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HAMPO TCC MINUTES: July 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 July 11, 2024.

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

   INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made.

   Members Present: Jeff Ricketson, Ben Morrow, Arnold Jackson, Katie Proctor, Sarah Hayes, Jomar Pastorelle, Brynn Grant, Kenny Howard, Paul Simonton, and Trent Long
   Members Absent: Joey Brown, Robert Parker, Clemontine Washington, James Willis, Tina Eason, Larry Logan, Chris Stacy, and Emma Frost
   Non-Voting Members Present: Joe Longo
   Non-Voting Members Absent: Dionne Lovett, Robert Buckley, and John Lyles.
   Participating:
   Staff Present: Justin Dammons, Kelly Wiggins, Rachel Hatcher, Vince Edwards, Wade Carroll and Barry James.
   Public: None.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

   - **Sarah Hayes made the motion to approve the May 9, 2024 minutes, seconded by Arnold Jackson 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: Moved LET date to October.

   CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project; next milestone is FFPR.

   SR 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. The concept was approved in January and is still in preliminary design awaiting PFPR. They have everything ready for the public open house meeting and should be having that meeting within the next two months.

No real update for Active.

b. **Transit Update: Rachel Hatcher.** Rachel stated the Transit Development Plan was adopted on June 20, 2024. The final report is being packaged and will be published on the website. There are a lot of really great recommendations in the plan that will take approximately 24 months to get funded and up off the ground and into implementation phases including securing new partnerships. The June fixed route ridership increased by 25.49% from 2023-2024. Paratransit ridership increased by 30.63% from 2023-2024.

c. **Transportation Public Comment Log:** No new comments.

d. **Administrative Updates: Fall 2024 GAMPO Special PL Funds Committee Meeting.** GAMPO fall special funds committee meeting will be in September. HAMPO will present 2050 MTP status update. No HAMPO Special PL Funding application for this cycle. Applications for the next cycle are due in March 2025. The funds are only for planning projects, and they do not include PE, ROW, UTL, CST phases.

HAMPO Title VI Plan Update: Title VI plans due September 30, 2024. The MPO's are working with transit agencies throughout the state to make sure that Title 6 plans are updated. Those plans demonstrate how the system does not discriminate, and our processes do not discriminate against populations that are protected by legislation and how our services and our actions are not disparately impacting our communities. Rachel gave an overview of local priorities. These projects are in the current TIP, and we have taken a lot of administrative modifications and amendment actions on. We received a request from GDOT on July 9, 2024 and are seeking to determine local priorities for the listed TIP projects.

e. **HAMPO 2050 MTP Update:** Wade Carroll with Pond and Company gave an update on the MTP. this. He stated that our plan is on hold until model runs are completed by GDOT. They are currently working on other elements that can do along with prioritizing framework based on goals and objectives. They have provided 2025 and 2050 information to GDOT. They are still trying to get more participation in the survey. Jeff stated that we have the SS4A plan underway, and they are getting close to having something for the committee to look at and adopt. Once adopted then we can apply for SS4A implementation funds to help with the E.G. Miles study.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment #3. (Action Item):** On May 2, 2024, the GDOT Office of Planning requested an amendment to the FY 2024-2027 TIP document to update the utilities and construction phases for the Hinesville Bypass project.

A motion was made by Trent Long to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the amended FY 24-27 TIP. Paul Simonton seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

b) **HAMPO FY 2026 5303 Grant Application (Action Item):** HAMPO's annual formula funding includes both PL and 5303 funds. Section 5303 activity line items are program support and administration, long range transportation, short range transportation. And transportation

improvement program. Staff will complete FY 2026 5303 grant application when submission period opens.

A motion was made by Paul Simonton to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the FY 2026 5303 resolution and authorize the HAMPO Director to fully execute the grant funding application. Trent Long seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

c) **HAMPO FY 2026 UPWP (Informational):** Rachel gave the 2024 highlights along with the FY 2025 UPWP priorities. Comment forms will be emailed to committee members and are due by September 30, 2024.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATES:** Brynn Grant stated that the LCDA is working with a consulting firm to get feedback from the local community thoughts and wishes. At the end there will be a path forward they can use to make decisions that are aligned with their strategic plan. Arnold Jackson stated School starts on August 5th will 11,000 students. 90 buses will be in service. Trent Long stated that at the next meeting he will update the committee on the Islands Highway widening and Barrington Ferry roundabout improvements. Kenny gave an update on city of Hinesville projects. He discussed a project to assist with traffic congestion on South Main on First Street to Veterans and then from Charles Frasier Blvd to Ralph Quarterman and then from Charles Frasier to Kasey Drive. Paul Simonton stated that they are bidding on the first two phases. They are adding an additional lane on Veterans Parkway. Mayor Hayes stated that there is some new construction of homes and townhomes in the City of Walthourville. Jeff stated that the LCPC is about halfway through our community planning process to update the Comprehensive Plan. Next meeting is July 22, 2024 at 6 PM at the College and Career Center in Walthourville. Joe Longo stated that there were 7 awards given in Georgia for grants. Early coordination is key to applying for grants with GDOT.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

7) **SCHEDULE:** The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2024 but conflicts with the GAMPO meeting in Rome. It was decided that the staff will poll the members to set up the next meeting.

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

APPROVED:

Joey Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Assistant

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC