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HAMPO TCC MINUTES: January 9, 2025

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 January 9, 2025.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

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

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made.

Members Present: Jeff Ricketson, Joey Brown, Arnold Jackson, Katie Proctor, Kenny Howard, Paul Simonton, Louise Brown, Clemontine Washington, James Willis, Paul Hawkins, Tina Eason, Brynn Grant, Sarah Hayes and Trent Long.

Members Absent: Jomar Pastorelle.

Non-Voting Members Present: Ryan Arnold, Dionne Lovett

Non-Voting Members Absent: Robert Buckley, Donna Dale and John Lyles

Participating: Tim Byler, Phil Odom

Staff Present: Kelly Wiggins, Rachel Hatcher, Tim Byler, Vince Edwards.

Public: None.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Trent Long made the motion to approve the December 5, 2024 minutes, seconded by Arnold Jackson and all voted in favor.**

3) STATUS UPDATES

- a. **Project Update:** Katie Proctor 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.

Trent Long made note that the preconstruction project for Lewis Frasier and Peacock Creek Bridge is estimated for a May 2025 LET date and it will require road closures. He asked that advance public awareness materials to be prepared and circulated for the citizens to be aware.

Joey Brown requested additional information about Doctors Creek Bridge. He asked if both bridges are being replaced? Katie will get the information for him. Katie Proctor shared that the NEVI project locations would be finalized in February so they would receive an update in March.

- b. **Transit Update: Rachel Hatcher.** 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 30th. Donna Dale was welcomed as the new Liberty Transit Executor Director and TCC transit representative. Donna stated that the paratransit ridership has increased by 53% since last year.
- c. **Transportation Public Comment Log:** No new comments.
- 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.

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 28th. Project types available include bike and ped facilities, street scrape improvements and related activities.

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

City of Hinesville Manager, Kenny Howard and City Engineer Paul Simonton requested a follow-up meeting to further discuss the recommendation for an RCUT at Deal Street at E.G. Miles intersection. Joey Brown identified 7 (+/-) intersections that were not included in the draft project list and several that need to be reevaluated. The committee concluded that a follow-up technical

subcommittee meeting needs to be scheduled, and the plan must be updated and adopted before June 2025 SS4A Infrastructure NOFO closes.

- f. Wade Carroll with Pond and Company gave a quick status update of the MTP.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Election of Officers: (Action Item):** Joey Brown made a motion to elect Trent Long as Chairman of the TCC. Clemontine Washington moved for the nomination to be closed with the one name. asked for a motion to close the nominations. Tina Eason seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Paul Simonton made a motion to elect Kenny Howard as Vice-Chairman of the TCC. Clemontine Washington moved for the nomination to be closed with one name. Trent Long seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Jeff pointed out that Joey Brown has been the Chairman of the TCC for the past 20 years and thanked him for his service.

- 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.

Trent Long made a motion to recommend the Policy Committee to adopt the amended HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP. Arnold Jackson seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

- 4) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATES:** Jeff announced the Community Planning Meeting to be held on January 27, 2025 at 6 PM at Dorchester Civic Center. Rachel stated that the LCDA Director asked that the committee reflect on the importance of improvements to the I-95 interchange and that it be considered a top priority project in all planning processes. Joey stated that the County is considering submitting a RAISE grant application for this location.
- 5) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- 6) **SCHEDULE:** The next TCC meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024.
- 8) **ADJOURN: Motion by Paul Simonton to adjourn. Seconded by Jeff Ricketson. All voted in favor.**

APPROVED:

Joey Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC