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HAMPO TCC MINUTES: March 9, 2023

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 March 9, 2023.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

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

INTRODUCTIONS: Jeff Ricketson No introductions were made.

Members Present: Joey Brown, Emma Frost, Clemontine Washington, Arnold Jackson, James Willis, Pearlie Axson, Larry Logan, Paul Simonton, Robert Norby, Trent Long, Kenny Howard, and Jeff Ricketson.

Members Absent: Katie Proctor, Mayor Strickland, Robert Parker, Mayor Baker, Ron Tolley, Casey Langford/Robby Caudill, and Johnathan McLoyd.

Non-Voting Members Present: Joseph Longo, Karen Randolph

Non-Voting Members Absent: Allen Burns, Don Masisak, Robert Buckley, and John Lyles.

Participating: Phil Odom, Ryan Arnold, Candace Foster.

Staff Present: Justin Dammons, Rachel Hatcher, Kelly Wiggins, Vishanya Forbes.

Public: None.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Paul Simonton made the motion to approve the January 12, 2023 minutes, seconded by Jeff Ricketson and all voted in favor.**

3) STATUS UPDATES

- a. **Project Update:** Justin went over the updates to the preconstruction and active construction projects.

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119 Right of Way (ROW) has acquired 86% of the parcels. They have made all the offers for ROW. Next milestone is CFFPR. Joey stated it is due to LET in July of 2023. Jeff asked if everything is ready to go with utility relocation. Joey stated no, they are applying for earmark funds.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project; ROW authorization is anticipated in July.

SR 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. Awaiting concept submittal.

SR38/US 84@ Doctors Creek in Long County next milestone is corrected FFPR.

Active: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction. At 15%.

The various projects throughout Liberty County; pavement marking upgrades, shoulder rehab on various CRs has reported 70% complete.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement. At 2%.

Milling and resurfacing SR 119 from and extending to S of SR 144 N of Airport Road. At 4%.

b. **Transit Update: Justin Dammons.** Justin stated the new transit vehicle will arrive on April 1, 2023. Transit development plan is underway. Paratransit ridership has been lower than the previous years ridership since July 2022. Systemwide trips per revenue service hours ratio has been higher since September 2022. All three routes increased ridership in January by a total of 38%. Ryan Arnold stated they are still tracking for vehicles to be delivered. GDOT is holding \$ 460,000.00 funding for the next infrastructure project. We have placed a work order with our consultant to assist us in NEPA compliance. Then they will get the streets and sidewalks completed on a few more roads.

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

d. **Administrative Updates:**

SS4A Award Notification. Justin stated HAMPO was awarded an Action Plan grant from the Safe Streets for All Grant program. The total fund amount is \$200,000.00 with local share being \$40,000.00. An RFP will be released later this year. The grant award was for development of a Safety Action Plan. Having this Plan allows HAMPO to be eligible to apply for an Implementation Grant.

Spring 2023 GAMPO Special PL Application Status Update. Justin stated that the application was successfully submitted to GAMPO. After the GAMPO meeting this month, we will announce if we received funds at the next TCC meeting. Jeff stated that Chairman Lovette signed the application yesterday and it has been submitted to GDOT.

HAMPO 2020 Census Updated UZA. Justin stated that on December 29, 2022 the US Census Bureau released its tabular list of 2020 urban areas. The list and a description of the criteria used for determining urban areas in the 2020 decennial Census can be found on the link provided.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Draft FY 2024 UPWP. (Action).** Justin stated that the final UPWP was reviewed by CAC/TCC and recommended to HAMPO PC. The FY 2024 budgets have not been released. Later this month we received the Special PL funding and will be able to bring that into the work program (\$141,023.28). There was a 30 day public comment period that ended on January 14, 2023.

Comments received from oversight agencies were incorporated into the final draft and recorded in the UPWP comment log.

A motion was made by Trent Long to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the draft FY 2024 UPWP. The motion was seconded by Clemontine Washington, and all voted in favor.

- b) **GDOT Carbon Reduction Strategy Program.** GDOT consultant Candace Foster of Modern Mobility Partners presented information about carbon reduction. The purpose is to introduce MPOs to the CRS development process and obtain input and guidance on strategies that can work in your regional context. There will be an opportunity for feedback from MPOs to gain insight into the needs of our area.

Larry Logan asked if there would be some information on carbon testing. Candace stated she would get with Seth Hartley and bring back the information.

Candace stated the funds will be available to GDOT and portioned out to MPOs.

- 5) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATES:** Joe Longo with Federal Highway stated there would be two upcoming webinars and he will share the links. Joey Brown stated that the corridor access management plan for Exit 76 has been approved by the County and the City of Midway. The planning on the safety project for Islands Highway is waiting on the Commission and will be approximately an 18-month process to complete. The roundabout to be located at Barrington Ferry/ US 17 has been approved by GDOT. Clemontine Washington asked if 18-wheelers will be using the roundabout and stated that the new ones in Richmond Hill are being run over by the 18-wheelers. Joey stated that there will be more design meetings, and this could turn out to be a diamond type design.
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- 7) **SCHEDULE:** The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2023.
- 8) **ADJOURN:** **Motion by Jeff Ricketson to adjourn. Seconded by Larry Logan. All voted in favor.**

APPROVED:

Joey Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC