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HAMPO PC MINUTES: October 10, 2024

The Policy Committee (PC) on Transportation met in person and via ZOOM at 9:00 AM on October 10, 2024.

1) **CALL TO ORDER**:
   - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lovette. Introductions were made.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Voting Members Present
Mayor Paul Hawkins, Flemington
Clemontine Washington, Vice-Chair
Lynn Pace, LCPC PC
Jomar Pastorelle, GDOT
Donald Lovette, LCBOC Chairman
Mayor Sarah B. Hayes, Walthourville
Mayor Tina Eason, Gum Branch
Mayor James Willis, Allenhurst
Vicky Nelson, Hinesville City Council(online)
Mayor Karl Riles, Hinesville

Non-Voting Present
Jeff Ricketson, LCPC Director
Ryan Arnold, Assistant City Manager

Non-Voting Absent
Joey Brown, County Administrator
Emma Frost, Ft Stewart

Voting Members Absent
Robert Parker, Long County BOC Chairman
Gary Gilliard, LCBOC
Verdell Jones, LCBOE
Melissa Ray, LCDA
Vicky Nelson, Hinesville City Council
Louise Brown, Riceboro

Participating
Rachel Hatcher, RS&H, LCPC
Katie Proctor, GDOT
Justin Dammons, RS&H
Trent Long, T.R. Long Engineering
Vince Edwards, Atlas
Matt Flynn, Pond
Greg O'Donnell, Atlas

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **Clemontine Washington made a motion to approve August 8, 2024 minutes. The motion was seconded by Sarah B. Hayes. All voted in favor.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

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

SR 38 Connector from SR/US 84 to SR 119: LET in October.

CR 171/Lewis Frasier Rd at Peacock Creek bridge replacement project; CFFPR. Anticipated to LET this month.

SR 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. Preliminary field review.

Active: SR 38/US 84 at CR 73/Old Sunbury Road is under construction at 80%. Should be completed soon.

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement. Reporting 79% complete.

The Doctors Creek bridge replacement in Long County has started to shift the traffic to begin the actual replacement. Project is at 12% with anticipated completion Winter of 2025.

b. **Liberty Transit Update:** Rachel stated the TSC approved to extend fare free pilot program through September 2025. The implementation of TDP will be discussed at Countywide Planning Retreat. Since the retreat was cancelled there will be additional discussions held before the countywide planning retreat. Route 3 posted highest monthly ridership since January of 2020. Averaging 685 riders from June to September.

c. **Transportation Public Comment Log**: None.

d. **HAMPO Administrative Updates:**

FY 2026 UPWP. The UPWP comment log was provided for members to give feedback and was due by September 30. We encourage the committee members to consider planning priorities for FY 2026. We strive to adopt the work program by April. The next few meetings you will be presented with the full draft work program with all comments included and then begin process for application at next few meetings.

e. **Ongoing Study Updates:** Consultants will present later in meeting.

HAMPO 2050 MTP Update: Rachel gave a status with Pond and Company gave an update of the MTP. In summary, they are waiting on GDOT to finish the modeling.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment #4. (Action Item):** On August 19, 2024, the GDOT Office of Planning requested a new project in FY 24-27 TIP. This amendment is to place an electric vehicle charging station somewhere between Liberty and McIntosh Counties on I-95. The station will have 4 chargers. This project is part of Georgia's NEVI Formula Program (National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure) Funding will be split between both counties. The MPO cost is $662,500 with Federal amount being $530,000 and other match is 20% with equates to $132,500. The non-Federal match can be fulfilled by private or public funds.

A motion was made by Paul Hawkins to release the amended HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP for a 15-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Sarah B. Hayes, and all voted in favor.

b) **HAMPO FY 2024 UPWP Administrative Modification #1-(Informational):** August 26, 2024 there was a new administrative modification request asked for because this prepares the FY 24 UPWP for closeout and some funding totals were reallocated with no additional costs for Federal, State or local. This is informational only because the cost was below what the requirement is for action. The adjusted amounts are located on the website for you.

c) **HAMPO FY 2024-207 TIP Admin Modification #4 UPWP (Informational):** Rachel stated there are situations where we can change things administratively based on the value of that change. GDOT Office of Planning requested a change in FY 24-27 TIP. This is for the bridge at Peacocks Creek. The cost for utilities phase was updated.

d) **SS4A Safety Action Plan Recommendations:** Atlas Consulting services gave a presentation and update on this plan with safety recommendations. Their evaluation included 104 roadway segments and 54 intersections.

e) **Carbon Reduction Program (CRP):** Rachel provided an update and call for projects along with a draft schedule. Staff will provide committee members with a CRP Call for Projects form and screen all forms for eligibility. The recommendations will be presented at the December meeting.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**
Agency Updates: Mayor Hayes asked if electrical car charging stations are included and expressed concern about the cost and availability for the batteries for these cars. Also, disposing of the batteries is a concern. Rachel stated that the State of Georgia has placed funding for charging stations in the TIP.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

7) **SCHEDULE:** Next regularly scheduled PC meeting will be December 12, 2024.

8) **ADJOURN: MOTION: Sarah B. Hayes**
SECOND: Paul Hawkins
VOTE: All in favor.

APPROVED:

Donald Lovette, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson