



# Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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## HAMPO CAC MINUTES: January 11, 2024

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 January 11, 2024.

### 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
Bob Dodd	Walthourville
Ron Collins	GSU
Bobbie Ruiz	Hinesville
Curles Butler Vice-Chair	Hinesville
Cassidy Collins	Hinesville

#### EXCUSED:

#### ABSENT:

Jimmy Shanken	Long County
Terry Fortson	Midway
Emmanuel Joyner	Riceboro
Ernest Brown	Liberty County
Julian Jones	Liberty County

Marcie Hamilton	Midway
Marcello Page	Hinesville
Tim Byler	Flemington

#### STAFF/GVT/Other:

Jeff Ricketson	HAMPO/LCPC
Justin Dammons	RS&H, LCPC
Kelly Wiggins	LCPC
Rachel Hatcher	RS&H

#### VACANT SEATS:

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2) **Approval of minutes for July 13, 2023. No quorum present.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

**a. Project Update:** Rachel went over the status updates.

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119: They have acquired all the ROW. Next milestone is construction authorization.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project; FFPR. ROW authorization is currently at 50%.

SR 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. Next milestone PFPR and it is anticipated August 2024.

SR38/US 84@ Doctors Creek in Long County has LET but no NTP yet.

**Active:** SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction at 36%. Retaining wall work should begin in February.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement. Ongoing.

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

**b. Transit Update:** Rachel stated Vanessa Richards is the new GM for Liberty Transit. TPD activities for first quarter of 2024 are a second stakeholders meeting and an official workshop for new Mayor and Commissioners to attend. Due to switching third party operator the ridership statistics are not available for August- October. Paratransit ridership in November was less in 2023 than 2022. Route 2 and 3 showed increased ridership year over year.

**c. Transportation Public Comment Log:** No new comments received. Rachel stated that we are still working on the crosswalk on Highway 17 between the Midway Museum and Midway Cemetery.

**d. Administrative Updates:**

**GAMPO Spring 2024 Conference:** Rachel stated that the HAMPO staff will be attending the Spring 2024 conference in March. The MPO will not apply for special PL funds this cycle. Updates and information from meeting will be shared with committee members at a later date.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Election of Officers (Action Item). No quorum. Deferred to next meeting.**

**b. HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment #1: (Action Item.)** 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. The SR 38 Bypass and the I-95 ITS. Previous action was a 15-day public comment period, and no public comments were received.

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

- c. Calendar Year 2024 Safety Performance Measures: (Action Item.)** Rachel stated that each year we are required to adopt the latest safety performance targets. A list of targets was provided for the committee.

**With no quorum being present a consensus was made to recommend the HAMPO Policy Committee adoption by resolution, of calendar year 2024 Safety Performance Management Targets as approved by GDOT.**

- d. Greenhouse Final Rule: (Information Item).** On November 22, 2023 FHWA released its Greenhouse Gas Performance Measure final rule. State DOTs and MPOs must measure and report GHG emissions associated with transportation. Targets must be set for reducing CO2 emissions. State DOTs will be responsible for setting initial targets, due Feb. 2024. MPOs have 180 days after state targets are set to adopt targets. Starting in 2026, 2-year and 4-year targets will be established.

**5) OTHER BUSINESS:**

Agency Updates: None.

- 6) PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:** Ron Collins stated the County Line sign for Tibet Road is missing. Jeff stated we would call Clenton Wells and let him know. Curles stated that Main Street is about to be under construction and repaired from Memorial Drive to Ryon Ave.

**7) SCHEDULE:**

- The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting is scheduled for March 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:

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Phil Odom, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC