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HAMPO TCC MINUTES: July 13, 2023

The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on Transportation met in the multi-purpose room of the Historic Court House in person and via ZOOM at 100 N. Main Street in Hinesville at 9:00 AM on July 13, 2023.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

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

INTRODUCTIONS: Jeff Ricketson. Introductions were made.

Members Present: Joey Brown, Pearlie Axson, Larry Logan, Paul Simonton, Trent Long, Kenny Howard, Jeff Ricketson, Katie Proctor, Emma Frost, Zedric Barber, James Willis, Larry Baker, Robert Norby, Ted Hicks and Ron Tolley.

Members Absent: Mayor Strickland, Robert Parker, Clemontine Washington, Nedric Green.

Non-Voting Members Present: Joe Longo, Louise Brown

Non-Voting Members Absent: Allen Burns, Don Masisak, Robert Buckley, Karen Randolph, Ann-Marie Day and John Lyles.

Participating: Phil Odom, Ryan Arnold.

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

Public: None.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Kenny Howard made the motion to approve the March 9, 2023 minutes, seconded by Larry Baker and all voted in favor.**

3) STATUS UPDATES

- a. **Project Update:** Katie 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 construction authorization.

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 is anticipated in August.

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

Active: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction at 31%.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement. At 33%.

Milling and resurfacing SR 119 from S of SR 144 N extending to Airport Road. At 73% and ongoing.

Trent Long stated that there will be a new lane change at McClarry's curve starting on July 14, 2023.

- b. **Transit Update: Justin Dammons.** Justin stated the Transit Development Plan is underway. A stakeholder meeting was held June 28, 2023. The public has survey extended. Third party operator RFP published and accepting bids. Paratransit ridership rebounded in May and decreased slightly in June. Systemwide trips per revenue hours is following similar trajectory to previous reporting year. Route 2 was the only route to show increased ridership (6.3%). Systemwide trips increased by four trips from June 2022 to June 2023.

Ryan Arnold stated that the city has received new bus stop signs and have started installing them around the city. Getting ready for next sidewalk project and will apply for grant in November.

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

- d. **Administrative Updates:**

Safe Streets 4 All Grant Update. Justin stated that the HAMPO staff attended FHWA webinar for grant awardees on March 22, 2023 and has completed the draft FHWA grant agreement and scope of work.

HAMPO 2020 MTP Update. Justin stated that the LCPC published the RFP for consultant services and selected Pond and Company Team. The 2050 MTP is due September 10, 2025.

Jeff Ricketson stated that the LCPC has a meeting scheduled with the Governing Board on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 5 PM to ask the board to authorize the execution of a contract with Pond and Company.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP (Action Item).** Justin 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. HAMPO staff attended kickoff meeting with oversight agencies on April 14, 2023. The FY 2024-2027 TIP is due August 2023. The previous action taken was 30-day public comment period ended on July 12, 2023. No public

comment was received, and comments from oversight agencies were incorporated into the final document.

A motion was made by Trent Long to recommend adoption of the FY 2024-2027 TIP by the HAMPO Policy Committee. The motion was seconded by Larry Baker, and all voted in favor.

- b) **HAMPO 2045 MTP Amendment #2 (Action Item).** Justin 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. Justin stated the modification was made to refine the cost of the Taylors Creek Bridge Replacement. The change was carried forward into the MTP Amendment. Justin went over the list of projects impacted by amendment. The previous action was a 30-day public comment period that ended on July 12, 2023 and no new comments were received.

A motion was made by Larry Logan to recommend to the HAMPO Policy Committee approval of the amended 2045 MTP. The motion was seconded by Paul Simonton, and all voted in favor.

- c) **FY 2025 UPWP Kick-off.** Justin went over the following highlights for FY 2023: Maintained compliance with all federal and state requirements; Adopted FY 2024 UPWP; Successfully won funding through the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) federal grant program to develop a Safety Action Plan; Successfully secured GAMPO Special PL funding for 2050 MTP; Completed the EG Miles Parkway Study; HAMPO staff attended several workshops and meetings throughout the year to include Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 GAMPO meetings, GDOT Subrecipient Workshop and Fort Stewart Resiliency Workshop.

The FY 2024 Summary of Activities is as follows: Support local, state, and federal efforts to enhance multimodal accessibility, safety, and freight efficiency; Perform Equity Analysis and participate in Urban Area Boundary smoothing and Urban Planning Area delineation following 2020 US Census data release; Review and update Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); Finalize and Adopt 2024 – 2027 TIP and Amended 2045 MTP; Develop 2050 MTP; Develop Safety Action Plan; Develop FY 2025 UPWP.

- d) **FY 2024 UPWP Admin Modification #1 (Information Item).** On July 5, 2023, an administrative modification was made to the FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This administrative modification revises the funding totals for the fiscal years 2024 and 2025 5303 Transit Planning budget. The updated document has been posted to the MPO website for reference.
- e) **FY 2025 GDOT 5303 Grant Application (Action Item).** HAMPO annual formula funding includes both PL and 5303 funds. Staff initiated FY 2025 5303 application including the following activity line items: Administration, short range planning, long range planning and TIP.

A motion was made by Kenny Howard to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the FY 2024 5303 Application Resolution. The motion was seconded by Trent Long, and all voted in favor.

- 5) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATES:** Kenny Howard asked if anyone has had any conversations with Long County about attending this meeting. Jeff stated that we have reached out without success and that Chairman Lovette stated he would reach out. Kenny stated that he would see if he could contact the Chairman of the Long County Board of Commissioners or the county administrator.
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- 7) **SCHEDULE:** The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2023.
- 8) **ADJOURN: Motion by Trent Long to adjourn. Seconded by Larry Logan. All voted in favor.**

APPROVED:

Joey Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC