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HAMPO TCC MINUTES: May 29, 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 May 29, 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, Louise Brown, William Harrell, Tina Eason, Paul Simonton, Robert Norby, Brynn Grant, Trent Long, Sarah Hayes, Kenny Howard, Pedro Ortiz, Katie Proctor, Chuck Scragg, and Larry Logan
Members Absent: Emma Frost, Clemontine Washington, Arnold Jackson , Joseph Mosley
Non-Voting Members Present: Ryan Arnold
Non-Voting Members Absent: Robert Buckley, Anne-Marie Day, Don Masisak, John Lyles
Participating: Lamonte Bell
Staff Present: Rachel Hatcher, Kelly Wiggins, Wade Carroll
Public: None.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **Tina Eason made the motion to approve the March 13, 2025 minutes, seconded by Sarah Hayes 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; LET in May and received 4 bids. Once further information is received this project will move to the construction side.

SR 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. Anticipated FFPR expected June 2026. Right-of-way acquisition has shifted to August 2025 and LET to 2027.

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.

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

Bypass on SR 38/US84 to Sr 119 LET date was 10-18-2024. Nothing to report but they have started work.

Trent asked about the ponding water on the work at McLarry's Curve. Katie stated that there has been change order entered to start corrective work on this issue. Paul Simonon asked if the issues on Old Hines Road were being addressed in the same change order. Katie stated yes.

b. **Transit Update: Rachel Hatcher.** 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 transportation 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:** No new comments.

d. **Administrative Updates:** Rachel went over the requirements for the MTP.

4) **NEW BUSINESS: HAMPO FY 2050 MTP: (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.

Jeff will circulate maps, tables and comments are due June 4.

Tina Eason made the motion to recommend that the Policy Committee release the draft HAMPO 2050 MTP for a 30-day public comment period pending any additional changes received by the TCC in addition to those received in the meeting, seconded by Sarah Hayes and all voted in favor.

The deadline for submitted changes to the committee is June 4, 2025.

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

Trent provided an update sharing that he had facilitated a meeting with Ann Purcell requesting funding and support for several projects including SR 119, Islands Hwy, and the I-95 Bridge.

June 23 at 10:00 AM is the groundbreaking ceremony for the Hinesville Bypass project at Baconton Church

Old Sunbury Road will be undergoing a full reclamation project which will include interruptions in traffic. Information will be shared for distribution.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

7) **SCHEDULE:** The next TCC meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2025.

8) **ADJOURN: Motion by Jeff Ricketson to adjourn. Seconded by Kenny Howard and all voted in favor.**

APPROVED:

Trent Long, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC