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HAMPO PC MINUTES: June 13, 2024

The Policy Committee (PC) on Transportation met in person and via ZOOM at 9:00 AM on June 13, 2024.

1) **CALL TO ORDER**:

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lovette. Introductions were made.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Voting Members Present

Mayor Paul Hawkins, Flemington
Clemontine Washington, Vice-Chair
Lynn Pace, LCPC PC
Mayor Karl Riles, Hinesville
Gary Gilliard, LCBOC
Jomar Pastorelle, GDOT
Donald Lovette, LCBOC Chairman
Vicky Nelson, Hinesville City Council
Mayor Sarah Hayes, Walthourville
Mayor Tina Eason, Gum Branch
Verdell Jones, LCBOE
Melissa Ray, LCDA

Non-Voting Present

Jeff Ricketson, LCPC Director

Non-Voting Absent

Joey Brown, County Administrator
Kenny Howard, City Manager
Emma Frost, Ft Stewart

Voting Members Absent

Robert Parker, Long County BOC Chairman
Mayor James Willis, Allenhurst

Participating

Rachel Hatcher, RS&H, LCPC
Katie Proctor, GDOT
Justin Dammons, RS&H
Joe Longo, FHWA
Vince Edwards, Atlas
Wade Carroll, Pond and Company
Inga Kennedy, Pond and Company
Trent Long, T.R. Long Engineering
Dionne Lovett, CRC

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **Paul Hawkins made a motion to approve the April 11, 2024 minutes. The motion was seconded by Sarah Hayes. All voted in favor.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

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

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119: Waiting on construction authorization. The LET has been moved to August.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project; The next milestone is FFPR, anticipated in October.

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

Active: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction at 55%. They are pouring the wall and should be on track for Fall of 2024 for completion.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement. Reporting 76% complete.

The Doctors Creek bridge replacement in Long County has started to shift the traffic to begin the actual replacement.

b. **Liberty Transit Update:** Rachel Hatcher presented Transit highlights for the second quarter of 2024. There was a 30-day public comment period that ended on May 31st. The plan adoption is scheduled for June 20th at the City of Hinesville Council meeting. April fixed route ridership decreased by 8.4% from 2023-2024. April paratransit ridership increased by 64% from 2023-2024.

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

d. **HAMPO Administrative Updates:**

HAMPO SS4A Safety Action Plan: Vince Edwards with Atlas presented an update on the plan. Their team has participated in public outreach. A list was provided of areas advancing for further analysis along with a timeline and the next steps that will be taken for study.

HAMPO 2050 MTP Update: Wade Carroll with Pond and Company gave an update of the MTP. He provided a schedule of project tasks, travel demand modeling, outreach, the highlights from the survey results. Wade also went over the goals, objectives, and performance measures with the committee.

Liberty Transit TDP: Rachel described what the transit development plan is and its purpose. This plan is required to be updated every 5 years. She provided the project schedule and public outreach highlights. Rachel gave a summary of existing conditions statistics. She stated some items considered in the assessment are ridership by stop, underperforming areas, key demographic groups served and public and stakeholder input. A list of systemwide underperforming areas was also provided along with three types of service scenarios. Rachel explained that microtransit is a flexible transit service that uses a mobile application to schedule trips between a requested pick-up and drop-off location. She also provided a scenario of financial analysis and implementation timeline.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **HAMPO FY 2024- 2027 TIP Amendment #2: (Action Item).** Rachel stated that the GDOT Office of Planning requested an amendment to the FY 2024-20-27 TIP document to update the construction phase for the ITS project. The 15-day public comment was met, and no comments were received. TCC and CAC acted on May 9, 2024 and recommended that the Policy Committee adopt the amendment.

A motion was made by Gary Gilliard to adopt the HAMPO FY 2024 TIP Amendment. The motion was seconded by Verdell Jones, and all voted in favor.

b) **HAMPO FY 2024- 2027 TIP Amendment #3: (Action Item.)** Rachel stated that the GDOT Office of Planning requested an amendment to the FY 2024-2027 TIP document to update the construction phase for the SR 38 Bypass. TCC and CAC acted on May 9, 2024 and recommended that the Policy Committee adopt the amendment.

A motion was made by Karl Riles to release the amended FY 24-27 for 15-day public comment period. the amended FY 2024-2027 TIP for a 15-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Sarah Hayes, and all voted unanimously.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Agency Updates: None.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Jeff stated the LCPC will host the next Comprehensive Planning Meeting on June 24, 2024 at the Dorchester Academy and Museum at 6 PM.

7) **SCHEDULE:** Next regularly scheduled PC meeting will be August 8, 2024.

8) **ADJOURN: MOTION: Gary Gilliard**
SECOND: Tina Eason
VOTE: All in favor.

APPROVED:

Donald Lovette, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson