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HAMPO PC MINUTES: December 11, 2025

The Policy Committee (PC) on Transportation met in person and via ZOOM at 9:00 AM on December 11, 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
Mayor Tina Eason, Gum Branch
Mayor Sarah B. Hayes, Walthourville (Virtual)
Louise Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem, Riceboro
Jomar Pastorelle
Marcus Sack, LCDA
Verdell Jones, LCBOE
Phil Odom, LCPC PC
Mayor ProTem Vicky Nelson, Hinesville (Virtual)
Commissioner Timmy Blount, LCBOC
William Harrell, Mayor Pro Tem, Allenhurst
Donald Lovette, LCBOC Chairman

Non-Voting Present
Jeff Ricketson, LCPC Director

Non-Voting Absent

Voting Members Absent
James Craft, Long County BOC Chairman
Mayor Karl Riles, Hinesville

Participating
Rachel Hatcher, RS&H, LCPC
Justin Dammons, RS&H. LCPC
Joseph Mosley, County Administrator
Katie Proctor, GDOT
Tamara Drake, CRC
Emma Frost, Ft. Stewart Master Planning
Mary Flatt, GDOT Transit

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Lovette asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

- **Phil Odom made a motion to approve the August 14, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Verdell Jones. All voted in favor.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

a. **Project Status Reports: Katie Proctor:** Katie shared that the status report provided was incorrect and needed to be updated and recirculated. The formulas used to generate timelines were broken and therefore not reflecting actual percentages

Preconstruction: SR 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail median project: Appraisals have started coming in, so ROW letters are in progress. PIOH has been completed, but local government partners will be invited to participate in the FFPR. Jeff asked if the project included lighting upgrades, but Kaie was unsure and offered to follow up with him. Next milestone is FFPR and is anticipated December of 2026.

Active: Intersection improvements at SR 38/US 84 @ CR 73/Old Sunbury Road has corrective work underway but has experienced delays due to weather. Lighting was installed along with corrections for drainage issues.

b. **Transit Updates:** Rachel 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. There were zero accidents reported for the year. There was a 13.8% increase in transit ridership and a 34% increase in paratransit ridership for the month of November. The fare free program is still in effect.

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 it lacks sufficient infrastructure, making the increased traffic unsafe. The increased traffic is unfavorable to the residents. 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. **Election of Officers:** The election of officers will occur at the January PC meeting. A selection committee of three was selected to nominate members. Those three are Phil Odom, Louise Brown, and Timmy Blount.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Draft HAMPO FY 2027 UPWP: (Action Item):** 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 been released for PL funds on December 3rd. The PL funds based on last year's amount is $ 163,900.49 and 5303 is $72,524 (applied for n FY 27 5303 grant application). The areas of emphasis are FY 2027- 2030 TIP update, HAMPO freight Plan Development, TSPLOST program support and Title V1/Environmental Justice.

A motion was made by Verdell Jones to recommend the Policy Committee release the Draft HAMPO 2027 UPWP for 30-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Louise Brown and all voted in favor.

The collection of T-Splost will begin in April 2026.

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 Louise Brown to recommend adoption by resolution of the 2026 Safety Performance Management Targets as approved by GDOT and seconded by Timmy Blount 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 William Harrell to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment #6 and seconded by Louise Brown 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 Verdell Jones to recommend to the Policy Committee approve the HAMPO Freight Plan Special PL Funding Application for submittal to GAMPO and seconded by William Harrell 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 Phil Odom to recommend that the Policy Committee approve of the 2026 HAMPO PC, TCC and CAC Committee Calendar and seconded by Louise Brown and all voted in favor.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Agency Updates: Jeff Ricketson handed out a sheet of projects that will be funded by T-Splost. Vicky Nelson shared that she is hosting her annual toy drive this Saturday. Chairman Lovette stated that we need bike and nature trails on our minds. The park on Isle of Wight Road should be dedicated in April 2026.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

7) **SCHEDULE:** Next regularly scheduled PC meeting will be February 12, 2026.

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

APPROVED:

Donald Lovette, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson