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HAMPO PC MINUTES: April 9, 2026

The Policy Committee (PC) on Transportation met in person and via TEAMS at 9:00 AM on April 9, 2026.

1) **CALL TO ORDER**:
   - The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Lovette. Introductions were made.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Voting Members Present
Mayor Tina Eason, Gum Branch
Mayor Sarah B. Hayes, Walthourville
Chris Stacy, Mayor, Riceboro
Jomar Pastorelle (Virtual)
Malcolm Williams, Mayor, Midway
Verdell Jones, LCBOE
Phil Odom, LCPC PC
Commissioner Timmy Blount, LCBOC
James Willis Mayor, Allenhurst
Donald Lovette, LCBOC Chairman
Pedro Ortiz, (Virtual)
Vicky Nelson, Hinesville

Non-Voting Present
Jeff Ricketson, LCPC Director
Temperance West, City of Hinesville

Non-Voting Absent

Voting Members Absent
Jeremy Fuller, Long County BOC Chairman
Mayor Karl Riles, Hinesville
Mayor Malcolm Williams, Midway
Tim Byler, Mayor Flemington

Participating
Vishanya Forbes, RS&H, LCPC
Justin Dammons, RS&H. LCPC
Tamela Drake, CRC
Katie Proctor, GDOT

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Lovette asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

- **Tina Eason made a motion to approve the February 12, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Sarah Hayes. All voted in favor.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

a. **Project Status Reports: Katie Proctor:** SR 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. FFPR anticipated it in November. ROW and acquisition underway. LET date states 6-2027 but there is some rescheduling happening at this time.

Active: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction at 86%. This project is complete except for some grassing.

The Doctors Creek bridge replacement in Long County is reported at 100% complete.

Bypass on SR 38/US84 to SR 119 LET date was 10-18-2024. 41% complete.

b. **Transit Updates:** Vishanya stated that Liberty Transit is revamping the system ride guides. They are searching for new administrative office location and Routes 2 and 3 have seen a 30% increase in ridership.

c. **Transportation Public Comment Log**: None.

d. **HAMPO Administrative Updates:** Vishanya stated we are currently developing our HAMPO FY 2027-2030 TIP. This is the short-range work program for projects over the next four years. Projects must be in the TIP to receive federal and state and highway funding. The TIP development process is part of the overall MPO transportation planning process. The next action step will be a kickoff meeting with GDOT. A review of the draft project list which is anticipated mid-April and then the development of the draft TIP document.

All members should bring their list of projects to the next meeting.

HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP: administrative modification # 15 was completed February 13, 2026 to add scoping phase to the Hinesville Bypass Phase 2 of the project.

HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP: administrative modification # 16 was completed February 17, 2026 for updates to several project phase costs for Lewis Frasier project and the Bypass.

HAMPO FY 2026 UPWP: administrative modification # 1 was completed April 1, 2026 to move HAMPO freight plan special study from the unfunded section to the funded section of the UPWP.

GAMPO Special PL Funds Meeting Update: There was a presentation by AMPO and they presented recent changes on the Federal level. PM2/PM3 targets were discusses and the target year is 2029. HAMPO submitted and won funds for the HAMPO freight plan.

Wallace Martin Road Realignment: This realignment is in the 2050 MTP. Discussion was held with GDOT, HAMPO in reference to funding this project. Project will move forward with TSPLOST funding.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **HAMPO FY 2027-UPWP- (Action Item):** Vishanya went over the MPO planning priorities and work efforts along with the schedule. She stated public comment period was held and oversight agencies comments were addressed. The staff incorporated comments from the oversight agencies and the TCC and CAC recommended approval.

A motion was made by Verdell Jones to approve the HAMPO FY 2027 UPWP. The motion was seconded by Sarah Hayes and all voted in favor.

b) **HAMPO FY 24-27 TIP Amendment #7- (Action Item):** On March 5, 2026 HAMPO received an amendment request from GDOT to remove Norman St and Tupelo Trail from the TIP and add Deal Street and Hwy 196 into the TIP. HAMPO staff coordinated with the City of Hinesville, GDOT< FHWA on funding sources, including Carbon Reduction Program funds. The TCC and CAC recommended release for public comment at their March meetings.

A motion was made by Tina Eason to release the draft FY 20324-2027 TIP Amendment # 7 for a 15-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Sarah Hayes and all voted in favor.

c) **Carbon Reduction Funds Program - (Informational Item):** Vishanya gave an overview of the Carbon Reduction Fund application process.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Agency Updates: None.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

7) **SCHEDULE:** Next regularly scheduled PC meeting will be June 11, 2026.

8) **ADJOURN: MOTION: Tina Eason**
SECOND: Sarah Hayes
VOTE: All in favor.

APPROVED:

Donald Lovette, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson