



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Flowery Branch City Hall
5410 Pine Street, Flowery Branch, GA 30542
Draft Minutes for August 14, 2018 Meeting**

Voting Members Present:

Mayor Mike Miller, City of Flowery Branch, Chair
Mayor Lamar Scroggs, City of Oakwood
Commissioner Billy Powell, Hall County
Mayor Danny Dunagan, City of Gainesville
Gina Roy, on behalf of Chairman Tom Crow,
Jackson County
Charles Robinson, GDOT

Voting Members Absent:

Ken Rearden, Hall County
Phillippa Lewis Moss, HAT
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch
Marc Eggers, AccessWDUN
Chris Edmondson, CHA
Dave Kahlbaugh, CHA
Zhang Huang, Atkins
Shah Imran, Atkins
Adam Ivory, CDM Smith

Others Present:

Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Sam Baker, GHMPO
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO
Emily Foote, Hall County
Brandon Kirby, GDOT
Scott Frederick, GDOT
Kim Coley, GDOT
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville

1. Welcome

Mayor Miller opened the meeting at 10:05 AM.

2. Approval of May 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting, with a second from Mayor Scroggs, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Report from the Technical Coordinating Committee

Mr. Baker spoke on behalf of the TCC Chairperson Kevin McInturff, giving a recap of the July 17, 2018 TCC meeting where the TCC voted to recommend approval of all agenda items, including the adoption of the draft resolution supporting the State Targets for Pavement and Bridge Condition and the Performance of the National Highway System, Freight, and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality as well as the draft resolution requesting additional PL funds for the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update. The TCC also had a discussion regarding the tracking of in-kind local match hours to which staff responded that they would schedule a meeting in the near future with the local jurisdictions to discuss the progress of in-kind local match hours on current studies.

4. Report from the Citizens Advisory Committee

Mr. Baker spoke on behalf of the CAC Chairperson Renee Gerrell, giving a recap of the July 26, 2018 CAC meeting where the CAC voted to recommend approval of all agenda items, including the adoption of the draft resolution supporting the State Targets for Pavement and Bridge Condition and the Performance of the National Highway System, Freight, and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality as well as the draft resolution requesting additional PL funds for the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update.

The CAC inquired about the progress of the North Hall Parkway Study. Mr. Baker informed the committee that the study is in GHMPO's current work program. While federal planning funds are available for the study, local matching funds have not yet been identified to proceed. The CAC asked if the study could be pursued under the upcoming Regional Transportation Plan update. Staff responded that while it is possible, staff feels that such a study would be better off if it is conducted independently because of its detailed scope and the need for extensive public outreach.

The staff followed up on CAC's earlier interest and request to tour the City of Gainesville's Traffic Operations Center. The City has stated that it would be happy to accommodate the committee's request. The CAC will be touring the Traffic Operations Center before its next meeting on October 25, 2018.

5. Recommend Approval of the Draft Resolution Supporting the State Targets for: **a. Pavement and Bridge Condition** **b. Performance of National Highway System, Freight, and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality**

Mr. Baker presented a draft resolution which states that GHMPO will elect to adopt and support the newly created Bridge and Pavement Performance Management Targets (also known as PM 2) and the Performance of National Highway System, Freight, and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Performance Management Targets (also known as PM 3), as established by the Georgia Department of Transportation. The current federal transportation legislation called the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) directs the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), all the state Departments of Transportation (DOTs), and all the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to establish performance

measures and performance targets for various aspects of transportation. GHMPO previously adopted the statewide safety targets in February 2018. Mr. Baker stated that staff recommends GHMPO adopt the statewide targets listed in the draft resolution.

Mr. Robinson stated that the target numbers regarding PM 3 may possibly change in the next two weeks but GDOT recommends that the PC conditionally approve the resolution to support the statewide targets at today's meeting since the deadline for adoption falls before the next PC meeting in November.

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to conditionally approve the Draft Resolution supporting the State Targets for Pavement and Bridge Condition as well as Performance of National Highway System, Freight, and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality, subject to the changes to be made to the PM 3 performance targets, with a second from Mayor Scroggs, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Recommend Approval of the Draft Resolution Requesting Additional PL Funds for the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update

Mr. Boyd presented a draft resolution requesting additional PL (Planning) funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) in order to conduct the federally required five-year update to the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). GHMPO's current RTP was completed in June 2015 with an updated plan due by June of 2020.

The anticipated cost of the plan update is approximately \$250,000 and will be paid with PL funds (80%) and in-kind match (20%). If the draft resolution is approved, GHMPO will submit an application to GDOT at the September PL Funds Review Committee meeting with the anticipation of issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) in October and hiring a consultant in November.

MOTION: Commissioner Powell made a motion to approve the Draft Resolution requesting additional PL funds for the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update, with a second from Mayor Dunagan, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

7. Oakwood Citywide Traffic Improvement Study

Mr. Brown presented the findings of the Oakwood Citywide Traffic Improvement Study which took a comprehensive look at intersection and design improvements as well as the possible addition of newly constructed roadways in order to improve traffic and mobility throughout the city. The final report of the study is due for completion in late August.

8. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives shared the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Andrews for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Rotalsky for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Brown for the City of Oakwood, Mr. Frederick for the Georgia Department of

Transportation, Ms. Lewis Moss for Hall Area Transit, Mr. Rearden for Hall County and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

9. Upcoming Meeting Date: November 12, 2018

Mayor Dunagan proposed that the November 12, 2018 PC meeting be held at the City of Gainesville Public Safety Complex.

10. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

11. Other

Mr. Baker requested that a new Citizens Advisory Committee member be appointed by the City of Flowery Branch, filling a vacant position, before the committee's next meeting. Commissioner Powell stated that he has received comments from the public concerning the bridge on Mount Vernon Road at Wahoo Creek.

12. Adjourn

There being no other business, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:59 AM.

Mayor Mike Miller, Chairman

Emily Foote, Secretary