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HAMPO TCC MINUTES: May 9, 2024

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 May 9, 2024.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Joey Brown called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made.

Members Present: Joey Brown, Jeff Ricketson, Emma Frost, Ben Morrow, Arnold Jackson, Katie Proctor, Tina Eason, Louise Brown, Sarah Hayes, Jomar Pastorelle, Ryan Arnold, Larry Logan (online), and Brynn Grant.

Members Absent: Robert Parker, Clemontine Washington, James Willis, Paul Simonton and Trent Long.

Non-Voting Members Present: Joe Longo

Non-Voting Members Absent: Dionne Lovett, Robert Buckley, and John Lyles.

Participating: Karl Riles

Staff Present: Justin Dammons, Kelly Wiggins, Rachel Hatcher, Vince Edwards, Wade Carroll.

Public: None.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Ben Morrow made the motion to approve the March 14, 2024 minutes, seconded by Sarah Hayes and all voted in favor.**

3) STATUS UPDATES

- a. **Project Update:** Katie Proctor presented the project update.

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

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project; next milestone is FFPR.

SR 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. The concept was approved in January and is still in preliminary design awaiting PFPR.

Ryan asked for a copy of the concept. Katie stated she will send it and it is set to LET in January 2027.

No real update for Active:

The Doctors Creek bridge in Long County has LET, cones are out.

- b. **Transit Update: Rachel Hatcher.** Rachel stated the Transit Development Plan is slated for adoption in June. The draft plan is out for 30-day public comment. There will be an open house this month for the public to provide input. The draft plan and the comment forms are available online. The comment forms have also been placed at City Hall, The LCPC and the library. The April fixed route ridership decreased by 8.4% from 2023-2024. Paratransit ridership increased by 64% from 2023-2024.

Ryan Arnold stated that Liberty Transit is rolling out a promotional fare free pilot program for the summer starting in June and going through September. A new paratransit bus should be arriving at the end of this month. He also stated that the city did receive the funding for a depot and sidewalks.

- c. **Transportation Public Comment Log:** No new comments.
- d. **Administrative Updates:** Rachel went over the flow chart and acronyms for HAMPO.
- e. **HAMPO SS4A Safety Action Plan:** Vince Edwards with Atlas Consulting gave an update on this plan. They were present at the Small World Festival in Hinesville and interacted with approximately 50 festival attendees. The common themes and concerns for the community were listed. He went over a list of areas for further analysis along with the time schedule, next steps and upcoming deliverables.

HAMPO 2050 MTP Update: Wade Carroll with Pond and Company gave an update on this. He stated they are at the beginning. They were also at the Small World Festival. The bypass was the top subject. They are also communicating with Atlas on the SS4A plan to incorporate that into the MTP. The website is out. Asked Jeff to push the survey out and ask more people to participate. The upcoming stakeholder meeting will be scheduled soon.

Liberty Transit TDP: Rachel gave an overview of what this study included. This included the public outreach highlights and project schedule. She presented a summary of existing conditions, framework, appropriate transit types, and an overview of service scenarios.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment #2. (Action Item):**

A motion was made by Ryan Arnold to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the amended FY 24-27 TIP. Brynn Grant seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

b) **HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment # 3 (Action Item):**

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

- 5) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATES:** Jeff stated that the next LCPC Comprehensive Plan meeting will be on May 20th at the Riceboro Youth Center at 6 PM. Joey stated that they have held meetings with the SPLOST committee, and it will be placed on the ballot in November 2024. A list of items has been established. He also stated that they are working jointly with Fort Stewart to expand the Midcoast Regional Airport. Ryan Arnold gave an update on Main Street improvements. Sarah Hayes stated that she has concerns about the Ryon Avenue and Main Street intersection. Ryan stated that it will be changing as they redesign the intersection.
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- 7) **SCHEDULE:** The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2024.
- 8) **ADJOURN:** Motion by Sarah Hayes to adjourn. Seconded by Ben Marrow. All voted in favor.

APPROVED:

Joey Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC