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HAMPO TCC MINUTES: September 5, 2024

The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on Transportation met in the multi-purpose room of the Historic Court House in person and via ZOOM at 100 N. Main Street in Hinesville at 9:00 AM on September 5, 2024.

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

   INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made.

   Members Present: Jeff Ricketson, Robert Norby, Arnold Jackson, Katie Proctor, Sarah Hayes, Jomar Pastorelle (online), Kenny Howard (online), Paul Simonton, Emma Frost, Clemontine Washington, Tina Eason, Ryan Arnold, and Trent Long.
   Members Absent: Joey Brown, Robert Parker, James Willis, Larry Logan, Louise Brown.
   Non-Voting Members Present: Shannon Young
   Non-Voting Members Absent: Dionne Lovett, Robert Buckley, Karen Randolph and John Lyles
   Participating:
   Staff Present: Justin Dammons, Kelly Wiggins, Rachel Hatcher, Jamie Zerillo, Todd Long, Robinson Nicol, Todd Kennedy and Greg Odonell.
   Public: None.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

   - **Trent Long made the motion to approve the July 11, 2024 minutes, seconded by Arnold Jackson and all voted in favor.**

3) **STATUS UPDATES**

   a. **Project 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; next milestone is CFFPR; waiting on corrected comments.

   SR 38/US 84/Flowers Drive to Patriots Trail Median project. In process of holding virtual public open houses for public comments. Closes on September 25th.

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

SR 119 at Taylors Creek-Bridge replacement. Working on corrections. 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.

Milling and overlaying for Hwy 84 from the Long County line to Flemington will be LET September of 2024.

b. **Transit Update: Rachel Hatcher.** 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. The July fixed route ridership had its highest ridership total since November of 2019 with 1648 trips. Paratransit ridership was 669. Ryan Arnold stated that one of the buses has been full and they are considering adding another bus to that route.

c. **Transportation Public Comment Log:** No new comments.

d. **Administrative Updates: FY 2026 UPWP.** The UPWP comment log was provided for members to give feedback and is 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. **HAMPO 2050 MTP Update: SS4A:** At a standstill waiting on modeling output from GDOT.

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 Trent Long to recommend that the Policy Committee release the amended HAMPO FY 2024-2027 TIP for a 15-day public comment period. Paul Simonton seconded the motion, 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 or 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.

e) **Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Call for Projects (Informational):** Rachel gave the background and previous actions that have taken place. The FY 2025 HAMPO action items will be to identify eligible projects, prioritize and select candidate projects, coordinate with oversight agencies for programming of funds and obligate funds before they lapse. HANPO has CRP funds programmed in the current HAMPO FY 2024-27 TIP. Some project types eligible for funding include transit, alternative fuel vehicles and capital improvements to intelligent transportation systems among others. Rachel also informed the committee how to create a policy to call for projects and the requirements that are needed for the projects to be eligible.

4) **OTHER BUSINESS AND AGENCY UPDATES:** None.

5) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

6) **SCHEDULE:** The next TCC meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2024.

8) **ADJOURN: Motion by Paul Simonton to adjourn. Seconded by Sarah Hayes. All voted in favor.**

APPROVED:

Joey Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, LCPC