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HAMPO TCC MINUTES: November 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 November 13, 2025.

1) **CALL TO ORDER**:

- Trent Long called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS: No Introductions were made.

Members Present: Jeff Ricketson, Louise Brown, William Harrell, Paul Simonton, Trent Long, Sarah Hayes, Ryan Arnold, Pedro Ortiz, Katie Proctor, Joseph Mosely, Brynn Grant and Larry Logan.
Members Absent: Emma Frost, Arnold Jackson , Tina Eason, Robert Norby, Clemontine Washington
Non-Voting Members Present: Ryan Arnold, Donna Dale
Non-Voting Members Absent: Robert Buckley, Anne-Marie Day, John Lyles
Participating:
Staff Present: Justin Dammons, Kelly Wiggins, Jamie Zerillo
Public: Phil Odom, CAC Chairman.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **Brynn Grant made the motion to approve the July 10, 2025 minutes, seconded by Sarah Hayes and all voted in favor.**
- **Sarah Hayes made a motion to approve the July 24, 2025, minutes, seconded by Louise Brown 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. Anticipated FFPR expected June 2026. Right-of-way is under way and appraisals are being received.

Active: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction at 86%. However, Katie believes the project is complete.

The Doctors Creek bridge replacement in Long County Project is reported at 85% complete but Katie stated that is complete as of now.

Bypass on SR 38/US84 to Sr 119 LET date was 10-18-2024. Work has begun.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project is reported at 68%. Trent gave an update on the bridge. The 150-day time limit for closure of the road ends on December 6.

Larry Logan stated there is a directional sign in the median of McLarry's curve that has been knocked down. Katie stated she will check on it and get back with Mr. Logan.

b. **Transit Update: Justin Dammons.** Justin stated that Liberty Transit is continuing to meet with partners regarding TDP implementation. Vanpool program implementation planning is underway. Service to Walthourville is being discontinued starting December 31, 2025. Ridership over the past 3 months has averaged 2,321. Paratransit ridership reached a new peak of 1,174 in September.

Ryan Arnold stated that a grant application was submitted in September including funding requests for TDP and site selection.

c. **Transportation Public Comment Log:** 2025-01. A CAC member transmitted a letter from a concerned citizen regarding the Kings Road location adjacent to Snelson Golden Middle School in Hinesville. Vehicles use Kings Road as a drop-off location for students entering school property via the pedestrian bridge. Roadway conditions are poor and lacks sufficient infrastructure, making the increased traffic unsafe. The increased traffic is unfavorable to the residents.

Paul Simonton stated that the City of Hinesville approached the Board of Education for an easement to place a cul-de-sac at the end of that road. There will be a fence around the cul-de-sac from ditch to ditch to discourage students from using it as a drop-off location. This project will be done withing the next few months.

d. **Election of Officers:** The election of officers will occur at the January TCC meeting.

a) **NEW BUSINESS: Draft HAMPO FY 2027 UPWP: (Action Item):** Justin stated that the draft UPWP was transmitted with our meeting materials. This is the work program for the MPO which describes our planning activities, expected costs and one-year timeframe. Also makes sure we are compliant with federal prescribed activities with GDOT oversight and are updated annually. FY 2027 budget has not been released for PL funds. The PL funds based on last year's amount is $ 161,922.72 and 5303 is $72,524 (applied for n FY 27 5303 grant application). The areas of emphasis are FY 2027- 2030 TIP update, HAMPO freight Plan Development, TSPLOST program support and Title V1/Environmental Justice.

A motion was made by Larry Logan to recommend the Policy Committee release the Draft HAMPO 2027 UPWP for 30-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Joseph Mosely and all voted in favor.

b) **GDOT 2026 PM1 Performance Measures-Action Item**: this action provides input for the development and implementation of the highway safety improvement program (HSIP) and measures if a State has met or made significant progress in meeting the performance targets. The

2026 targets will be incorporated into the 2050 MTP and FY 2024-2027 TIP if adopted by the PC.

A motion was made by Sarah Hayes to recommend adoption of the 2026 Safety Performance Management Targets as approved by GDOT and seconded by Paul Simonton 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 Jeff Ricketson to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment #6 and seconded by Sarah Hayes and all voted in favor.

d) **Spring 2026 GAMPO Special PL Funds Resolution-Action Item:** GAMPO is responsible for dispersing PL funds not utilized by MPO's. There are opportunities for submittal each year in March and September. The funding available for transportation planning projects cannot be applied to PE, ROW, UTL, or CST. GAMPO has previously funded 2045 and 2050 MTP's. Milestone actions are required for eligibility in the March 2026 grant cycle to include TCC and PC approval, a PC-signed resolution, a local 20% match funding commitment and updates UPWP incorporating the project.

A motion was made by Louise Brown to recommend to the Policy Committee approve the HAMPO Freight Plan Special PL Funding Application for submittal to GAMPO and seconded by Brynn Grant and all voted in favor.

e) **HAMPO 2026 Committee Meeting Calendar-Action Item:** Justin presented the 2026 committee meeting calendar.

A motion was made by Joseph Mosley to recommend that the Policy Committee approve of the 2026 HAMPO TCC Committee Calendar and seconded by Louise Brown and all voted in favor.

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

Trent provided an update on the round about plans for Barrington Ferry. It will be February 2027 before construction begins. Paul Simonton gave an update on South Main and Ryon Avenue with a planned completion date of February/March 2026. Larry Logan informed the committee that most projects in Flemington have been completed and the street in front of Stacy's store has been named Old McLarry's Road.

5) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

6) **SCHEDULE:** The next TCC meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2026.

8) **ADJOURN: Motion by Sarah Hayes to adjourn. Seconded by Larry Logan and all voted in favor.**

APPROVED:

Trent Long, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC