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HAMPO CAC MINUTES: July 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 July 11, 2023.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Phil Odom called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was not present. Jeff Ricketson announced roll call.

INTRODUCTIONS:

PRESENT

Phil Odom, Chairman	Gum Branch	
Marcello Page-Vice-Chair	Hinesville	Entered 5:59 PM
Bob Dodd	Walthourville	
Ron Collins	GSU	
Bobbie Ruiz	Hinesville	
Tim Byler	Flemington	

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

Jimmy Shanken	Long County
Terry Fortson	Midway
Emmanuel Joyner	Riceboro
Ernest Brown	Liberty County
Julian Jones	Liberty County
Cassidy Collins	Hinesville
Marcie Hamilton	Midway
Curles Butler	Hinesville

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. No quorum present. Will move to end of meeting.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

a. **Project Update:** Justin 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 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.

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

b. **Transit Update:** 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 by 6.3%. Systemwide trips increased by four trips from June 2022 to June 2023.

Justin stated that at the TCC meeting 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.

With no quorum being present a consensus was made to recommend adoption of the FY 2024-2027 TIP by the HAMPO Policy Committee.

- 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.

With no quorum being present a consensus was made to recommend to the HAMPO Policy Committee approval of the amended 2045 MTP with one opposed.

- 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.

With no quorum being present a consensus was made to recommend the HAMPO Policy Committee approval of FY 2024 5303 Application Resolution with one opposed.

- 4) **OTHER BUSINESS:** None.
- 5) **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:** Mrs. Bobbie Ruiz stated that we know how she feels about the transit system. Jeff advised her to attend the Transit Stakeholders Development Plan meetings at the City of Hinesville.
- 2) (con't.) **Marcello Page entered the meeting at 5:59 PM. With a quorum present we can approve the minutes for the March 9, 2023 meeting. Motion made by Tim Byler, seconded by Bob Dodd. Passed unanimously.**
- 6) **SCHEDULE:**
 - The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2023.
- 8) **ADJOURN. A motion was made by Bob Dodd to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ron Collins, and all voted in favor.**

APPROVED:

Phil Odom, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC