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HAMPO TCC MINUTES: May 11, 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 May 11, 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, Pearlie Axson, Larry Logan, Paul Simonton, Trent Long, Kenny Howard, Jeff Ricketson, Katie Proctor, Casey Langford, Shawnae Johnson

Members Absent: Mayor Strickland, Robert Parker, Mayor Baker, Mayor Willis, Ben Morrow, Ron Tolley, Clemontine Washington, Kyle Wemett, Darrell Mosely.

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, Robby Caudill, Steve Cote, Vivian Canizarus.

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

Public: None.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Kenny Howard made the motion to approve the March 9, 2023 minutes, seconded by Trent Long 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: 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 S of SR 144 N extending to Airport Road. At 59%.

Jeff Ricketson asked if there has been any evaluation of Highway 84 within the city limits of Hinesville concerning the potholes and maintenance of it. Katie stated that she would submit that comment in. Joey Brown stated that Old Sunbury Road is deteriorating and asked what the status is of swapping the road from Flemington to the State.

Transit Update: Rachel Hatcher. 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%. Ryan Arnold stated one new bus was delivered yesterday.

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

c. **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 consultant selection completed by July. Kenny Howard asked for a copy of the RFP.

Safe Streets 4 All Grant Update. Rachel stated that the HAMPO staff attended FHWA webinar for grant awardees on March 22, 2023 and is 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.

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.

Vivian Canizares expressed concerns about the timing of the 30-day public comment period. She wanted to see comments from oversight agencies included in the document prior to initiation of public comment period. Rachel clarified the Policy Committee would not be approving the 30-day public comment period until their July 8th meeting. This should allow ample time to receive comments from oversight agencies.

A motion was made by Kenny Howard to recommend that the Policy Committee release the Draft FY 2024-2027 TIP for a 30-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Jeff Ricketson, and all voted in favor.

- 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 Kenny Howard 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 Trent Long, 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 Trent Long 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 Larry Logan, 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. Joey stated that no more than three times a year can you miss a meeting, and you must be sick or taking care of someone who is ill.

- 5) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATES:** Larry Logan asked about the timeline for the transfer of Old Sunbury Road into the state road system. Katie stated that the 119 overlay was at 69% completion. He also asked if the Flemington Curve is on track to be completed by Spring. Katie stated that it is scheduled for summer now. Katie also stated that there is something going on with that project, but she will check in to it and send the information to him.

Joe Longo stated that it is possible to change the number of members needed for an in-person meeting quorum. Jeff will clarify that with Kelly Davis.

- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- 7) **SCHEDULE:** The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2023.
- 8) **ADJOURN:** Motion by Larry Logan to adjourn. Seconded by Pearlie Axson. All voted in favor.

APPROVED:

Joey Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC