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HAMPO CAC MINUTES: March 13, 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 March 13, 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
Anthony Milton	Hinesville
Cassidy Collins	Hinesville

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

Marcie Hamilton	Liberty County
Angela Powell	Liberty County
Emmanuel Joyner	Riceboro
Tim Byler	Flemington
Lelani Sikes	Liberty County

STAFF/GVT/Other:

Jeff Ricketson	HAMPO/LCPC
Jamie Zerillo	RS&H, LCPC
Rachel Hatcher	RS&H
Todd Kennedy	LCPC
Wade Carroll	Pond
Kelly Wiggins	LCPC

VACANT SEATS:

Vacant	Allenhurst
Vacant	Long

2) **Approval of minutes for January 9, 2025 meeting:**

Motion to approve the January 9, 2025 minutes was made by Curles Butler, 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; Waiting on construction authorization and it's on schedule for LET in May.

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

Active: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction at 85%. Waiting for the arm to arrive and be replaced.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement. Working on corrections. 93% complete. It is closing out now.

The Doctors Creek bridge replacement in Long County Project is at 48% with anticipated completion April 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. Still not on report, but they have started some of the clearing. Rachel stated that there are plans for a groundbreaking ceremony in the near future.

b. Transit Update: Rachel stated that Liberty Transit is continuing to meet with partners regarding implementation of the transit development plan that was adopted this summer. Staff presented at the inaugural Liberty County Industry Alliance meeting February 12th. Fixed route ridership has increased 375 and Paratransit ridership has increased 78%. Continuing fare free operation with a limit of two trips per day per person. Donna Dale stated that Liberty Transit is continuing to grow. Bob Dodd asked if there was a work order in for the bus shelter on Busbee Road. The glass is broken in it and they have it taped off. Rachel stated that public works handle the maintenance and that she would mention it to Donna at the next transit steering committee meeting.

c. Transportation Public Comment Log: Received comment about traffic at the new Publix Development and how it would impact school traffic. Rachel provided an update on the traffic signal at Publix intersection. Trent stated that last week they bored under the road. He saw the drilling rig there yesterday and it anticipates the signal being installed and operative in the next 60 days.

d. Administrative Updates: HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP: Rachel went over Admin Modification 6, 7, 8 and 9 to the TIP. The documents have been updated on the website. She also went over the HAMPO Title 6 plan. The MPA approval letter was received 2-4-2025 and the Title 6 Plan update to maintain compliance was initiated. For the Carbon Reduction Program, the City of Hinesville

transit supportive infrastructure project (5 locations) confirmed as eligible. And the administrative amendments to application have been submitted.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **HAMPO FY 2026 UPWP: (Action Item):** The public comment period was held December 12, 2024-January 11, 2025. The oversight agencies provided comments. There were no public comments received. Comment log is attached. There are no changes to the budget from last meeting. However, GDOT recommended raising the cost of unfunded freight plan update. The previous action was staff incorporated comments from the oversight agencies.

A motion was made by Ron Collins to recommend that the Policy committee approve the HAMPO FY 2026 UPWP. The motion was seconded by Bob Dodd and all voted in favor.

- b) **SS4A Safety Action Plan: (Action Item):** Rachel brought the committee up to speed on SS4A Safety Action Plan. Rachel mentioned that the subcommittee met and rearranged the priority list.

A motion was made by Curles Butler to recommend that the Policy committee approve the SS4A Safety Action Plan. The motion was seconded by Ron Collins and all voted in favor.

- c) **HAMPO 2050 MTP: (Informational Item):** Rachel updated the committee on the MTP. Wade Carroll with Pond and Company gave a presentation and mentioned that the subcommittee met and rearranged the priority list.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:** Agency Updates: None

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:** None.

7) **SCHEDULE:** The next CAC meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2025.

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

APPROVED:

Phil Odom, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC