



# Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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## HAMPO TCC MINUTES: December 1, 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 December 1, 2022.

### 1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Joey Brown called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** No introductions were made.

**Members Present:** Joey Brown, Larry Logan, Pearlie Axson, Trent Long, Emma Frost, Larry Baker, Kenny Howard, Ben Morrow, Clemontine Washington, Dr. Franklin Perry, and Jeff Ricketson

**Members Absent:** Mayor Strickland, Ron Tolley, Robert Parker, Paul Simonton Katie Proctor, Mayor Willis, and Ned Green.

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Joseph Longo, Karen Randolph

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

**Participating:** Phil Odom.

**Staff Present:** Justin Dammons, Rachel Hatcher, Kelly Wiggins, Temperance West.

**Public:** None.

### 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Ben Morrow made the motion to approve the September 8, 2022 minutes, seconded by Larry Baker and all voted in favor.**

### 3) STATUS UPDATES

- a. **Project Update:** Rachel stated that there have not been any updates since last meeting. Trent stated that he spoke with the GDOT Engineer about the bridge over the Peacock Canal and environmental is ongoing.

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119 Right of Way (ROW) has acquired 88% of the parcels. (60 of 68 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.

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

The various projects throughout Liberty County; pavement marking upgrades, shoulder rehab on various CRs has reported 52% complete.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement; It Re-LET in April and was awarded on May 6, 2022. Construction has started but no reports yet.

Milling and resurfacing SR 119 from and extending to S of SR 144 N of Airport Road: was awarded in June and currently awaiting NTP. Jeff asked if that includes paving the road through Ft. Stewart. Katie stated yes.

Jeff stated that the LCPC received a letter from GDOT. They are conducting an inventory of historical resources along the safety project from Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail. Phil and the Historical Society are working on getting that information to GDOT.

- b. **Transit Update: Rachel Hatcher.** Rachel stated that the transit updates look similar to previous meeting. Service was suspended on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM through Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 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 hour ratio 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.

Ryan Arnold introduced Temperance West. She is the new grant writer for the City of Hinesville. Ryan stated the purchase order for two new buses has been submitted and they should be here by April 2023. Ryan also stated that they have installed 8 new bus shelters and the shelters also have solar powered lights in them as well as trash bins.

- 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 8<sup>th</sup> the TCC and CAC took action to recommend PC approval with condition that subcommittee convene to review Deal Street recommendations: September 16<sup>th</sup> the sub-committee convened and provided direction to consultant tram for final recommendations. On October 13<sup>th</sup> the PC accepted study and endorsed recommendations. The next steps are for 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.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Kenny Howard to recommend that the Policy Committee release the Draft FY 2024 UPWP for 30-day public comment period. Larry Logan 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 are 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, the 2017 Freight Study, and the 2022 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.

**Previous Discussion and Action.** Committee discussed submitting the upcoming HAMPO 2050 MTP as a Special PL funding application in July and September meetings. PC directed staff to

prepare a GAMPO Special PL funding grant application. Develop GAMPO Special PL application for submittal. Develop draft scope and fee for review. Develop authorizing resolution for HAMPO PC and 20% funding commitment resolution. Develop 2024 UPWP to include this project description and funding.

**A motion was made by Kenny Howard to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the HAMPO 2050 MTP Special PI Funding Application for submittal to GAMPO. Jeff Ricketson seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.**

c) **HAMPO 2023 Committee Meeting Calendar.**

**A motion was made by Clemontine Washington to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the 2023 HAMPO Committee Calendar. Jeff Ricketson seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.**

- 5) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATES:** None.
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- 7) **SCHEDULE:** The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2023.
- 8) **ADJOURN:** Motion by Jeff Ricketson to adjourn. Seconded by Larry Logan. All voted in favor.

APPROVED:

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Joey Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC