



# Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

100 Main Street, Suite 7520 Hinesville, Georgia 31313  
Phone: 912-408-2030

Chairman Donald Lovette, Policy Committee Chair

Jeff Ricketson, AICP, Director

## HAMPO PC MINUTES: October 13, 2022

The Policy Committee (PC) on Transportation met in person and via ZOOM at 9:00 AM on October 13, 2022.

### 1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Chairman Lovette called the meeting to order.
- Introductions were made.

### INTRODUCTIONS:

#### Voting Members Present

Chairman Donald Lovette, LCBOC  
Mayor Paul Hawkins, Flemington  
Gary Gilliard, LCBOC  
Lily Baker, LCBOE  
Vicky Nelson, Hinesville City Council  
Mayor Pro Tem Axson, Riceboro  
Melissa Ray, LCDA  
Lynn Pace, LCPC PC

#### Voting Members Absent

Mayor Richard Strickland, Gum Branch  
Mayor James Willis, Allenhurst  
Robert Parker, Long County BOC Chairman  
Mayor Allen Brown, Hinesville  
Radney Simpson, GDOT

#### Non-Voting Present

Jeff Ricketson, LCPC Director  
Joey Brown, LC Administrator  
Kenny Howard, Hinesville, City Manager  
Wykota Wang  
Phil Odom, CAC Chairman

#### Non-Voting Absent

Mel Meleka

#### Participating

Rachel Hatcher, RS&H, LCPC  
Trent Long, County Engineer  
Joe Longo, FHWA  
Katie Proctor, GDOT  
Todd Long, Atlas  
LN Manchi, Atlas  
Robinson Nicol, Atlas  
Paul Simonton, City of Hinesville  
Maggie Wright, LCPC  
Patty Leon, Coastal Courier

### 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Chairman Lovette asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2022 meeting. Lily Baker made a motion. Gary Gilliard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3) STATUS UPDATES

- a. Project Status Update: Katie Proctor.

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119; 78% of ROW acquired, 53 of 69 properties; in FFPR.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project; preliminary plans and environmental is ongoing. PFPR request is anticipated in October.

SR9838/US84 from Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail median project; awaiting NTP from concept development. This project is behind schedule. A project manager has been assigned and is working on schedule.

**Active Projects:** SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road; anticipated completion date is now summer of 2023.

Signing, Pavement marking upgrades, shoulder rehab on various roads was awarded in October. Expected completion fall of 2022. No new update.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement. Awarded in May. Expect NTP by October.

Milling, Inlay, and Plant Mix, Resurfacing and shoulder rehab on SR 119 from Airport Road to S. of SR 144. Awarded in June and received NTP in August. Awarded to APAC Atlantic.

Jeff asked if there would be a detour for the Taylors Creek replacement. Paul Simonton stated there will be a temporary bridge for detour.

**b. Liberty Transit Update: Rachel Hatcher**

Rachel with RS&H stated that service was suspended on Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup> through Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> due to Hurricane Ian predictions. Paratransit ridership is lower than the previous year. Systemwide trips per revenue service hours ratio is higher in September. Route 1 increased ridership by 18%, and routes 2 and 3 decreased by 3% and 7%, respectfully. Total trips increased from Sept. 2021 to Sept. 2022 by 93 trips.

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

**d. HAMPO Administrative Updates:**

**GAMPO Spring 2023.** Next rounds of GAMPO Special PL funding applications are due in 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 2045 MTP. The next steps are to complete local call for projects through FY 24 UPWP process; 2050 MTP and Freight Plan Update. Draft GAMPO applications for candidate projects, confirm local match and secure resolution. Submit

applications for GDOT and FHWA concurrence with expected HAMPO action anticipated for December 2022. Rachel went over the schedule and timeline with the members.

Kenny Howard asked if this will be coordinated with the TCC? Rachel stated yes. Kenny asked if cost would be associated with it. Rachel stated yes.

**HAMPO FY 2024 UPWP.** Rachel stated that committee members provided feedback via FY 2024 Comment Log. Closed out September 30, 2022. The next steps include upon completion, draft documents will be circulated to committee members and oversight agencies for comment. Action will be taken to release for 30-day public comment period. Final draft will be presented for approval in March/April meeting cycle. Rachel went over the timeline with the committee.

**Safe Streets and Roads for all (SS4A) Grant Application.** Rachel 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. **Previous Action:** HAMPO 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, with 20% local match with LCPC as local sponsor. TCC and CAC recommended approval recommended Action. The next step is to award selections anticipated to be released January 2023.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **E.G. Miles Parkway Study Update. (Action Item)**

Robinson Nicol of Atlas Consulting gave a final overview for the study. Robinson went over the recommendations and findings.

Kenny Howard expressed the city's desire to keep the traffic circle at the ESG/Deal Street intersection, even though ATLAS recommends an RCUT design.

**A motion was made by Lily Baker to accept the recommendations for the E.G. Miles Parkway Corridor Study and adopt the plan. The motion was seconded by Gary Gilliard**

b. **Bicycle Pedestrian Study Update (information Item).** Rachel stated the HAMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was last updated in 2013. The FY 2022 UPWP contained planning funds to develop an update to the Bike and Ped Plan. The plan update will be completed in conjunction with developing complete Streets Prioritization Plan. The Complete Streets Prioritization Plan is a task under the current FY 2023 UPWP. The study goals include identification bike and pedestrian infrastructure needs. Creation of connected bike and pedestrian corridors. Creation of safe walking and bicycling facilities. Encouragement of biking and walking and reduce bicycle and pedestrian crashes. Rachel stated there is an interactive wikimapping exercise on the website that can be used to provide feedback regarding bicycle and pedestrian-related issues in the HAMPO region. Previous Actions: Developed Draft Goals. Created public survey and interactive mapping exercise, presented study update at the Countywide Retreat. Next steps include conducting public and stakeholder meetings, finalizing technical report and sending oversight agencies and committee members for feedback. Action will be

taken to release for 30-day public comment period. And the anticipated project completion date is December 2022

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

a. **Agency Updates:** Jeff stated that the LCPC will host a community planning meeting at the Dorchester Village Civic Center for the Comprehensive Plan Update on October 27 at 6 PM. Lily Baker stated that the school system has voted to reduce the millage rate. Joe Longo with GDOT gave a couple of updates.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mayor Pro Tem Axson stated she is happy to announce that Riceboro is hosting the groundbreaking for Dollar General today.

7) **SCHEDULE:** Next regularly scheduled PC meeting will be December 8, 2022.

8) **ADJOURN: A motion was made by Paul Hawkins and seconded by Gary Gilliard. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

APPROVED:

---

Donald Lovette, Chairman

ATTEST:

---

Jeff Ricketson