Committee directed staff to prepare an application for an Action Plan. Staff

developed an application for the minimum funding award total of \$200,000.00, (20% local match) with LCPC as the local sponsor. TCC and CAC recommended approval. PC approved Grant Application Resolution with 20% local match. The next step is HAMPO staff will finalize and submit application by September 15, 2022.

GAMPO Special PL Funding Schedule. Justin stated that the next rounds of GAMPO Special PL funding application are due in March of 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 2045 MTP. Justin asked the committee members to complete the comment log and get those back to RS&H by the end of this month.

FY 2024 UPWP Request for Feedback. Justin went over the summary of anticipated activities. Review and update Memorandum of Understanding. Support local, state and federal efforts to enhance multimodal accessibility and safety. Perform Equity Analysis and participate in Urban Area Boundary smoothing.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **E.G. Miles Parkway Study Update (Action Item).** Justin stated the consultant team completed technical assessments. Public and Stakeholder outreach was completed, including MPO Committee presentations. Recommendations were developed and incorporated into report document. HAMPO committees received consultant presentation and provided feedback on recommendations at the July/August meetings. The next step is to have HAMPO CAC adopt recommendations and final report but there is no quorum present. Jeff stated that he sent the CAC a copy of the study. At the TCC meeting today there was discussion by the City of Hinesville stating that they were not happy that a traffic circle was not included at the intersection of Public Works and Deal Street. There will be a meeting next week with the City of Hinesville representatives and the consultants to discuss this matter. However, neither GDOT nor Atlas recommend a traffic circle at this location.
- b. **Bicycle Pedestrian Plan Update (Information Item).** Rachel went over the HAMPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. It was last updated in 2013. The FY 2022 UPWP contained planning funds to develop an update to the Bike & Ped Plan. The plan update will be completed in conjunction with developing a Complete Streets Prioritization Plan. The Complete Streets Prioritization Plan is a task under the current FY 2023 UPWP. The previous actions include review of existing plans and documents. The draft Title VI analysis has been completed. Existing conditions technical memo has been completed along with public and stakeholder outreach completed. The next steps will be drafting a document to be circulated to committee members and oversight agencies for comment. Action will be taken to release for 30-day public comment period and the anticipated project completion date is October 31, 2022.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATE:** Jeff advised the CAC about the LCBOC request to amend the Comprehensive Plan for the East End Industrial development. Look for upcoming public meetings to be held for the Comprehensive Plan.

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

7) **SCHEDULE.**

- The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2022.

8) **ADJOURN.**

APPROVED:

Phil Odom, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC