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HAMPO PC MINUTES: April 10, 2025

The Policy Committee (PC) on Transportation met in person and via ZOOM at 9:00 AM on April 10, 2025.

1) **CALL TO ORDER**:
   - The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Chairman Lovette. Introductions were made.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Voting Members Present
Larry Logan, Flemington,
Katie Proctor, GDOT
Donald Lovette, LCBOC Chairman
Mayor Tina Eason, Gum Branch
Mayor James Willis, Allenhurst
Ryan Arnold, Hinesville
Vicky Nelson, Hinesville
Lynn Pace, LCPC PC
Mayor Sarah B. Hayes, Walthourville
Louise Brown, Riceboro
Jomar Pastorelle
Verdell Jones, LCBOE

Voting Members Absent
James Craft, Long County BOC Chairman
Melissa Ray, LCDA
Mayor Karl Riles, Hinesville
Phil Odom, LCPC PC
Gary Gilliard, LCBOC
Clemontine Washington, Vice-Chair

Non-Voting Present
Jeff Ricketson, LCPC Director
Emma Frost, Ft Stewart
Mayor Pro Tem William Harrell, Allenhurst
Ryan Arnold, Hinesville

Non-Voting Absent

Participating
Rachel Hatcher, RS&H, LCPC, via zoom
Justin Dammons, RS&H
Wade Carrol, POND Associates
Beth Hoffman, RS&H
Todd Kennedy, LCPC Staff
Donna Dale, Liberty Transit
Mary Flatt

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **Verdell Jones made a motion to approve the February 13, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Vicky Nelson. All voted in favor.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

a. **Project Status Reports:**

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.

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.

Katie stated that she spoke with Kelly earlier in the week and we do have some maintenance projects that are beginning. The 84 resurfacing from West of State RT 119 to East of Wallace Martin Drive LET in September and the resurfacing of East Highway 196 LET in February and should be starting soon but does not have a date for that yet. Jeff asked if the resurfacing would be done during the night. Katie stated that resurfacing Highway 84 will be done at night.

Upon receiving that information Jeff will let everyone know of the status and any other information. Larry Logan spoke about the situation of roads within Flemington City Limits. Ponding is becoming an issue at McLarry's Curve. Larry stated they will bring this to GDOT's attention and come up with a plan. Jeff asked Katie to check into ponding. Ryan Arnold asked Katie if the city could weigh in on the plans for the highway 84 safety project and if a date had been set. Katie will be checking into that and send Ryan what they have by email.

b. **Transit Updates:** Rachel spoke and discussed partnerships and connections. The highest ridership was achieved. Fare free ridership is still in effect. All information was covered. The partnership information needs to be in one place. It is desirous to expand the partnerships into other areas. The implementation of rural initiatives would be beneficial.

c. **Transportation Public Comment Log**: Rachel spoke and gave an update. Traffic comments were received in reference to the Publix signal. After school gets out is when a difference should be seen.

d. **HAMPO Administrative Updates:** Rachel spoke. At the last meeting there were some amendments passed. Modifications #s 6-7 have been completed. Administrative Amendment #s 8-9 were completed and implemented. There were no questions. Modification #10, which was assigned a new PI number, has been completed. The Policy Committee passed additional information. HAMPO Title 6 Plan: MPA approval letter was received on February 4, 2025 and initiated to maintain compliance. Carbon Reduction Program: City of Hinesville transit supportive infrastructure project confirmed as eligible and administrative amendments to application have been submitted. The committee was

recognized due to their work on implementing projects without issue, especially since it is a small organization. Vulnerable populations have been protected. These documents are also available on the LCPC website.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **HAMPO FY 2026 UPWP – Action Item:** Rachel presented the UPWP Development Schedule. Public comment period was held from December 12, 2024 to January 11, 2025. Oversight agencies provided comments, and no public comments were received. A motion was entertained by Chairman Lovette.

Vicky Nelson made a motion to adopt the HAMPO FY 2026 UPWP. Sarah Hayes seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

b) **SS4A Safety Action Plan – Action Item:** Rachel spoke and suggested this item be adopted. The Technical Subcommittee did meet and select projects. The TCC and CAC both recommended adoption of the plan. Information and resources to be circulated. Discussion followed.

Sarah Hayes made a motion to adopt the SS4A Safety Action Plan. Vicky Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

c) **HAMPO 2050 MTP – Informational Item.** Wade Carrol spoke and gave an overview. The public meeting was 4/9/25 and there was no turnout except for one person. There is another public meeting on 4/10/25 in Midway. Wade went through the slides and discussed the posters and project highlights. The operational and maintenance projects were discussed as well. The next steps in the process were covered. August will be the time for when public comment will take place.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Agency Updates: No comments.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Jeff Ricketson stated there have been no issues with getting quorums at meetings. There was discussion about routes and corridors. Louise Brown stated that she receives a lot of comments about the traffic on Highway 119. More information to follow.

7) **SCHEDULE:** Next regularly scheduled PC meeting will be June 12, 2025.

8) **ADJOURN: MOTION: Tina Eason**
SECOND: Louise Brown
VOTE: All in favor.

APPROVED:

Clementine F. Washington

~~Donald Lovette~~, Chairperson - Vice

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson