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HAMPO PC MINUTES: June 17, 2026

The Policy Committee (PC) on Transportation met in person and via TEAMS at 9:00 AM on June April 9, 2026.

1) **CALL TO ORDER**:
   - The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Lovette. Introductions were made.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Voting Members Present
Mayor Tina Eason, Gum Branch
Mayor Sarah B. Hayes, Walthourville
Chris Stacy, Mayor, Riceboro
Katie Proctor
Malcolm Williams, Mayor, Midway
Verdell Jones, LCBOE
Phil Odom, LCPC Chairman
Commissioner Timmy Blount, LCBOC
James Willis Mayor, Allenhurst
Donald Lovette, LCBOC Chairman
Tim Byler, Mayor Flemington
Vicky Nelson, Hinesville

Non-Voting Present
Jeff Ricketson, LCPC Director
Ryan Arnold, City of Hinesville

Non-Voting Absent

Voting Members Absent
Jeremy Fuller, Long County BOC Chairman
Mayor Karl Riles, Hinesville
Mayor Malcolm Williams, Midway
Melissa Ray, LCDA

Participating
Vishanya Forbes, RS&H, LCPC
Justin Dammons, RS&H. LCPC
Tamela Drake, CRC
Pedro Ortiz, (Virtual)
Lori Parks, LCPC
Jomar Pastorelle (Online)
Rosario Santo
Mary Flatt, GDOT

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Lovette asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

- **Tim Byler made a motion to approve the April 9, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Sarah Hayes. All voted in favor.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

a. **Project Status Reports: Katie Proctor: Pre-Construction:** SR 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. ROW was authorized in September. Anticipate FFPR in November '26. 9 deeds at 36%.

Active: Bypass on SR 38/US84 to SR 119 LET date was 10-18-2024. 53% complete. Anticipated completion date is Fall 2027.

b. **Transit Updates:** Vishanya stated that Liberty Transit system highlights are as follows: the agency is currently revamping system ride guides. A search for a new administrative office location is underway. Route 2 continues to show strong growth. Vanpool program implementation planning is underway. Mayor Stacy asked about the status of the Vanpool program, and Ryan stated they are waiting on the grant. Ryan Arnold stated that they have entered a lease agreement with the HDA and transit to use Downs property on Deal Street as their base of operations admin office. They are waiting on GDOT to clear them of Depot guidelines. Transit needs to move so the city can use the area for construction while raising the water tower located at the current site.

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

d. **HAMPO Administrative Updates:** Vishanya stated that every three years we are required to undergo self-certification. The current certification expires on December 2nd. Oversight agencies will be scheduling visits with staff onsite in early Fall. Certification is expected to be completed in December.

Safety Performance Report Update: Vishanya stated that HAMPO staff received the Georgia MPO FY 27-30 MPO SR on May 29 from GDOT Planning. This includes federal performance measures and statewide performance targets set by GDOT. HAMPO staff is currently updating SPR. This will be included as administrative modification to 2050 MTP and incorporated directly into FY 27-30 TIP.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **HAMPO FY 24-27 TIP Amendment #7- (Action Item):** On March 5, 2026 HAMPO received an amendment request from GDOT to remove Norman St and Tupelo Trail from the TIP and add Deal Street and Hwy 196 into the TIP. HAMPO staff coordinated with the City of Hinesville, GDOT, FHWA on funding sources, including Carbon Reduction Program funds. The TCC recommended release of public comments at their March meeting.

A motion was made by Tim Byler to adopt the FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment # 7. The motion was seconded by Sarah Hayes and all voted in favor.

b) **HAMPO FY 24-27 2030 TIP - (Action Item):** The FY 2027-2030 TIP information received from GDOT Planning. Staff held the official kickoff meeting with GDOT on May 6th. The current TIP expires June 30, 2027. A valid TIP is the conduit through which Federal and State funding flows to Liberty County for transportation planning and capital improvements. The two projects that are programmed and authorized is the Hinesville Bypass Phase 2 and the Deal Street roundabout. TCC unanimously recommended to release draft TIP for public comment.

A motion was made by Tina Eason to release the draft FY 2027 – 2030 TIP Amendment for a 15-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Phil Odom and all voted in favor.

c) **Carbon Reduction Funds Program - (Action Item):** Vishanya gave an overview of the Carbon Reduction Fund application process. HAMPO has funds programmed in the current HAMPO FY 25-27 TIP. The funds have the potential to lapse if not obligated/spent by the end of the fiscal year. IIJA identified numerous project types eligible for funding. Staff provided committee members with a CRP Call for Projects form and a ranking scoring matrix form. HAMPO opened the CRP call for projects and received two applications. One application was from the City of Hinesville for South Main Street Corridor Efficiency project and the other was from Liberty County for I-95/Highway 84 Lighting and Street Light Replacement. Total funds available with federal and local match is $728,407. Both applications received scored well. TCC recommended that both projects be funded as the following: the full amount of funding for I-95 lighting project, with remaining funds allocated to South Main Street corridor project. The South Main Street corridor project will be supplemental with funds from other funding sources as they are identified and become available.

A motion was made by Chris Stacy to approve the full amount of CRP funding for the I-95 highway 84 street light replacement project with remaining funds allocated to the South Main Street Corridor efficiency project. The motion was seconded by Tim Byler and all voted in favor.

d) **HAMPO 2050 MTP Amendment- (Informational Item):** HAMPO staff will be conducting an amendment to 2050 MTP as part of the FY 27-30 TIP update process. This ensures the 2050 MTP project list remains fiscally constrained as projects move into the updated TIP. The project cost estimates that are in the fiscally constrained project list in the MTP must be monitored to ensure that the MTP remains balanced. Once documents have been finalized, staff will present it to the committees for review and action.

e) **SS4A Implementation Grant-(Informational Item):** Vishanya stated that HAMPO staff reevaluated SS4A eligibility and requirements for the Wallace Martin realignment project and the City of Flemington will advance this project using TSPLOST funding. Staff will continue to monitor NORO releases and evaluate future project opportunities for the upcoming grant cycle.

f) **HAMPO FY 2026 UPWP Administrative Modification- (Informational Item):** HAMPO staff will be conducting an administrative modification to the current UPWP. The admin modification will rebalance the remining funding left by task and line item. No additional funds from Federal or local sources will be needed and that ensures MPO does not leave money unspent at the end of the fiscal year.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Agency Updates: Mayor Stacy stated that there are 4 subdivisions pending approval for the City of Riceboro. They are also working on annexation which will change the city limits.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

7) **SCHEDULE:** Next regularly scheduled PC meeting will be August 13, 2026.

8) **ADJOURN: MOTION: Chris Stacy**
SECOND: Tina Eason
VOTE: All in favor.

APPROVED:

Donald Lovette, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson