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HAMPO PC MINUTES: April 13, 2023

The Policy Committee (PC) on Transportation met in person and via ZOOM at 9:00 AM on April 13, 2023.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- The committee appointed Allen Brown to chair the meetings.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Voting Members Present

Mayor Paul Hawkins, Flemington
Gary Gilliard, LCBOC
Verdell Jones, LCBOE
Mayor Larry Baker, Walthourville
Clemontine Washington, Vice-Chair
Lynn Pace, LCPC PC
Mayor Allen Brown, Hinesville
Casey Langford, GDOT
Vicky Nelson, Hinesville City Council

Voting Members Absent

Mayor Richard Strickland, Gum Branch
Robert Parker, Long County BOC Chairman
Chairman Donald Lovette, LCBOC
Mayor Pro Tem Pearlle Axson, Riceboro
Melissa Ray, LCDA
Mayor James Willis, Allenhurst

Non-Voting Present

Jeff Ricketson, LCPC Director
Joey Brown, LC Administrator
Kenny Howard, Hinesville, City Manager
Emma Frost, Ft Stewart
Shawnae Johnson, GDOT Transit

Non-Voting Absent

Participating

Rachel Hatcher, RS&H, LCPC
Jeff Ricketson, LCPC
Katie Proctor, GDOT
Justin Dammons, RS&H
Maggie Wright, LCPC
Trent Long, County Engineer

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Nominated Chairman Allen Brown asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2023 meeting. Paul Hawkins 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; All parcels are closed with exception of the railroad as of yesterday. ROW will be certifying his week.

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

SR 38/US84 from Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail median project; Still in concept phase.

SR 38/US 82 at Doctors Creek 3 miles East of Ludowici. Corrected FFPR is anticipated in early April.

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. No new update.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement. Working on mile 4 and expected to wrap up this month. No new update.

Milling, Inlay, and Plant Mix, Resurfacing and shoulder rehab on SR 119 from Airport Road to S. of SR 144. Should be completed in May.

Jeff Ricketson asked if the bridge at Doctors Creek has been LET yet. Katie stated no that the FFPR is this month and scheduled for LET in September. Jeff asked if there would be a detour with this project. Katie stated there would be.

Mayor Allen Brown asked for an update on the Flowers Drive, HWY 84 project. Katie stated that they are still waiting to get ICE studies back. Rachel stated that ICE is Intersection study. Jeff stated that means that we know where the intersections will be but not the configuration yet.

Mayor Allen Brown stated that the traffic signals at Hendry Street and Main Street need to be looked at. The change time is too long. Katie stated that she would pass this to the appropriate person.

b. Liberty Transit Update: Rachel Hatcher

Rachel stated the Transit Development Plan is underway. A stakeholder meeting will be held in May. A public survey is available now through June 6, 2023. They will also be hosting public pop-ups during April and May. Possibly at the Farmer's Market and the Recreation Department. Rachel stated that paratransit ridership has been lower than previous years since July 2022. Systemwide trips decreased sharply from February to March but are still higher than previous year. Route one is the only route to show increased ridership by 10.9%.

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

d. HAMPO Administrative Updates:

Spring 2023 GAMPO Special PL Funds Committee Update. Rachel stated that the committee did meet and we did receive funding for the update of the HAMPO 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. This was a \$250,000.00 application. We also provided the committee with an update on the

E.G. Miles Parkway Corridor Study. She anticipates receiving contracts for the 2050 MTP in the next two to three months. This will position the LCPC to put an RFP or RFQ out for response. The 2050 MTP will begin October 2023. We will be asked for input for special project opportunities. Rachel stated that the GAMPO fall 2023 meeting will be held in person either in Macon or Augusta.

HAMPO 2020 census Updates UZA. Rachel stated this item is an update on the U.S. Census Bureau released urbanized area. Rachel demonstrated on maps by color the area that was considered urbanized and areas that are no longer considered urbanized. The area has expanded into Long County.

Safe Streets 4 All Grant Update. Rachel stated that HAMPO staff attended FHWA webinar for grand awardees on March 22, 2023. HAMPO is working with FHWA on the grant agreement. RFP will be released later this year. Rachel asked the committee to get their project lists to her or Jeff.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **Draft FY 2024 UPWP. (Action).** Rachel stated we began development of the work program for next fiscal year in July of 2022. We are currently in the April time frame of the timeline which is adoption. TCC and CAC saw this at their last round of meetings and recommended this for the PC approval. This is an annual required document that states all of the activities and requirements. A budget table was included in the presentation. The 30-day public comment period ended on January 14, 2023. Comments received from oversight agencies were incorporated into the final draft and recorded in the UPWP comment log provided.

A motion was made by Paul Hawkins to adopt the draft FY 2024 UPWP. The motion was seconded by Verdell Jones, and all voted in favor.

- b) **HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP. (Information).** Rachel stated that they have begun efforts with DOT and Federal highway to update our TIP for the 2024-2027 timeframe. Your TIP is your short-range work program for projects over the next four years. It is also updated annually. She also stated that it is financially constrained by year. Projects in TIP are required to be consistent with the MTP. HAMPO staff has received draft FY 2024-2027 TIP information from GDOT. This includes project list, authorized projects, lump sum projects and descriptions. The FY 2021-2024 TIP will be referenced as current TIP until FY 2024-2027 is approved by the Governor and FHWA/FTA and incorporated into the STIP. HAMPO staff will attend kick off meeting this month. The staff will develop a Draft TIP and present it at the next round of MPO meetings. A 30-day Public Comment Period will be held, and the final draft will be presented for adoption in Fall 2023. Jeff stated that the meeting is with GDOT on Friday April 14, 2023.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. **Agency Updates:** Gary Gilliard stated that he would like the median project to be made of concrete only due to the safety concerns of the road department. It is too dangerous for his employees to be out there mowing grass and trimming trees. Mayor Allen Brown stated that he didn't remember there ever being any discussion of the median having landscaping. In the signed resolution it does state that it provides for the opportunity for future landscaping. Paul Hawkins stated that he can remember having a meeting with Billy Edwards and the plan did show trees.

- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Clemontine Washington stated that a citizen came to her and stated that he rides his bike everyday on Highway 84 and he would like to know if there will be any signs posted that stated, “share the highway with bikes.” Jeff stated that he would pass it on.
- 7) **SCHEDULE:** Next regularly scheduled PC meeting will be June 8, 2023.
- 8) **ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Gary Gilliard and seconded by Verdell Jones. The vote was unanimous in favor.

APPROVED:

Donald Lovette, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson