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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 November 9, 2023.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Jeff Ricketson called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS: Jeff Ricketson. Introductions were made.

Members Present: Pearlie Axson, Larry Logan, Trent Long, Jeff Ricketson, Emma Frost, James Willis, Ben Morrow, Arnold Jackson, Ryan Arnold, Clemontine Washington, and Jomar Pastorelle.

Members Absent: Joey Brown, Mayor Strickland, Robert Parker, Paul Simonton, Kenny Howard, Katie Proctor, Ron Tolley, Larry Baker

Non-Voting Members Present: Phil Odom.

Non-Voting Members Absent: Allen Burns, Robert Buckley, Joe Longo and John Lyles.

Participating: Robinson Nicol, Vince Edwards, Wade Carroll, Melisa Phillips.

Staff Present: Justin Dammons, Kelly Wiggins, Rachel Hatcher, Jamie Zerillo.

Public: None.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Larry Logan made the motion to approve the July 13, 2023 minutes, seconded by Pearlie Axson and all voted in favor.**

3) STATUS UPDATES

- a. **Project Update:** Rachel went over the updates to the preconstruction and active construction projects. Trent updated the committee on the projects he knew about. There was no participation from the GDOT district office.

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119: Construction has been authorized.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project; FFPR

SR 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. Concept Approval.

Active: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction at 35%.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement. At 36%.

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

- b. **Transit Update: Rachel Hatcher.** Rachel stated the Transit Development Plan is currently developing draft recommendations. The new third party operator started service on November 6th. RTW Management was selected as the TPO.

Ryan Arnold stated that the City of Hinesville's transit application included a funding request for the NEPA evaluation of the next round of improvements projects. This will provide more sidewalks, shelters, pads and ADA improvements.

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

- d. **Administrative Updates:**

Safe Streets 4 All Grant Update. Rachel stated that the 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 Update. 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 TCC will select a Chairperson and Vice-Chairman at the first meeting of 2024. Jeff asked the members to come to the January meeting prepared to nominate the officers.

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.

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 Trent Long to recommend that the policy committee release the draft FY 2025 UPWP for a 30-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Ben Morrow, and all voted in favor.

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

A motion was made by Clemontine Washington to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the 2024 HAMPO committee calendar. The motion was seconded by Pearlie Axson, and all voted in favor.

- c) **Consultant Presentation.** Wade Carroll with Pond and Company gave the committee a briefing on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- 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 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 Trent Long to recommend that the Policy Committee release the amended FY 2024-2027 TIP for a 15-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Pearlie Axson, and all voted in favor.

- 5) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATES:** Trent Long stated that they are making progress on the Roundabout that will be located at Barrington Ferry and Highway 17. He stated there will be open house meetings held for the public to attend and Liberty County will sponsor the meeting and GDOT will be participating as well. Larry Logan asked that we reach out to GDOT and find out why the delay in the McLarrys curve project.
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- 7) **SCHEDULE:** The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2024.
- 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