



## Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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### HAMPO CAC MINUTES: January 5, 2025

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on Transportation met in Room 1100 of the Historic Court House via ZOOM and in person at 100 N. Main Street in Hinesville at 4:00 PM on January 5, 2025.

#### 1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Phil Odom called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

#### INTRODUCTIONS: None

##### PRESENT

Phil Odom, Chairman	Gum Branch
Bob Dodd	Walthourville
Ron Collins	GSU
Bobbie Ruiz	Hinesville
Curles Butler	Hinesville
Marcie Hamilton	Liberty County
Angela Powell	Liberty County
Emmanuel Joyner	Riceboro
Tim Byler	Flemington
Lelani Sikes	Liberty County

##### EXCUSED:

##### ABSENT:

Vacant	Long County
Cassidy Collins	Hinesville

##### STAFF/GVT/Other:

Jeff Ricketson	HAMPO/LCPC
Justin Dammons	RS&H, LCPC
Rachel Hatcher	RS&H
Vince Edwards	Atlas
Wade Carroll	Pond
Greg O'Donnell	Atlas

##### VACANT SEATS:

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- 2) **Approval of minutes for December 5, 2025 meeting:** ~~The total value is \$181,808.25 with a 20% local match requirement in PL funds and 10% match in 5303 funds. The UPWP update schedule shows that the document is currently being reviewed by the MPO and ready for release for agency review and a 30-day public comment period.~~

**Motion to approve the December 5, 2025 minutes was made by Bob Dodd, seconded by Ron Collins and all voted in favor.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

- a. **Project Update:** Rachel presented the project update.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project; next milestone is Final Plan Submission is expected in March.

SR 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. Next milestone FFPR.

**Active:** SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction at 83%.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement. Working on corrections. 85% complete.

The Doctors Creek bridge replacement in Long County Project is at 21% with anticipated completion Winter of 2025.

Bypass on SR 38/US84 to Sr 119 LET date was 10-18-2024. Has been awarded. Waiting to be placed on list once contract is approved.

Rachel shared that the NEVI project locations would be finalized in February so they would receive an update in March.

- b. **Transit Update:** Rachel stated the TSC approved to extend fare free pilot program through September 2025. The program has been very successful and resulted in strong ridership. Liberty Transit will begin in-house service on December 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

~~e. **New Comments:** None.~~

**f.d. Administrative Updates: HAMPO FY 2026 UPWP:** Rachel stated that the UPWP is under current 30-day public comment period. MPO staff received comments from FHWA this week and action will take place at the March meeting.

**HAMPO Title VI Plan:** HAMPO staff are currently developing update to the MPO Title IV Plan, and an update will be provided at a later date.

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**Carbon Reduction Program (CRP):** The application that was received by the City of Hinesville was approved by the Policy Committee and was submitted to GDOT Federal Highway to be programmed into the TIP. Once they have approved and allocated the funds to that specific project, we will make sure it is included in our TIP.

**Transportation Alternatives Program:** Rachel stated that GDOT and FHWA funded program for local governments to pursue smaller-scale transportation projects. NOFO dropped this weekend, and applications accepted through February 28<sup>th</sup>. Project types available include bike and ped facilities, street scrape improvements and related activities.

**SS4A Safety Action Final Plan Report:** Vince Edwards with Atlas Consulting presented the final recommendation of the SS4A Plan.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Election of Officers: (Action Item):** Tim Byler made a motion to re-elect the current officers as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the TCC. Bob Dodd seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

b) **HAMPO FY 2024-27 TIP Admin Modification #5 (Action):** Rachel stated the GDOT Office of Planning requested a new project in FY24-27 TIP. The EV charging station at 1 location between Liberty and McIntosh County. This project is part of the NEVI formula program. Funding is provided by Liberty and Long County, and the non-federal match can be fulfilled by public or private funds. There was no public comment received during the 15-day comment period. The TIP amendment will be incorporated into the 2045 MTP. Change in total amount is \$15,900.00. Additional components included a CRP project, Liberty transit ADA Accessibility project, Title 23 discretionary grant matrix and administrative modification and amendment process update.

**Marcie Hamilton made a motion to recommend the Policy Committee to adopt the amended HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP. Curles Butler seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.**

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:** Agency Updates: Jeff stated that the next LCPC Comprehensive Plan planning workshop will be at Dorchester Civic Center January 27, 2025 at 6 PM.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:** Ron Collins stated that electric bikes and unicycles are becoming a hazard on Highway 84. Jeff stated that he would have to reach out to law enforcement and ask about it.

7) **SCHEDULE:** The next CAC meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2025.

8) **ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Bobbie Ruiz to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Curles Butler, and all voted in favor.

APPROVED:

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Phil Odom, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC