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HAMPO CAC MINUTES: March 12, 2026

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on Transportation met in the LCPC Conference room of the Historic Court House at 100 N. Main Street in Hinesville at 4:00 PM on March 12, 2026.

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

INTRODUCTIONS: None

PRESENT

Donna Groover	Gum Branch
Ron Collins	GSU
Willie Cato	Flemington
Anthony Milton	Hinesville
Angela Powell	Liberty County
Chris Jiminez	Long County
Cassidy Collins(Vice Chair)	Hinesville
Bobbie Ruiz	Hinesville

ABSENT:

Bob Dodd (Chairman)	Walthourville
Marcie Hamilton	Liberty County
Emmanuel Joyner	Riceboro
Leilani Sikes	Liberty County
Curles Butler	Hinesville

STAFF/GVT/Other:

Jeff Ricketson	HAMPO/LCPC
Kelly Wiggins	LCPC
Justin Dammons	RS&H

VACANT SEATS:

Vacant	Allenhurst

2) **Approval of minutes for November 13, 2025 meeting:**

Motion to approve the November 13, 2025 minutes was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Bobbie Ruiz and all voted in favor.

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

a. Project Update: Justin presented the project update.

SR 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. ROW is underway and contact has been made with property owners. LET date was supposed to be June 2027. Jeff stated that GDOT is in the middle of rescheduling projects due to lack of safety funds. He will let the committee know the status once the schedule is finalized.

Active: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction at 86%. Original corrections have been completed but still open to address pipe issues.

The Doctors Creek bridge replacement in Long County is reported at 100% complete.

Bypass on SR 38/US84 to SR 119 LET date was 10-18-2024. 36% complete.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project is reported at 99%. Trent gave an update on the bridge. The 150-day time limit for closure of the road ended on December 6. Working on corrections. Trent stated final inspection has been completed and they just have two fire hydrants that need to be raised.

b. Transit Update: Justin stated that Liberty Transit system highlights are as follows: Vanpool program implementation planning is underway. Ridership increased 30.6 % for the month of January. Paratransit ridership also increased by 44%. Justin mentioned that the Coastal Regional Commission also offers transportation to rural areas.

c. Transportation Public Comment Log: Jeff Ricketson stated that GDOT is in the process of changing out the street name signs at major intersections due to cracking and fading.

d. HAMPO FY 2027-2030 TIP: Justin stated that the TIP is the short-range work program for projects over the next four years. Projects must be in the TIP to receive federal and state highway funding for PE, ROW, UTL and CST. Justin went over the TIP development process which is part of the overall MPO transportation process and this builds upon HAMPO 2050 MTP. The current FY 2024-2027 TIP will remain active until the adoption of the FY 27-30 STIP and completion of HAMPO FY 27-30 TIP. The next step is a kickoff meeting with GDOT, a review of the draft project list and the development of the draft TIP document.

Administrative modification # 15 was completed on February 13, 2026 to add the scoping phase to the Hinesville Bypass Phase 2 project.

Administrative modification # 16 was completed February 17, 2026 with updated costs to the Lewis Frasier Road project and the Hinesville Bypass.

Mr. Jimenez will get the T-Splost information from Long County to Jeff to enter into the TIP.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Election of Officers: (Action Item): Donna Groover made a motion to elect Bob Dodd as the chairman for the CAC. The motion was seconded by Cassidy Collins and all voted in favor.

Ron Collins made a motion to elect Cassidy Collins as the Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Chris Jimenez and all voted in favor.

b. HAMPO FY 2027 UPWP- (Action Item): Justin stated the UPWP is ready for adoption. It is updated annually. We have addressed all oversite agencies comments, and no public comments were received. HAMPO received FY 2027 PL and &410 budget on December 3, 2025 from the GDOT Office of Planning.

A motion was made by Donna Groover to recommend the Policy Committee approve the HAMPO FY 2027 UPWP. The motion was seconded by Ron Collins and all voted in favor.

c. GDOT 2026 Annual Mass Amendment-Action Item: On July 24, GDOT requested an amendment to HAMPO's FY 2024-2027 TIP and 2045 MTP. The amendment includes FY 2026 AMA including 2026 total HWY funds, 2026 Amendment project detail, and 2026 amendment project summary.

A motion was made by Donna Groover to recommend to the Policy Committee release the draft FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment # 7 for a 15-day public comment period, pending assignment of a Project ID number. The motion was seconded by Chris Jimenez and all voted in favor with one opposed.

d. Carbon Reduction Funds Program- (Informational Item): Justin went over the background and previous actions for the program.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:** Agency Updates: No updates.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:** Ron Collins stated that Liberty County needs to do something about electric bikes. He has witnessed them on the sidewalk and road, and he has almost collided with one recently. He stated they are riding with earphones on and their phone in their hands. Jeff stated this may be a law enforcement issue.

Justin stated we will email the acronym list to the committee.

7) **SCHEDULE:** The next CAC meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2026.

8) **ADJOURN: A motion was made by Ron Collins to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Donna Groover and all voted in favor.**

APPROVED:

Bob Dodd, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC