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HAMPO CAC MINUTES: December 1, 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 present. Introductions were made.

INTRODUCTIONS:

PRESENT

Phil Odom, Chairman	Gum Branch
Marcello Page-Vice-Chair	Hinesville
Bob Dodd	Walthourville
Cassidy Collins	Hinesville
Marcie Hamilton	Liberty County
Ron Collins	GSU
Emmanuel Joyner	Riceboro
Julian Jones	Liberty County
Ernest Brown	Liberty County
Curles Butler	Hinesville

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

Jimmy Shanken	Long County
Terry Fortson	Midway
Elaine Moore	Hinesville
Tim Byler	Flemington

STAFF/GVT/Other:

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

VACANT SEATS:

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- 2) **Approval of minutes for July 14, 2022. Motion made by Cassidy Collins, seconded by Ron Collins. Passed unanimously.**
Approval of minutes for September 8, 2022. NO QUORUM, Accepted.

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

a. Project Update: Rachel

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119 Right of Way (ROW) has acquired 88% 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 submittal, anticipated in August. Rachel stated that the TCC asked contact with GDOT to find out what is causing this delay on this project. Rachel stated that GDOT has reached out to Phil Odom for information on historical properties.

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: Rachel.

Rachel stated that the transit updates look similar to previous meeting. Service was suspended on Thursday, September 29th at 2:30 PM through Friday, September 30th due to Hurricane Ian predictions. Transit Development Plan has been initiated. And we have successfully submitted 5307 grant application. Paratransit ridership is lower than the previous year. Systemwide trips per revenue service hours ration is higher in October. Routes 1 and 3 increased ridership by 32% and 114%, and Route 2 decreased by 9.2%. Total trips increased from October 2021 to October 2022.

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

d. Administrative Updates:

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

E.G. Miles Parkway Corridor Study. Rachel stated that on September 8th the TCC and CAC took action to recommend PC approval (with condition that sub-committee convene to review Deal Street recommendations.) September 16th the sub-committee convened and provided direction to consultant firm for final recommendations. On October 13th the PC accepted study and endorsed recommendations. The next steps include the final report and appendices will be transmitted electronically to partner agencies and placed on the MPO website. The projects will be incorporated into 2050 MTP and funding partners will be identified with meetings established to advance projects. Curles asked what the two suggestions were. Rachel stated one was a traffic circle and the other was an R-cut.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Study Status Update. Rachel gave update. The HAMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was last updated in 2013. The FY 2022 UPWP contained planning funds to develop and update to the Bike and 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. Rachel stated that the HAMPO staff participated in the Scarecrow Stroll on Friday, October 28th and had over 900 attendees visiting our booth. 756 participated in an exercise to determine bicycle and pedestrian priorities for the region. The responses were collected by category: safety-326, connectivity-85, equity-166, activity-179. Rachel stated that we did have an increase in the responses to the wikimapping. Rachel asked for the committee to participate in the wikimapping exercise. It will be up until the end of December. The previous actions listed are the launching of the public survey and interactive mapping exercise, presented update at countywide retreat, attended scarecrow stroll and finalized draft technical report. The next steps include conducting additional public and stakeholder meetings, sending technical report to oversight agencies and committee members for feedback, 30-day public comment period and the anticipated project completion date is December 2022.

Upcoming Election of Officers. Rachel stated that the officers will need to be elected at the first meeting in 2023.

4) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Draft FY 2024 UPWP (Action: Release for 30 Day Comment).** MPO planning priorities and work efforts include planning activities, expected costs and one-year timeframe. Compliant with federally prescribed activities with GDOT oversight. Fiscally constrained by federal, state, and local funding from July 1-June 30. It is updated annually. Rachel stated the FY 2024 budgets have not been released. The areas of emphasis will be MTP Plan Update, Freight Planning and Land Use Monitoring. Previous action was staff solicited feedback from committee members.

A motion was made by Bob Dodd to recommend that the Policy Committee release the Draft FY 2024 UPWP for 30-day public comment period. Curles Butler seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

- b. **GAMPO Special PL Grant Application.** Rachel gave the background: Federal Planning (PL) formula funds not utilized by Georgia MPOs aggregated into a discretionary account administered by GDOT. GAMPO comprised 16 Georgia MPOs serve as decision-making board for the dispersal of these funds. GAMPO issues two grant application submittal opportunities each year (September and March). Funding available for transportation planning projects and cannot be applied to PE,

ROW, UTL or CST. HAMPO funded the 2045 MTP, Freight Study, and E.G. Miles Pkwy with this grant source. Milestone actions are required for eligibility in the March 2023 grant cycle. CAC, TCC, and PC approval needed to submit. PC signed Resolution. Local 20% match funding commitment. Updated UPWP(s) incorporating the project.

A motion was made by Curles Butler to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the HAMPO 2050 MTP Special PI Funding Application for submittal to GAMPO. Marcello Page seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

c. HAMPO 2023 Committee Meeting Calendar.

A motion was made by Bob Dodd to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the 2023 HAMPO Committee Calendar. Curles Butler seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

- 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 January 12, 2023.
- 8) **ADJOURN. A motion was made by Bob Dodd to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Curles Butler, and all voted in favor.**

APPROVED:

Phil Odom, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC