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HAMPO CAC MINUTES: March 14, 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 March 14, 2024.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Phil Odom called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was not present.

INTRODUCTIONS: None

PRESENT

Phil Odom, Chairman	Gum Branch	
Bob Dodd	Walthourville	
Ron Collins	GSU	
Bobbie Ruiz	Hinesville	
Curles Butler Vice-Chair	Hinesville	
Cassidy Collins	Hinesville	
Marcie Hamilton	Liberty County	Jeff proxy, Marcie via zoom
Tim Byler	Flemington	

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

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

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 and January 11, 2024 meetings:**

Motion to approve the July 13, 2023 minutes was made by Tim Byler, seconded by Ron Collins and all voted in favor.

Motion to approve the January 11, 2024 minutes was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Curles B Butler and all voted in favor.

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

a. Project Update: Justin went over the status updates.

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119: Moved to LET in June.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project; anticipate FFPR in October, the ROW acquisition is currently at 75%.

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

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.

At the TCC meeting earlier today Joey Brown announced that the County just received 2.5 million earmarked funds for the relocation of utilities on the Freight Connector project. He stated that right now it is scheduled to LET in June.

Justin gave an update of the two local projects in Hinesville: Construction for a right turn lane installation on US 84 and General Screen Way; Veterans Pkwy and Walmart Drive signal and roadway improvements.

b. Transit Update: Justin stated the third-party operator shifted to a new vendor in the fall. We will see new data coming in at the next meeting. The transit development plan is still underway, and completion is expected on June 30, 2024. The Hinesville City Council held a workshop on March 7, 2024 and draft scenarios and route recommendations were developed. Paratransit ridership is higher than previous year for December and January. January system-wide ridership grew by 5.5 % over last January's ridership. Route 3 has increased by 53%.

Curles Butler stated that some of the bus stops do not have route maps posted at the location. Rachel stated that the signage is slated to be replaced due to fading and implementation of the new company. There have been some changes made since then and a budget is planned to help replace

all the signage. Tim Byler stated that he recently rode the bus, and the route signage is very confusing to understand because the stops are listed nor is the time.

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

d. **Administrative Updates:**

GAMPO Spring 2024 Conference: Justin 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.

HAMPO SS4A Safety Action Plan: Justin stated that at the TCC meeting Vince Edwards and David O'Donnell with Atlas Consulting gave a presentation on the SS4A. The sub-committee met immediately after the TCC meeting to discuss some of the issues they wish to address.

Chairman Odom asked the committee members to come back with suggestions that fit within the SS4A plan.

GDOT Carbon Reduction Strategy: Rachel gave an overview of the CRS. GDOT announced that FHWA has completed review of CRS. FHWA certified that CRS meets statutory requirements. Further information, including coordination with state MPO's, will be provided at a later date.

HAMPO FY 2024-27 TIP Amendment Modification #3, #4: Rachel stated that HAMPO has performed two administrative modifications to the FY 24-27- TIP. Admin Mod # 2 incorporated the 2024 Safety Performance Measures into the TIP and Safety Performance Report. Admin # 3 updated the CST phase cost for PI 522570-Sr 38 Bypass from Sr 28 to Sr 119. Cost increased by \$3,774,320.55.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **HAMPO FY 2023 UPWP-Action Item:** Justin stated the MPO planning priorities and work efforts include planning activities, expected costs, and one-year timeframe. Must be compliant with federally prescribed activities with GDOT oversight and fiscally constrained by federal, state and local funding from July 1-June 30. It is also updated annually. She also went over the UPWP development schedule and stated the FY 2025 budgets have been released. The 30-day public comment period was completed in January and oversight agencies comments have been incorporated into the draft document.

A motion was made by Tim Byler to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the draft FY 2025 UPWP. Ron Collins seconded the motion and, and all voted in favor.

b) **HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment # 2-Action Item:** Justin stated on February 27 2024 the GDOT Office of Planning requested an amendment to the FY 2024-2027 TIP document to update the construction phase for one project. The project is fiber optics along I-95.

A motion was made by Tim Byler to recommend that the Policy Committee release the amended FY 24-27 TIP for a 15-day public comment period. Cassidy Collins seconded the motion and, and all voted in favor.

- c) **HAMPO 2045 MTP Amendment #3-Action Item:** On February 27, 2024 the GDOT office of Planning requested an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP to update the construction phase for one project which is the ITS system along I-95. The MTP document is being updated to stay fiscally constrained and consistent with the current TIP document. Projects will be moved to different bands to ensure the document is fiscally constrained.

A motion was made by Ron Collins to recommend the Policy Committee release the amended 2045 MTP for a 30-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Curles Butler and all voted in favor.

- d) **UPDATED MPA Adoption-Action Item:** Justin stated the Urbanized area was defined by the US Census as an area with 50,000+ population. The corrected boundary was prepared by MPO and GDOT to refine the UZA. MPA adjusted the planning area encompassing area anticipated to become urban within 20 years. HAMPO staff worked collaboratively with GDOT Office of Planning to establish the new urban area boundaries. She presented the MOU signed by the Governor of Georgia.

A motion was made by Tim Byler to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the updated MPA in accordance with the HAMPO Memorandum of Understanding. The motion was seconded by Ron Collins, and all voted in favor.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Agency Updates: None.

- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:** Cassidy Collins stated that there are a lot of potholes along Leroy Coffey Highway between Highway 84 and Highway 17.
- 7) **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Chairman Odom called for a motion. Tim Byler made a motion to re-elect the same officers from the previous year. Chairman will remain Phil Odom and Vice-Chair will remain as Curles Butler. The vote was unanimous in favor.
- 8) **SCHEDULE:**
- The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2024.
- 9) **ADJOURN.** A motion was made by Cassidy Collins to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Curles Butler, and all voted in favor.

APPROVED:

Phil Odom, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC