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HAMPO CAC MINUTES: May 11, 2023

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 May 11, 2023.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Phil Odom called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present. Jeff Ricketson announced roll call.

INTRODUCTIONS:

PRESENT

Phil Odom, Chairman	Gum Branch
Marcello Page-Vice-Chair	Hinesville
Bob Dodd	Walthourville
Cassidy Collins	Hinesville
Marcie Hamilton	Liberty County
Curles Butler	Hinesville
Bobbie Ruiz	Hinesville

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

Jimmy Shanken	Long County
Terry Fortson	Midway
Emmanuel Joyner	Riceboro
Tim Byler	Flemington
Ernest Brown	Liberty County
Julian Jones	Liberty County

STAFF/GVT/Other:

Jeff Ricketson	HAMPO/LCPC
Justin Dammons	RS&H, LCPC
Kelly Wiggins	LCPC

VACANT SEATS:

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2) **Approval of minutes for March 9, 2023. Motion made by Curles Butler, seconded by Marcello Page. Passed unanimously.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

a. Project Update: Rachel went over the status updates.

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119: They have made all the offers for ROW. Next milestone is Final Plans Submission that are due in May and scheduled for LET in July.

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. A layout and concept submittal was and is anticipated in August.

SR38/US 84@ Doctors Creek in Long County next milestone is Final Plan Submission and that is anticipated in July.

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 24%.

Milling and resurfacing SR 119 from and extending to S of SR 144 N of Airport Road. At 59%.

It was mentioned that the Flemington curve project is experiencing issues with the contractor, and it is on hold at this time.

b. Transit Update: Rachel stated a stakeholder meeting is to be held in May. A public survey is available now through June 6, 2023. They will be hosting pop-ups during April and May and two new buses are expected to arrive in May. Rachel presented the Liberty Transit Development Plan schedule. Paratransit ridership has been lower than the previous year's ridership since July 2022. Systemwide trips per revenue service hours ratio has been higher since September 2022. Route 1 increased ridership by 10.0%.

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

d. Administrative Updates:

GAMPO Special PL Funds Committee Update. Rachel stated the committee met on March 27th and the topics discussed were GDOT Contract Requirements, Carbon Reduction Strategy Program and Urban Area Adjustment. HAMPO staff provided E.G. Miles Parkway Corridor Study update. HAMPO applied for and received funding for 2050 MTP. Rachel stated that the fall GAMPO meeting will be held in person.

Jeff stated that he has completed the RFP for the MTP. He has oversight agencies looking over it and hopes to have that completed by July.

Safe Streets 4 All Grant Update. Rachel stated that the HAMPO staff attended FHWA webinar for grant awardees on March 22, 2023 and it actively developing FHWA grant agreement for the RFP to be released later this year.

HAMPO 2020 MTP Update. Rachel stated that the LCPC staff is developing RFP for consultant services and the 2050 MTP is due September 10, 2025.

4) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP (Action Item).** Rachel stated that the TIP is your short-range work program for projects over the next four years. The projects must be in the TIP to receive federal and state highway funding for Preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and construction. The current TIP is 2021-2024. The HAMPO staff received draft FY 2024-2027 TIP information from GDOT. The current TIP will be referenced as current TIP until FY 2024-2027 is approved by the Governor and FHWA/FTA and incorporated into the STIP. Administrative modifications and amendments will be made as needed.

A motion was made by Bob Dodd to recommend that the Policy Committee release the Draft FY 2024-2027 TIP for a 30-day public comment period including supplemental information anticipated from liberty transit, Coastal regional Coaches and GDOT. The motion was seconded by Marcello Page, and motion passed with one opposed.

Next steps include the Policy Committee meeting in June to release the draft FY 2024-2027 Tip for 30-day comment period, the oversight agencies provide comment and feedback during this period. The TCC and CAC will see final document with comments incorporated in July and recommend for adoption to PC and then the PC meets in August for adoption of the final TIP document.

- b) **HAMPO 2045 MTP Amendment #2 (Action Item).** Rachel stated an amendment to the 2045 MTP was requested by the GDOT Office of Planning in April 2023. The amendment is to ensure the fiscally constrained MTP project list remains consistent with the FY 2024-2027 TIP. Rachel listed the projects that are impacted by the Amendment. The previous action was the HAMPO Technical Sub-Committee and oversight agencies reviewed the methodology and amendment summary prior to the publishing of meeting materials.

A motion was made by Curles Butler to recommend that the HAMPO Policy Committee release the amended 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for a 30-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Bob Dodd, and all voted in favor.

- c) **Calendar Year 2023 Performance Measures 2 & 3 (Action Item).** Rachel stated that as a refresher there is a final rule and this guides/provides for the development and implementation of the Highway Safety Improvement Program. Measures if a State has met, or made significant progress, in meeting the performance targets. PM Targets 2 consist of Bridge Level of Service measures and Pavement Level of Services. PM Target 3 is a summary of the PM 3 Performance Measures. Previous action was the HAMPO Committee acted November 1, 2028 to support State's targets.

A motion was made by Marcie Hamilton to adopt by resolution the GDOT established 2023 Performance Measures 2 and 3 targets as approved by GDOT. And Performance Measures Targets 2 and 3 to be incorporated into the 2045 MTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP. The motion was seconded by Bob Dodd, and all voted in favor.

Jeff announced that GDOT and Federal Highway have requested that the voting members go back to meeting in person. Jeff spoke with our county attorney, and he agreed that in person attendance is required and will commence the July 13, 2023 meeting. The emergency order from the pandemic has expired so we are required to meet in person.

4) **OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

5) **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:** Mrs. Bobbie Ruiz stated that she ran across a handicapped gentleman attempting to get on the Liberty transit bus and it was not equipped to handle a wheelchair. She brought pictures as well as of what she saw. Rachel asked for the pictures to take to the Transit Steering Committee that meets on Monday and give the information. Rachel also stated that there are new signs that have been made to assist with the Transit system. They are waiting on ESG to install them all. Mrs. Ruiz is also concerned that there are never many passengers on the buses. Rachel also mentioned that there is a survey that the riders and citizens can participate in and they have received 30 at this time.

6) **SCHEDULE.**

- The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2023.

7) **ADJOURN.** A motion was made by Curles Butler to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ron Collins, and all voted in favor.

APPROVED:



Phil Odom, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC