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HAMPO TCC MINUTES: March 13, 2025

The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on Transportation met in the conference room of the LCPC at the Historic Court House in person and via ZOOM at 100 N. Main Street in Hinesville at 9:00 AM on March 13, 2025.

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

   INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made.

   Members Present: Jeff Ricketson, Emma Frost, Joey Brown, Arnold Jackson, Katie Proctor, James Willis, Tina Eason, Robert Norby, Pat Watkins, Trent Long, Sarah Hayes, James Craft, Jomar Pastorelle and Larry Logan
   Members Absent: Kenny Howard, Clemontine Washington, Paul Simonton
   Non-Voting Members Present: Donna Dale
   Non-Voting Members Absent: Robert Buckley, Anne-Marie Day, Don Masisak, John Lyles
   Participating: Lamonte Bell
   Staff Present: Rachel Hatcher, Kelly Wiggins, Todd Kennedy
   Public: None.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

   - **Tina Eason made the motion to approve the January 9, 2025 minutes, seconded by Arnold Jackson and all voted in favor.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

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

      CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project; Waiting on construction authorization and its on schedule for LET in May.

      SR 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. Next milestone FFPR. Anticipated FFPR request in October.

      Active: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction at 85%. Waiting for the arm to arrive and be replaced.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement. Working on corrections. 93% complete. It is closing out now.

The Doctors Creek bridge replacement in Long County Project is at 48% with anticipated completion April of 2025.

Bypass on SR 38/US84 to Sr 119 LET date was 10-18-2024. Has been awarded. Waiting to be placed on list once contract is approved. Still not on report, but they have started some of the clearing.

Jeff asked if there would be a groundbreaking for this and Joey stated that Chairman Lovette is working on that.

b. **Transit Update: Rachel Hatcher.** Rachel stated that Liberty Transit is continuing to meet with partners regarding implementation of the transit development plan that was adopted this summer. Staff presented at the inaugural Liberty County Industry Alliance meeting February 12th. Fixed route ridership has increased 375 and Paratransit ridership has increased 78%. Continuing fare free operation. Donna Dale stated that Liberty Transit is continuing to grow.

c. **Transportation Public Comment Log:** Received comment about traffic at the new Publix Development and how it would impact school traffic.

Jeff asked for an update on the traffic signal at Publix intersection. Trent stated that last week they bored under the road. He saw the drilling rig there yesterday and it anticipates the signal being installed and operative in the next 60 days.

d. **Administrative Updates: HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP:** Rachel Went over Admin Modification 6, 7, 8 and 9 to the TIP. The documents have been updated on the website. She also went over the HAMPO Title 6 plan. The MPA approval letter was received 2-4-2025 and the Title 6 Plan update to maintain compliance was initiated. For the Carbon Reduction Program, the City of Hinesville transit supportive infrastructure project (5 locations) confirmed as eligible. And the administrative amendments to application have been submitted.

4) NEW BUSINESS:

a) **HAMPO FY 2026 UPWP: (Action Item):** The public comment period was held December 12, 2024-January 11, 2025. The oversight agencies provided comments. There were no public comments received. Comment log is attached. There are no changes to the budget from last meeting. However, GDOT recommended raising the cost of unfunded freight plan update. The previous action was staff incorporated comments from the oversight agencies.

A motion was made by Joey Brown to recommend that the Policy committee approve the HAMPO FY 2026 UPWP. The motion was seconded by Tina Eason and all voted in favor.

b) **SS4A Safety Action Plan: (Action Item):** Rachel brought the committee up to speed on SS4A Safety Action Plan. **A motion was made by Sarah Hayes to recommend that the Policy**

committee approve the SS4A Safety Action Plan. The motion was seconded by Jeff Ricketson and all voted in favor.

c) **HAMPO 2050 MTP: (Informational Item):** Wade Carroll with Pond and Company gave an update on the MTP. Wade mentioned that the subcommittee met and rearranged the priority list.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATES:** Trent stated he should have a pre-concept plan on the Barrington Ferry project. Joey stated they are starting the process of obtaining 33 more acres for the Mid-coast airport. Arnold Jackson reminded everyone that E-Splost voting is happening right now.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

7) **SCHEDULE:** The next TCC meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2025.

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

APPROVED:

Trent Long, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC