

**GAINESVILLE-HALL METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM  
MARCH 8, 2005**

**POLICY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Voting Members Present:** Bryan Puckette, Montie Robinson, Cindy Van Dyke, George Wangemann

**Non-voting Members present:** Bill Meyer, Phillippa Lewis Moss, Kip Padgett

**Voting Members Absent:** Tom Oliver

**Non-voting Members Absent:** Tony Dittmeier, Andy Edwards, Steve Kish, Russell McMurry, Hugh Tyner

**Staff Present:** John McHenry, Grace Grindle

**Others Present:** Jason Crane; GDOT; Susie Dunn, ARC; Neil Kantner, GDOT; Larry Sparks, Oakwood; Patti Doss-Luna, Oakwood; Rachel Cogburn, ARC

**CALL TO ORDER** George Wangemann

**1. WELCOME**

In the absence of Mr. Oliver, Mr. Wangemann called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and thanked everyone for coming.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 14, 2004**

**MOTION:** Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 14, 2004. The motion received a second from Bryan Puckette and passed by unanimous vote.

**3. PRESENTATION ON AIR QUALITY NON ATTAINMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Rachael Cogburn, Atlanta Regional Commission, went over the Air Quality Non Attainment Requirements and how it affected the Gainesville-Hall County MPO area and the fact that meeting conformity impacts the ability to get federal funds.

**4. APPROVAL OF GHMPO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM & LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS**

Mr. McHenry said the Dawsonville and Winder Highway Widening project should be open to traffic by 2008. He said now they need to amend the TIP and he went over the kinds of changes made. He said as part of the Atlanta 20 County nonattainment area they would be taking to the Interagency Group for review.

**MOTION:** Mr. Robinson made a motion to recommend approval of the GHMPO Transportation Improvement Program & Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment Process. The motion received a second from Mr. Puckette and passed by unanimous vote.

**5. DRAFT FY 06 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. McHenry went over the binders. The Unified Planning Work Program lays out what the MPOs are going to do over the next fiscal year which starts July 1, 2005. There are no major changes in the upcoming year. They are looking at bringing another staff member on board. The draft will be brought back before you at the next series of meetings for final approval.

**6. STATUS OF GHMPO BIKE/PED PLAN**

Mr. McHenry said they had a number of comments about the need for better bicycle and pedestrian facilities. They have representatives from different jurisdictions to come up with the qualifications and send out to GDOT's preapproved bicycle and pedestrians consultants. They have 12 proposals back and they are going through them after this meeting to determine consultants to interview. They hope to have a consultant on board by the end of the March to give for a six-month comprehensive study of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

**7. UPCOMING MEETING DATE**

- **Tuesday, May 10th at 10 am**

**8. OTHER**

- Susie Dunn said she had brought some brochures and data relating to ARC adopting both Long Range Plans and Tips and this information is on Gainesville and Atlanta to pass out.

**9. ADJOURN**

**MOTION: Cindy Van Dyke made a motion to adjourn. The motion received a second from Bryan Puckette and passed by unanimous vote.**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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George Wangemann

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Grace Grindle, Sr. Secretary