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HAMPO PC MINUTES: February 9, 2023

The Policy Committee (PC) on Transportation met in person and via ZOOM at 9:00 AM on February 9, 2023.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Vice-Chairman Washington called the meeting to order.
- Introductions were made.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Voting Members Present

Mayor Paul Hawkins, Flemington
Gary Gilliard, LCBOC
Verdell Jones, LCBOE
Mayor Pro Tem Pearlle Axson, Riceboro
Clemontine Washington, Vice-Chair
Lynn Pace, LCPC PC
Mayor Allen Brown, Hinesville
Melissa Ray, LCDA
Casey Langford, GDOT
Mayor James Willis, Allenhurst

Non-Voting Present

Jeff Ricketson, LCPC Director
Joey Brown, LC Administrator
Kenny Howard, Hinesville, City Manager
Emma Frost, Ft Stewart
Phil Odom, CAC Chairman

Non-Voting Absent

Voting Members Absent

Mayor Richard Strickland, Gum Branch
Robert Parker, Long County BOC Chairman
Mayor Larry Baker, Walthourville
Vicky Nelson, Hinesville City Council
Chairman Donald Lovette, LCBOC

Participating

Rachel Hatcher, RS&H, LCPC
Jeff Ricketson, LCPC
Trent Long, County Engineer
Joe Longo, FHWA
Katie Proctor, GDOT
Paul Simonton, City Engineer
Louise Brown, City of Riceboro
Justin Dammons, RS&H

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Vice-Chairperson Washington asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2022 meeting. Gary Gilliard made a motion. Verdell Jones 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; ROW ongoing. 89% acquired.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project; preliminary plans and environmental is ongoing. Still trying to get PFPR scheduled.

SR 38/US84 from Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail median project; concept layout is under development. Kick off meeting was held in October and layout is under development.

SR 38/US 82 at Doctors Creek 3 miles East of Ludowici. Corrected FFPR is anticipated in May and LET in September.

Active Projects: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road; work is progressing.

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. Working on mile 4 and expected to wrap up this month.

Milling, Inlay, and Plant Mix, Resurfacing and shoulder rehab on SR 119 from Airport Road to S. of SR 144. APAC Atlantic began work on 11-28.

Allen Brown asked when the median project will start. Katie stated that the concept layout is still under development. The baseline year is 2027.

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

Rachel stated that they are still anticipating the new buses to be delivered on 4-1-23. The evaluation of services and contracts began first quarter of 2023 and Transit Development Plan is underway. Rachel stated that paratransit ridership has been a little lower. Systemwide trips has been higher for the past 5 months.

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

d. **HAMPO Administrative Updates:**

Draft FY 2024 UPWP Status Update. Rachel stated that the previous HAMPO meeting a 30-day public comment period was recommended to the Policy Committee. We did receive comments from Federal Highway and GDOT and we are incorporating that into the draft. Those will be presented at next meeting for action.

Spring 2023 GAMPO Special PL Application Status Update. Rachel stated that we do have an application that was approved by the Policy Committee that has been submitted for Federal and State comment. We did receive some comments back for some clarifications including updating the application to include a schedule. We will update that to include those comments and resubmit it in March and action will be taken by the GAMPO committee at the end of March.

SS4A Award Notification. Rachel stated HAMPO was awarded an Action Plan grant from the Safe Streets 4 All Grant program. The total fund amount is \$200,000.00. The federal share is \$160,000.00 and local share is \$40,000.00. An RFP will be released later this year. The grant award was for development of a Safety Action Plan, and this allows HAMPO to be eligible to apply for an Implementation Grant. Training is required and Rachel will be attending that training before any funds can be used.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Calendar Year 2023 Performance Measures.** Rachel stated the report was included in the email and encouraged the committee to read the report. Rachel stated that GDOT's Safety Performance Targets are used to help improve data, foster transparency and accountability, and allow safety progress to be tracked at the national and state level. They measure if a state has met, or made significant progress, in meeting the performance targets. GDOT developed Recommended Performance targets as follows: Using a weighted rolling five-year average, available data sources include Fatality Analysis Reporting System and Georgia Electronic Accident reporting System that includes the following: number of fatalities, rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicles miles traveled, number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicles miles traveled and number of non-motorized fatalities and number of non-motorized serious injuries. She presented a chart demonstrating general highway safety trends.

- Number of fatalities 1,680.0- to maintain traffic fatalities under the projected 1690 by 2023.
- Number of serious injuries 8,966.0- to maintain the 5-year moving average serious traffic injuries under the projected 24,094 5-year average by December 2022
- Fatality rate 1/26-to maintain traffic fatalities per 100MVMT under the projected 1.36 by 2023.
- Serious injury rate 7.679-to maintain serious injuries in traffic crashes per 100 MVMT under the projected 7.679 by 2023.
- Total number of non-motorized serious injuries and fatalities under the projected 802 by 2023.

HAMPO 2045 MTP Administrative Modification #2 to include 2023 Safety Performance Measures and HAMPO 2021-2024 TIP Administrative Modification #3 to include 2023 Safety Performance Measures.

A motion was made by Allen Brown to recommend adoption, by resolution, of calendar year 2023 Safety Performance Management Targets as approved by GDOT. The motion was seconded by Gary Gilliard, and all voted in favor.

b) **2023 Election of Officers.**

Vice-Chairperson Washington stated that at our last meeting a nominating committee was appointed to elect officers. Gary Gilliard reported that the nominating committee met and nominated Chairman Donald Lovette to be the Chairperson. **A motion was made by Paul Hawkins to elect Donald Lovette and the motion was seconded by Verdell Jones and all voted in favor.**

Gary Gilliard reported that the nominating committee recommended that Vice-Chairperson Washington be nominated to serve as Vice-Chair. **The motion was made by Verdell Jones, seconded by Pearlie Axson, and all voted in favor.**

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

a. **Agency Updates:** Joe Longo gave an update.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

7) **SCHEDULE:** Next regularly scheduled PC meeting will be April 13, 2023.

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

APPROVED:

Donald Lovette, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson