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HAMPO TCC MINUTES: January 11, 2024

The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on Transportation met in the multi-purpose room of the Historic Court House in person and via ZOOM at 100 N. Main Street in Hinesville at 9:00 AM on January 11, 2024.

1) **CALL TO ORDER**:
   - Joey Brown called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

   INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made.

   Members Present: Larry Logan, Trent Long, Jeff Ricketson, Emma Frost, Ben Morrow, Arnold Jackson, Clemontine Washington, Debra Attical, Katie Proctor, Tina Eason, Shannae Johnson and Jomar Pastorelle.
   Members Absent: Joey Brown, Robert Parker, Paul Simonton, Ron Tolley, Sarah Hayes
   Non-Voting Members Present: Phil Odom, Joe Longo
   Non-Voting Members Absent: Allen Burns, Robert Buckley, and John Lyles.
   Participating: Donna Dale, Clint Ford, Vince Edwards.
   Staff Present: Justin Dammons, Kelly Wiggins, Rachel Hatcher.
   Public: None.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

   - **Trent Long made the motion to approve the November 9, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ben Morrow and all voted in favor.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

   a. **Project Update**: Katie Proctor presented the project update.

      SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119: Next milestone is construction authorization.

      Joey stated that the County has requested additional congressional earmarks. The house and senate committees have both given that recommendation for approval. We are waiting on the feds to get together to work on a budget to do utility relocation. The request was also for wetland credit acquisition and those have already been acquired. It is scheduled for a LET in June.

      Jeff stated that at the last meeting there was discussion about the rail crossing program and Jomar has reported that there is a large pool of money available to the US Department of Transportation.

Joe Longo stated that FY 2023 NOLO should be available this month. He will send an email when he sees it.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project; FFPR. The ROW is currently at 50%.

SR 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. Next milestone PFPR and it is anticipated August 2024.

Active: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction at 36%. Retaining wall work should begin in February.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement. Ongoing.

Milling and resurfacing SR 119 from S of SR 144 N extending to Airport Road. At 73% and ongoing.

The Doctors Creek bridge in Long County has LET but we don't have an NTP yet.

b. **Transit Update: Rachel Hatcher.** Rachel stated Vanessa Richards is the new GM for Liberty Transit. TPD activities for first quarter of 2024 are a second stakeholders meeting and an official workshop for new Mayor and Commissioners to attend. Due to switching third party operator the ridership statistics are not available for August- October. Paratransit ridership in November was less in 2023 than 2022. Route 2 and 3 showed increased ridership year over year.

c. **Transportation Public Comment Log.** No new comments. Rachel stated that we are still working on the crosswalk on Highway 17 between the Midway Museum and Midway Cemetery.

d. **Administrative Updates:**

GAMPO Spring 2024 Conference: Rachel stated that the HAMPO staff will be attending the Spring 2024 conference in March. The MPO will not apply for special PL funds this cycle. Updates and information from meeting will be shared with committee members at a later date.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Election of Officers: (Action Item).**

A motion was made by Jeff Ricketson to keep the same officers from 2023 for Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Larry Logan, and all voted in favor. Chairman is Joey Brown and Vice-Chaiman is Kenny Howard.

b) **HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment #1: (Action Item.)** On November 8, 2023 the GDOT Office of Planning requested an amendment to the FY 2024-2027 TIP document to update construction phases for two projects. The SR 38 Bypass and the I-95 ITS. Previous action was a 15-day public comment period, and no public comments were received.

A motion was made by Trent Long n to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the amended HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP. Ben Morrow seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

c) **Calendar Year 2024 GDOT Safety Performance Measures: (Action Item.)** Rachel stated that each year we are required to adopt the latest GDOT safety performance targets. A list of targets was provided for the committee.

A motion was made by Jeff Ricketson to recommend to the Policy Committee adoption, by resolution, of calendar year 2024 GDOT Safety Performance Management Targets as approved by GDOT. The motion was seconded by Trent Long and all voted in favor.

d) **Greenhouse Final Rule: (Information Item).** On November 22, 2023 FHWA released its Greenhouse Gas Performance Measure final rule. State DOTs and MPOs must measure and report GHG emissions associated with transportation. Targets must be set for reducing CO2 emissions. State DOTs will be responsible for setting initial targets, due Feb. 2024. MPOs have 180 days after state targets are set to adopt targets. Starting in 2026, 2-year and 4-year targets will be established.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATES:** Trent gave an update on the Barrington Ferry roundabout. Joey gave update on the Marathon station development on this side of I-95. They have had meetings with GDOT concerning access and safety measures. They are also looking to expand the airport. Joey also reminded the committee that we are about to update the Comprehensive Plan and encouraged everyone to participate.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

7) **SCHEDULE:** The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2024.

8) **ADJOURN: Motion by Jeff Ricketson to adjourn. Seconded by Larry Logan. All voted in favor.**

APPROVED:

Joey Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC