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HAMPO CAC MINUTES: December 5, 2024

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 December 5, 2024.

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

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

Vacant	Long County
Terry Fortson	Midway
Tim Byler	Flemington
Cassidy Collins	Hinesville
Leiloni Sikes	Liberty County
Emmanuel Joyner	Riceboro

STAFF/GVT/Other:

Jeff Ricketson	HAMPO/LCPC
Justin Dammons	RS&H, LCPC
Rachel Hatcher	RS&H
Todd Kennedy	LCPC

VACANT SEATS:

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2) **Approval of minutes for September 5, 2024 meeting:**

Motion to approve the September 5, 2024 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 CFFPR; PE and ROW authorized.

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.

Milling and overlaying for Hwy 84 from the Long County line to Flemington was LET September of 2024.

Bypass on SR 38/US84 to Sr 119 LET date was 10-18-2024. Has been awarded.

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 to operate as a department in house with the City of Hinesville on December 30, 2024. Donna Dale was hired as the Transit Director. The Transit Development Plan was adopted by Hinesville City Council in June 2024. There has also been discussion of changing times and dates of routes. Ryan Arnold stated that the city is in the procurement process for maintenance of the buses and has received one bid. The company that bid is the same company that provides maintenance on the City vehicles as of present.

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

d. Administrative Updates: Election of Officers. Rachel stated that in January a Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be elected. Phil asked the committee to think about who they would like to nominate as officers and at the January meeting the officers will be elected.

HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP Administrative Modification # 5. GDOT Office of Planning requested this modification on September 11, 2024. Updates to the CST costs for the -I95 Florida state line to the Soth Carolina state line. The cost increase is two funding types or \$2,475,000 and \$3,283,025.31.

- e. **HAMPO 2050 MTP Update:** Wade Carrol with Pond and Company gave an update on the status of the MTP.

SS4A Update: Jeff stated that at the last meeting we had a update report on the preliminary findings on your Safe Streets 4 All Safety Action Plan by Atlas, and he has received their final presentation and has been reviewing it and will send it out before the end of the week to the members.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **Carbon Reduction Program Call for Projects (Action Item):** Rachel stated that HAMPO has CRP funds programmed in current HAMPO FY 2024-27 TIP. Funds have potential to lapse if not obligated/spent by end of fiscal year. The types of projects eligible for funding are transit, transportation demand management, retrofit with light-emitting diode (LED) lighting, alternative fuel, vehicles, capital improvements to intelligent transportation systems, development of carbon reduction strategy. The sole project submitted is Liberty Transit ADA Accessibility Project to complete sidewalk infrastructure upgrades at locations throughout Hinesville. We are seeking funding amount of \$435,031.50. The local match is \$87,007.87. Rachel stated it has been confirmed that the local match is available.

A motion was made by Curles Butler to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the proposed Liberty Transit ADA Accessibility Project for available HAMPO FY 24-27 carbon Reduction Program funding. Bob Dodd seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

- b) **HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment #4. (Action Item):** On August 19, 2024, the GDOT Office of Planning requested a new project in FY 24-27 TIP. This amendment is to place an electric vehicle charging station somewhere between Liberty and McIntosh Counties on I-95. The station will have 4 chargers. This project is part of Georgia's NEVI Formula Program (National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure) Funding will be split between both counties. The MPO cost is \$662,500 with Federal amount being \$530,000 and other match is 20% with equates to \$132,500. The non-Federal match can be fulfilled by private or public funds.

A motion was made by Ron Collins to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the amended HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP. Bob Dodd seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

- c) **HAMPO FY 2024-27 TIP Amendment #5 (Action):** On October 11, 2024 GDOT Office of Planning updated project funding in FY 24-27 TIP. A change in the total resulted in an increase of \$15,900.00 in funding and approval for the 15-day comment period. Including additional components: Title 23 discretionary grant matrix, must be in TIP before funds can be obligated and for NEPA to proceed, GDOT made updates to the Georgia Statewide Metropolitan Administrative Modification and Amendment Process.

Marcie Hamilton made a motion to recommend the Policy Committee release the draft amended TIP for a 15-day comment period. Bobb Dodd seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

- d) **HAMPO 2045 MTP Amendment #4 (Action):** Rachel stated that HAMPO is required to maintain a fiscally constrained project list. Several TIP amendments have been approved since the last MTP

amendment. 2045 MTP Amendment #4 combines these TIP amendments to ensure MTP stays fiscally balanced. Rachel went over the TIP amendment summary.

Marcie Hamilton made a motion to recommend the Policy Committee release the amended MTP for a 30-day public comment period. Bob Dodd seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

- e) **Draft HAMPO FY 2026 UPWP (Action):** Rachel went over the MPO planning priorities and work efforts along with the schedule. She stated that staff has solicited feedback from committee members.

Ron Collins made a motion to recommend the Policy Committee release the Draft FY 2026 UPWP for 30-day public comment period. Curles Butler seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

- f) **HAMPO 2025 Committee Meeting Calendar:** Rachel presented the CAC calendar for 2025.

Ron Collins made a motion to recommend the Policy Committee approve the 2025 HAMPO CAC Committee calendar. Bob Dodd seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

- g) **GDOT 2025 PM1 Performance Measures (Action):** Rachel presented the 2025 GDOT PM1 Performance Measures that are required to be adopted by the Policy Committee each year as part of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). MPO's can create their own HSIP-compliant safety performance measures or adopt the published GDOT statewide safety performance measures. Rachel answered general questions from the committee members about the program.

Marcie Hamilton made a motion to adopt by resolution the 2025 Safety Performance Management targets as approved by GDOT. Ron Collins seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

- h) **HAMPO 2050 MTP SE Model Data (Action):** GDOT presented the 2050 "Do-Nothing" Travel Demand Model for the MTP. This model shows projected levels of service on the HAMPO Highway network if no new projects are built during the planning period.

Jeff stated that there were some roads on the model that should not be. Jeff will notify GDOT of the issue.

Bob Dodd made a motion to recommend the policy committee accepts the MTP Base Year and 2050 "Do-Nothing" Traffic demand Models as presented by GDOT. Ron Collins seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

- 5) **OTHER BUSINESS:** Agency Updates: Jeff stated that the next LCPC comprehensive community planning workshop will be at Hinesville City Hall on December 12, 2024 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 January 9, 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:



Phil Odom, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC