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HAMPO PC MINUTES: February 13, 2025

The Policy Committee (PC) on Transportation met in person and via ZOOM at 9:00 AM on February 13, 2025.

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

INTRODUCTIONS:

Voting Members Present
Mayor Paul Hawkins, Flemington
Jomar Pastorelle, GDOT, Katie Proctor had proxy
Donald Lovette, LCBOC Chairman
Mayor Tina Eason, Gum Branch
Mayor Pro Tem William Harrell, Allenhurst
Gary Gilliard, LCBOC
Phil Odom, LCPC PC
Mayor Karl Riles, Hinesville
Verdell Jones, LCBOE
Mayor Sarah B. Hayes, Walthourville
Lynn Pace, LCPC PC

Non-Voting Present
Jeff Ricketson, LCPC Executive Director
Kenny Howard, City Manager

Non-Voting Absent
Joey Brown, County Administrator
Emma Frost, Ft Stewart

Voting Members Absent
James Craft, Long County BOC Chairman
Melissa Ray, LCDA
Louise Brown, Riceboro
Clemontine Washington, Vice-Chair
Vicky Nelson, Hinesville, Kenny had proxy

Participating
Justin Dammons, RS&H
Joe Longo FHWA
Todd Kennedy, LCPC Staff
Jamie Zerillo, RS&H
Elizabeth Burke, Pond and Co.
Greg O'Donnell, Atlas
Mary Flatt, GDOT
Katie Proctor, GDOT
Richard Fangmann, Pond

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

   - **Paul Hawkins made a motion to approve December 12, 2024, minutes. The motion was seconded by Karl Riles. All voted in favor.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**
   a. **Project Status Reports:** Katie Proctor presented the project update.

16567 – Doctors Creek Bridge was discussed. The safety milestone was emphasized. Projects are getting to at least 90% towards completion. Jeff Ricketson asked if there is an overlay for Leroy Coffer Hwy and US 84. Katie Proctor answered milling and overlay projects for US 84 (Oglethorpe highway) and GA 196 (Leroy Coffer highway). Jeff Ricketson asked if these would be night projects. Katie responded she'll check if these are night projects.

b. **Transit Updates:** Updates were provided by RS&H. Mr. Howard had no further comments.

c. **Transportation Public Comment Log**: There were no further comments provided for the Transportation Comment Log. Discussion was brought up by committee members. They included new ways that comments can be logged in. Puddling of water in the roadway of Mclarry's Curve was asked to Mayor Paul Hawkins. Mayor Hawkins stated GDOT informed him there has been a work order change turned in on this project. If the water does not touch the yellow lines, it is ok, but many complaints have been received. Jeff Ricketson will inquire about this with the district office.

d. **Administrative Updates:** The Unified Planning Work Program was discussed. The April 2024 meeting is when further information will be discussed. Title 6 update was discussed. The Carbon Reduction program was discussed. More information to come. The Transportation Alternatives Program was discussed. Kenny Howard stated that the City of Hinesville is looking into it. The idea is to get more people off the roads and into alternative modes of transportation.

e. **SS4A Safety Action Plan Final Report:** Vince Edwards with Atlas Technical Consultants, who is the consultant, spoke virtually and discussed the Safe Streets 4 all. The content of the document was discussed, and the notes and input were incorporated. Information including the methods of public engagement was given. The online engagement tool was discussed. Information including how it works and how data is gathered were discussed. All transportation project types were considered in the study. Evaluations of crash data and project evaluation were discussed. A table was presented. The cost estimates included pre-engineering, ROW, Utility, and Construction. The roadways discussed included Dunlevie Road, Tibet Road, and Talmage Road. Factors discussed included costs, TSPLOST funding, and possible roundabout candidates for intersection improvements. West Hendry Street was discussed as well. The segment of SR 119/General Screven Way between Pafford and Gause Streets were discussed. Improvements along that segment are recommended. The intersection at US 84 at Dunlevie Road was discussed. Improvements are to take place. The oak tree at that location needs to be kept as part of the improvements. E.G. Miles Pkwy was discussed. It is an important corridor and at the intersection of Pineland Ave and E.G. Miles Pkwy, improvements were discussed including crosswalks. The intersection at US 84 and Lewis Frazier Road was discussed for improvements. The intersection at E.G. Miles and Deal Street was discussed as a location for a future roundabout. At the intersection of US 84 and US 17, the southbound acceleration lane needs to be eliminated. There are 6 areas where sidewalks will be added. Any final questions or comments were asked for. Jeff Ricketson stated inclusion of these projects can open up a new pot of money and we should start with the low hanging fruit. Kenny Howard started these projects that have all been visited before. He also stated the importance of starting to move forward and how the intersection of E.G. Miles Pkwy and Pineland is particularly dangerous. Now that these projects are on the list, they are eligible.

f. **MTP Update:** Elizabeth Burkley, with Pond and Company, gave an update on the status of the MTP. The goals and objectives were discussed. The prioritization process and overview were covered.

Process components included project scoring, including project types for evaluation and evaluation categories. The scoring used including mobility, performance and other measures. Operational project scoring was discussed. Resilience was a factor emphasized, and Active Transportation Project scoring was discussed as well. The next steps include finalizing the prioritization methodology. Members were urged to coordinate with Wade Carroll, as he is the project manager. There have been many successful projects that have come out of the MTP process over the years.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Election of Officers – Action Item**
Nominations were stated by LCBOC Gary Gilliard to re-elect the current officers. Mayor Eason seconded the motion. Donald Lovette will remain Chairman of the PC and Clemontine Washtingotn will remain the Vice-Chair.

HAMPO FY 2024-27 TIP Admin Modification #5 (Action):
This amendment was discussed. **A motion was entertained by Chairman Lovette. The motion was seconded by Mayor Eason. The motion passed unanimously.**

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Agency Updates: Jeff Ricketson reminded the committee of the 4 PM Comprehensive Plan stakeholders meeting with LCPC today. The County-wide Mid-Year Review Workshop is scheduled for February 19, 2025, as well.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

7) **SCHEDULE:** Next regularly scheduled PC meeting will be April 10, 2025.

8) **ADJOURN: MOTION: Paul Hawkins**
SECOND: Tina Eason
VOTE: All in favor.

APPROVED:

Donald Lovette, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson