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HAMPO PC MINUTES: June 12, 2025

The Policy Committee (PC) on Transportation met in person and via ZOOM at 9:00 AM on June 12, 2025.

1) **CALL TO ORDER**:
   - The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Vice-Chairman Wahington. Introductions were made.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Voting Members Present
Larry Logan, Flemington,
Clemontine Washington, Vice-Chair
Mayor Tina Eason, Gum Branch
MPT William Harrell, Allenhurst
Lynn Pace, LCPC PC
Mayor Sarah B. Hayes, Walthourville
Louise Brown, Riceboro
Jomar Pastorelle
Timmy Blount, LCBOC
Mayor Karl Riles, Hinesville
Melissa Ray, LCDA

Non-Voting Present
Jeff Ricketson, LCPC Director
Emma Frost, Ft Stewart
Ryan Arnold, Hinesville

Non-Voting Absent

Voting Members Absent
James Craft, Long County BOC Chairman
Phil Odom, LCPC PC
Clemontine Washington, Vice-Chair
Donald Lovette, LCBOC Chairman
Verdell Jones, LCBOE

Participating
Rachel Hatcher, RS&H, LCPC
Justin Dammons, RS&H
Wade Carroll, POND Associates
Joseph Mosley, County Administrator
Katie Proctor, GDOT
Emma Frost, Ft Stewart
Robert Norby, COH

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

   - **Tina Eason made a motion to approve the April 10, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Louise Brown. All voted in favor.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

   a. **Project Status Reports: Katie Proctor:**

Preconstruction: SR 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. Next milestone ROW acquisition. Planning a property owners meeting.

Jeff asked if the section of Highway 84 they are milling at this time would include the section from where the median is being developed. Katie stated she would check on it.

Active: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction at 85%. Waiting for the mast arm to arrive and be replaced. Both of the drainage issues have been addressed and have been included as supplemental agreements.

The Doctors Creek bridge replacement in Long County Project is at 48% with anticipated completion April of 2026.

Bypass on SR 38/US84 to Sr 119 LET date was 10-18-2024. Has been awarded. The field office has been installed, and they are cleaning and grubbing at the present time.

Bridge replacement on CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek. No numbers have been received yet.

Resurfacing on Highway 84 and it is 50% complete.

b. **Transit Updates:** Rachel stated that we have a had a lot of really great momentum in the last month including presentations to the regional RISE, which is an employment supportive organization that also looks at other areas in the industry. Housing is also including. RISE includes six regional counties, and Anna Chaffin is the leader. They have all partnered with all Development Authorities and the LCDA to identify supportive connections they can make and potential funding. And through that conversation and through that mechanism, the LCDA has put funding in their draft budget to support transportation projects through Liberty Transit. There will likely be some sort of partnership within the next year to eighteen months on how to get employee transportation out to Tradeport East and potentially out to Riceboro. And possibly a more flexible model where they can go anywhere n the county. Record setting ridership on Liberty Transit month over month since the system went fare free.

c. **Transportation Public Comment Log**: Rachel spoke and gave an update.

d. **HAMPO Administrative Updates: None.**

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

4) **HAMPO FY 2026 UPWP – Action Item:** Wade Carroll with Pond and Company gave a presentation on the projects list to be included in the MTP. The Following two projects will be added to MTP unfunded list: Flemington connector and Tibet Road widening and improvements. In regard to the I-95 bridge at Exit 76, there was much discussion regarding funding, cost of the CST phase and strategy to demonstrate the importance of the project without funding all phases. GDOT provided the comment that UTL must be located in the same band as CST, so the funding for utilities will be moved to unfunded as well. Consensus was reached that the PE and ROW phases being programmed in the

MTP sufficiently demonstrated commitment without "spending" all of the MTP revenues on one project.

Melissa Ray made the motion to recommend that the Policy Committee release the draft HAMPO 2050 MTP for a 30-day public comment period, seconded by William Harrell and all voted in favor.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Agency Updates: Jeff Ricketson stated that he will be bringing the Comprehensive Plan to the government entities during July for adoption in September. Ryan Arnold stated that the Hendry Street and South Main Street roundabout construction has been LET and the contractor selected was Platinum. Mayor Hawkins stated that Wallace Martin failed testing and requires extensive mitigation by the contractor including removal and repaving. Joseph Martin also failed materials testing and requires an additional 1" of asphalt (in addition to the commercial vehicle depth asphalt already specified and installed). The contractor is taking responsibility for these issues and is working through mitigation. Old Sunbury Road will be a difficult project with significant traffic interruptions including lane closures with a pilot car.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** NONE.

7) **SCHEDULE:** Next regularly scheduled PC meeting will be August 14, 2025.

8) **ADJOURN: MOTION: Sarah Hayes**
SECOND: Tina Eason
VOTE: All in favor.

APPROVED:

PP Clementine F. Washington
Donald Lovette, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson