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HAMPO PC MINUTES: December 14, 2023

The Policy Committee (PC) on Transportation met in person and via ZOOM at 9:00 AM on December 14, 2023.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Washington. Introductions were made.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Voting Members Present

Mayor Paul Hawkins, Flemington
Clemontine Washington, Vice-Chair
Lynn Pace, LCPC PC
Mayor Allen Brown, Hinesville
Mayor Pro Tem Pearlie Axson, Riceboro
Mayor James Willis, Allenhurst
Verdell Jones, LCBOE
Gary Gilliard, LCBOC
Jomar Pastorelle, GDOT
Donald Lovette, LCBOC

Voting Members Absent

Mayor Richard Strickland, Gum Branch
Robert Parker, Long County BOC Chairman
Mayor Larry Baker, Walthourville
Vicky Nelson, Hinesville City Council

Non-Voting Present

Jeff Ricketson, LCPC Director
Emma Frost, Ft Stewart
Melissa Ray, LCDA

Non-Voting Absent

Participating

Rachel Hatcher, RS&H, LCPC
Jeff Ricketson, LCPC
Katie Proctor, GDOT
Justin Dammons, RS&H
Vince Edwards, Atlas
Jamie Zerillo, RS&H

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Vice-Chairperson Washington asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the August 10, 2023 meeting as printed. There were none. Minutes were passed unanimously.**

3) STATUS UPDATES

- Project Status Update: Katie Proctor.**

PRECONSTRUCTION STATUS DECEMBER 23

List No.	County	Project ID	Short Description	Improvement Type	Project Manager Name	Project Sponsor	Design Consultant Name	FY PE	FY ROW	FY CST	Next Milestone
1	Liberty	522570-	SR 38 CONNECTOR FROM SR38/US 84 TO SR 119	Construction of New Roads	Edwards, Cassius Octavius	LIBERTY GDOT LET	Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc.	Auth	Auth	2024	CST Auth
2	Liberty	0016567	CR 171/LEWIS FRASIER RD @ PEACOCK CREEK	Bridge Replacement with No Added Capacity	White, Chad	GDOT	GDOT D5 Design Office	Auth	Auth	2025	FFPR
3	Liberty	0017697	SR 38/US 84 FM CR 971/FLOWERS DRIVE TO CR 502/PATRIOTS TRAIL	Safety Improvements	Ghuman, Jagpreet	GDOT	Atkins Global	Auth			PFPR

ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS DECEMBER 23

	PROJECT #	COUNTY	DESCRIPTION	CONTRACTOR	Letting (GDOT /Local)	DATE LET	% Complete	ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	Anticipated Completion Date
1	0011730	Liberty	Intersection Improvements SR38 /US 84 @ CR 73 /Old Sunbury Road	APAC-Atlantic	GDOT	1/21/2022	36%	\$ 4,910,653.00	Summer 24
2	0013750	Liberty	Bridge Replacement on SR 119 @ Taylors Creek	Southeastern Site Development, Inc.	GDOT	4/22/2022	51%	\$ 5,750,456.12	Winter 24
3	M006212	Liberty	Milling, Inlay and Plant Mix, Resurfacing and Shoulder Rehab on SR 119 Beginning N of Airport Rd and Extending S of SR 144	APA - Atlantic	GDOT	5/20/2022	73%	\$ 4,703,809.22	
4	0013719	Long	Construction of a Bridge and Approaches on US 84/SR38 over Doctors Creek	TIC	GDOT	10/20/2023		\$ 5,080,505.00	Winter 25

- b. **Liberty Transit Update:** Rachel Hatcher stated there are no performance measures available for this meeting because the system is under a new third-party operator, and they are gathering information for our next meeting.
- c. **Transportation Public Comment Log:** No new comments received.
- d. **HAMPO Administrative Updates:**

Safe Streets 4 All Grant Update. Rachel stated that the HAMPO staff has completed the FHWA grant agreement and scope of work. LCPC selected Atlas Technical Consultants through a competitive RFP process. A Safety Action Plan will be developed through the funds received from this program.

GDOT Carbon Reduction Strategies Virtual Workshop. Rachel stated that GDOT Office of Planning held a virtual workshop on October 26th to discuss the CRSP. Attendees included GDOT staff, MPO staff, and HAMPO committee members. Discussion included draft CRS chapters, the different strategies included, and the public engagement that was conducted with peer MPOs and other

stakeholders around the state. Additional information, the presentation, and draft document are available for review on the MPO website.

Upcoming Election of Officers: The PC will select a Chairperson and Vice-Chairman at the first meeting of 2024. The committee will nominate a selection committee of three to bring back names for the next PC meeting to vote on.

Gary Gilliard made a motion for Clemontine Washington, Gary Gilliard and Paul Hawkins serve as the selection committee. The motion was seconded by Allen Brown, all voted in favor.

HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP Amin Mod #1. Rachel stated that on November 8, 2023, an administrative modification was made to the FY 2024-2027 TIP at the request of the GDOT Office of Planning. This administrative modification revises the funding totals for the UTL phase of PI 52270-SR 38 Bypass from Sr 38 to SR 119. The updated document has been posted to the MPO website for reference.

Chairman Donald Lovette entered the meeting.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **FY 2025 UPWP 30-Day Public Comment Period (Action Item).** Rachel gave an overview of the UPWP along with the timeframe and goals and objectives.

A motion was made by Gary Gillard to release the draft FY 2025 UPWP for a 30-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Allen Brown, and all voted in favor.

- b) **2024 Calendar Year Committee Meeting Calendar. (Action Item).**

A motion was made by Verdell Jones and seconded by Donald Lovette to approve the HAMPO 2024 calendar, and all voted in favor.

- c) **Consultant Presentation.** Wade Carroll with Pond and Company gave the committee a briefing on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Chairman Lovette asked if the stakeholders will be local. Jeff stated yes and there will be a letter drafted to be mailed along with an email as well within the next week.

- d) **HAMPO UAB/MPA.** Rachel stated that on August 17, 2023 GDOT released the 2020 Census Urban Area Boundary adjustment for HAMPO. Adjusting Census-defined Urban boundaries facilitates planning and programming. MPO staff reviewed the adjusted boundary and submitted a technical memo summarizing the results. This included review of environmental justice populations.

- e) **HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment #1. (ACTION)15-day Public Comment Period (Information Item)**

Rachel stated that On November 8, 2023 the GDOT Office of Planning requested an amendment to the FY 2024-2027 TIP document to update construction phases for two projects:

- PI 522570-SR 38 Bypass from SR38 to SR119
- PI 0017411-I-95 from Florida State line to South Carolina State line

Rachel explained the changes in funding to the committee.

A motion was made by Verdell Jones to release the amended FY 2024-2027 TIP for a 15-day public comment period. Motion seconded by Gary Gilliard, and all voted unanimously.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

a. **Agency Updates:** Vice-Chairperson Washington asked Rachel to provide a list of acronyms for the next meeting.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Jeff thanked Pearlie Axson and Allen Brown for their dedicated service to HAMPO.

7) **SCHEDULE:** Next regularly scheduled PC meeting will be February 8, 2024.

8) **ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Gary Gilliard and seconded by Paul Hawkins. The vote was unanimous in favor.

APPROVED:

Donald Lovette, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson