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HAMPO TCC MINUTES: March 12, 2026

The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on Transportation met in the multi-purpose room at the Historic Court House in person and via ZOOM at 100 N. Main Street in Hinesville at 9:00 AM on March 12, 2026.

1) **CALL TO ORDER**:

- Joseph Mosley called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made.

Members Present: Jeff Ricketson, Louise Brown, William Harrell, Paul Simonton, Trent Long, Sarah Hayes, Ryan Arnold, Katie Proctor, Pedro Ortiz, Tina Eason, Joseph Mosley, Rhonda Thomas, Robert Norby, and Larry Logan. Via Zoom: Jomar Pastorelle
Members Absent: Emma Frost, Arnold Jackson, Brynn Grant and Jeremy Fuller.
Non-Voting Members Present: Donna Dale
Non-Voting Members Absent: Robert Buckley, Anne-Marie Day
Participating:
Staff Present: Justin Dammons, Kelly Wiggins, Vishanya Forbes
Public: None.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **Sarah Hayes made the motion to approve the January 8, 2026 minutes, seconded by Paul Simonton and all voted in favor.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

a. **Project Update**: Katie Proctor 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. Katie stated that GDOT is in the middle of rescheduling projects due to lack of safety funds. She 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 Dammons.** 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%.

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 Bypass.

4) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **NEW BUSINESS: 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 Sarah Hayes to recommend the Policy Committee approve the HAMPO FY 2027 UPWP. The motion was seconded by Tina Eason and all voted unanimously.

b) **HAMPO FY 24-27 TIP Amendment # 7- (Action Item):** HAMPO received an amendment request from GDOT on March 5, 2026. The amendment removes Link Street, Norman Street and Tupelo Trail from the TIP and adds Deal Street Roundabout into the TIP. The project is currently in the 2050 MTP. Previously HAMPO staff coordinated with City of Hinesville, GDOT, FHWA on funding sources, including Carbon Reduction Program funds.

A motion was made by Paul Simonton 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.

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

5) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATES:**

Jeff stated that he has applied to GDOT for freight study funds and he will be attending the GAMPO conference at the end of March. He also stated that we met with Long County Administrator Shane Richardson and they have appointed people to the committees. The HAMPO staff will be offering HAMPO training immediately after this meeting at 10 AM.

Jeff also mentioned that the Wallace Martin realignment with the Publix traffic signal needs to be included in the upcoming TIP update due to concerns about access to the schools and interest from private developers along the potential alignment.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

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

8) **ADJOURN: Motion by Tina Eason to adjourn. Seconded by Paul Simonton and all voted in favor.**

APPROVED:

Joseph Mosley, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC