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HAMPO CAC MINUTES: November 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 November 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
Ron Collins	GSU
Curles Butler	Hinesville
Anthony Milton	Hinesville
Marcie Hamilton	Liberty County
Leilani Sikes	Liberty County
Bob Dodd	Walthourville
Bobbie Ruiz	Hinesville
Angela Powell	Liberty County
Emmanuel Joyner	Riceboro

EXCUSED:

Cassidy Collins	Hinesville
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ABSENT:

Tim Byler	Flemington
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STAFF/GVT/Other:

Jeff Ricketson	HAMPO/LCPC
Jamie Zerillo	RS&H, LCPC
Justin Dammons	RS&H
Lori Parks	LCPC

VACANT SEATS:

Vacant	Allenhurst
Vacant	Long

2) **Approval of minutes for July 10, 2025 meeting:**

Motion to approve the July 10, 2025 minutes was made by Bob Dodd, seconded by Ron Collins and all voted in favor.

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

a. **Project Update:** Justin presented the project update.

SR 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. Anticipated FFPR expected June 2026. Right-of-way is under way and appraisals are being received.

Active: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction at 86%. However, Katie Proctor told us that she believes the project is complete.

The Doctors Creek bridge replacement in Long County Project is reported at 85% complete but Katie Proctor stated that it is complete as of now.

Bypass on SR 38/US84 to Sr 119 LET date was 10-18-2024. Work has begun.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project is reported at 68%. Trent gave an update on the bridge. The 150-day time limit for closure of the road ends on December 6.

Justin stated that Larry Logan stated there is a directional sign in the median of McLarry's curve that has been knocked down. Katie stated she will check on it and get back with Mr. Logan.

b. **Transit Update:** Justin stated that Liberty Transit is continuing to meet with partners regarding TDP implementation. Vanpool program implementation planning is underway. Service to Walthourville is being discontinued starting December 31, 2025. Ridership over the past 3 months has averaged 2,321. Paratransit ridership reached a new peak of 1,174 in September.

Justin stated that at the TCC meeting Ryan Arnold stated that a grant application was submitted in September including funding requests for TDP and site selection.

c. **Transportation Public Comment Log:** 2025-01. A CAC member transmitted a letter from a concerned citizen regarding the Kings Road location adjacent to Snelson Golden Middle School in Hinesville. Vehicles use Kings Road as a drop-off location for students entering school property via the pedestrian bridge. Roadway conditions are poor and lacks sufficient infrastructure, making the increased traffic unsafe. The increased traffic is unfavorable to the residents.

Justin explained that Paul Simonton stated that the City of Hinesville approached the Board of Education for an easement to place a cul-de-sac at the end of that road. There will be a fence around the cul-de-sac from ditch to ditch to discourage students from using it as a drop-off location. This project will be done withing the next few months.

- d. **Administrative Updates:** FY-2027 – 2030 TIP kickoff. Justin went over the requirements for the TIP such as kick-off stages, and next steps. He also presented a schedule and the UPWP priorities. He advised the committee of the upcoming GAMPO conference dates.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

5) **HAMPO Draft HAMPO FY 2027 UPWP: (Action Item):**

- a) Justin stated that the draft UPWP was transmitted with our meeting materials. This is the work program for the MPO which describes our planning activities, expected costs and one-year timeframe. Also makes sure we are compliant with federal prescribed activities with GDOT oversight and are updated annually. FY 2027 budget has not been released for PL funds. The PL funds based on last year's amount is \$ 161,922.72 and 5303 is \$72,524 (applied for in FY 27 5303 grant application). The areas of emphasis are FY 2027- 2030 TIP update, HAMPO freight Plan Development, TSPLOST program support and Title VI/Environmental Justice.

A motion was made by Bob Dodd to recommend the Policy Committee release the Draft HAMPO 2027 UPWP for 30-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Curles Butler and all voted in favor.

- b) **GDOT 2026 PM1 Performance Measures-Action Item:** this action provides input for the development and implementation of the highway safety improvement program (HSIP) and measures if a State has met or made significant progress in meeting the performance targets. The 2026 targets will be incorporated into the 2050 MTP and FY 2024-2027 TIP if adopted by the PC.

A motion was made by Ron Collins to recommend adoption of the 2026 Safety Performance Management Targets as approved by GDOT and seconded by Bob Dodd and all voted in favor.

- c) **GDOT 2026 Annual Mass Amendment-Action Item:** On July 24, GDOT requested an amendment to HAMPO's FY 2024-2027 TIP and 2045 MTP. The amendment includes FY 2026 AMA including 2026 total HWY funds, 2026 Amendment project detail, and 2026 amendment project summary.

A motion was made by Curles Butler to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment #6 and seconded by Marcie Hamilton and all voted in favor.

- d) **Spring 2026 GAMPO Special PL Funds Resolution-Action Item:** GAMPO is responsible for dispersing PL funds not utilized by MPO's. There are opportunities for submittal each year in March and September. The funding available for transportation planning projects cannot be applied to PE, ROW, UTL, or CST. GAMPO has previously funded 2045 and 2050 MTP's. Milestone actions are required for eligibility in the March 2026 grant cycle to include TCC and PC approval, a PC-signed resolution, a local 20% match funding commitment and updates UPWP incorporating the project.

A motion was made by Marcie Hamilton to recommend to the Policy Committee approve the HAMPO Freight Plan Special PL Funding Application for submittal to GAMPO and seconded by Angela Powell and all voted in favor.

- e) **HAMPO 2026 Committee Meeting Calendar-Action Item:** Justin presented the 2026 committee meeting calendar.

A motion was made by Curles Butler to recommend that the Policy Committee approve of the 2026 HAMPO CAC Committee Calendar and seconded by Ron Collins and all voted in favor.

- 5) **OTHER BUSINESS:** Agency Updates: Jeff thanked Phil for his service. Phil submitted his resignation as CAC Chairman. Jeff stated that the bylaws state that a Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected at the first meeting of the new year.
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:** The committee suggested that the 84 median project have landscaping and will pass forward.
- 7) **SCHEDULE:** The next CAC meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2026.
- 8) **ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Bob Dodd to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ron Collins, and all voted in favor.

APPROVED:

Phil Odom, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC