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HAMPO CAC MINUTES: July 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 July 11, 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 Vice-Chair	Hinesville
Cassidy Collins	Hinesville
Marcie Hamilton	Liberty County
Leiloni Sikes	Liberty County
Angela Powell	Liberty County

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

Vacant	Long County
Terry Fortson	Midway
Emmanuel Joyner	Riceboro
Tim Byler	Flemington
Marcello Page	Hinesville

STAFF/GVT/Other:

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

VACANT SEATS:

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2) **Approval of minutes for March 14, 2024 meeting:**

Motion to approve the March 14, 2024 minutes was made by Curles Butler, seconded by Ron Collins and all voted in favor.

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

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

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

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. They have everything ready for the public open house meeting and should be having that meeting within the next two months.

No real update for Active.

b. Transit Update: Rachel stated the Transit Development Plan was adopted on June 20, 2024. The final report is being packaged and will be published on the website. There are a lot of really great recommendations in the plan that will take approximately 24 months to get funded and up off the ground and into implementation phases including securing new partnerships. The June fixed route ridership increased by 25.49% from 2023-2024. Paratransit ridership increased by 30.63% from 2023-2024. Curles Butler asked how much the fee is per ride. Rachel stated one dollar per trip. Paratransit ridership has to be scheduled 24 hours in advance and the cost is two dollars per trip, but they pick up you up at your location. There is an option to purchase monthly passes. There is also discussion to expand employment-based opportunities and a van pool program.

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

d. Administrative Updates:

Fall 2024 GAMPO Special PL Funds Committee Meeting: GAMPO fall special funds committee meeting will be in September. HAMPO will present 2050 MTP status update. No HAMPO Special PL Funding application for this cycle. Applications for the next cycle are due in March 2025. The funds are only for planning projects, and they do not include PE, ROW, UTL, CST phases.

HAMPO Title VI Plan Update: Title VI plans due September 30, 2024. The MPO's are working with transit agencies throughout the state to make sure that Title 6 plans are updated. Those plans demonstrate how the system does not discriminate, and our processes do not discriminate against populations that are protected by legislation and how our services and our actions are not disparately impacting our communities. Rachel gave an overview of local priorities. These projects are in the current TIP, and we have taken a lot of administrative modifications and amendment actions on them. We received a request from GDOT on July 9, 2024 and are seeking to determine local priorities for the listed TIP projects. Jeff stated that there are two big planning projects that are funded by grants and are well underway. One is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and the other is the SS4A plan.

Rachel stated that we received a request from GDOT on July 9, 2024 seeking to determine local priorities for the listed projects. This includes the Bypass, Peacock Creek and the ITS project along the Interstate.

- e. **HAMPO 2050 MTP Update:** Rachel went over the presentation that Wade Carroll with Pond and Company gave an update at today's TCC meeting on the MTP. He stated that our plan is on hold until model runs are completed by GDOT. They are currently working on other elements that can do along with prioritizing framework based on goals and objectives. They have provided 2025 and 2050 information to GDOT. They are still trying to get more participation in the survey. Jeff stated that we have the SS4A plan, and they are getting close to having something for the committee to look at and adopt. Once adopted then we can apply for funds to help implement the E.G. Miles study.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment # 3-Action Item:** On May 2, 2024, the GDOT Office of Planning requested an amendment to the FY 2024-2027 TIP document to update the utilities and construction phases for the Hinesville Bypass project.

A motion was made by Bob Dodd to recommend adoption of the amended HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP. Marcie Hamilton seconded the motion and, and all voted in favor.

- b) **HAMPO FY 2026 5303 Grant Application (Action Item):** HAMPO's annual formula funding includes both PL and 5303 funds. Section 5303 activity line items are program support and administration, long range transportation, short range transportation, and transportation improvement program. Staff will complete FY 2026 5303 grant application when submission period opens.

A motion was made by Marcie Hamilton to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the FY 2026 5303 resolution and authorize the HAMPO Director to fully execute the grant funding application. Bob Dodd seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

- c) **HAMPO FY 2026 UPWP (Informational):** Rachel gave the 2024 highlights along with the FY 2025 UPWP priorities. Comment forms will be emailed to committee members and are due by September 30, 2024.

- 5) **OTHER BUSINESS:** Agency Updates: Jeff stated that the LCPC next comprehensive community planning workshop will be at the College and Career center in walthourville on July 22, 2024 at 6 PM. Jeff stated that he will schedule a training session for the new committee members. The committee chose July 31st at 5:30 PM for the training session. Jeff asked the committee if they would like to change the time of this meeting. Jeff stated that we will need to change the bylaws, but we will start meeting at 4 PM for each meeting.

- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:** Chairman Odom stated that there is an issue with traffic flow at the traffic signal at Leroy Coffey and Highway 84. He would like to see the right-hand turn lanes onto Highway 84 have to make a complete stop.

- 7) **SCHEDULE:** It was decided to poll the committee for the next CAC meeting.

8) **ADJOURN: A motion was made by Ron Collins to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Robert Dodd, and all voted in favor.**

APPROVED:



Phil Odom, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC