



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Development Services Center
Minutes of October 23, 2008 Meeting**

<u>Voting Members Present:</u>	<u>Voting Members Absent:</u>
Hugh Tyner, City of Oakwood	Ken Cochran, Hall County
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood	Harold Goss, Hall County
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch	David Lee, Hall County
Alan Wayne, City of Flowery Branch	Larry Poole, Hall County
Brent Hoffman, Hall County	Frank Simpson, City of Gainesville
Doris Evans, Hall County	Jim Syfan, City of Gainesville
Blair Hutson, Hall County	Connie Davis, City of Gainesville
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville	Ed Myers, City of Gainesville
Amos Goudelock, City of Gainesville	
<u>Others Present:</u>	
Randy Knighton, GHMPO	Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Chip Burger, URS	Connie Daniels, Hall County

1. Welcome – Hugh Tyner, Chair

Mr. Tyner called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of April 24, 2008 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Wayne made a motion to approve the April 24, 2008 Minutes with a second by Mr. Hoffman and passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. GDOT Project Prioritization Process

Mr. Yamala went over the GDOT Project Prioritization Process explaining the status update, performance measures and weighting, project scoring system, feedback from the MPO's and the next steps to be taken. Mr. Yamala will obtain detailed information from GDOT and provide it to the CAC due to numerous questions they had regarding the process. Mr. Tyner also asked if a project list with cost estimates could be obtained.

Mr. Yamala noted that some roads, such as the Sardis Road project, may not be on GDOT's list. This road and others could be part of SPLOST funding. The CAC would like the Policy Committee to check this to make sure funds are being allocated for the best use.

MOTION: *Mr. Hoffman made a motion Mr. Yamala draft a letter to the Policy Committee from the Citizens Advisory Committee regarding delegation of SPLOST funds for certain roadways with a second by Mr. Wayne and passed by a unanimous vote.*

4. IT3 (Investing in Tomorrow's Transportation Today) Project

Mr. Yamala explained the IT3 proposal initiated by Governor Perdue takes a fresh look at the entire statewide transportation system. Mr. Yamala added that IT3 is intended to be a broad vision of state transportation goals through strategically planning improvements and is not by intended to address individual projects.

5. SR 365 Corridor Study

Mr. Yamala gave a status update from GDOT on the SR 365 Corridor Study. He went over the scenarios, recommendations and next steps for the project.

6. Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan

Mr. Burger reported that after the adoption of the Transit Development Plan (TDP), URS was tasked to do some supplemental service planning. In order to obtain Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds for additional grants, the MPO would need a locally developed human services coordinated transportation (HSTP) which includes: an assessment of available service, a needs assessment and strategies to address service gaps.

A six week survey was taken on the feasibility of extending bus service to the YMCA. Mr. Burger reported the 10 surveys turned in were favor on extending service but concluded there was not enough interest at this time to merit service to the YMCA.

7. I-985 Park-n-Ride Lot Surveys

Mr. Burger reported that URS had conducted a survey at the park-n-ride lots at Exits 4 and 17 off I-985. He presented detailed charts of the findings and summarized the information gathered from the survey results.

8. Hall County Crash Profile

Mr. Yamala presented the committee with a document detailing maps and tables on the number of accidents, how severe and where the accidents occurred within Hall County. He credited Kaycee Mertz, the MPO summer intern, with using the Critical Analysis Reporting Environment (CARE) software to compile the report. The CAC members requested that further information be researched such as cause of the accidents, traffic counts at time of accident and a common basis of miles traveled.

9. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Mr. Yamala discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by the City of Oakwood, the City of Gainesville, Hall County, GDOT and Hall Area Transit.

10. Upcoming Meeting Date - February 26, 2009.

11. Other

Mr. Yamala gave out a list of the upcoming 2009 GHMPO Committee meetings' dates.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 5:25 p.m.

Hugh Tyner, Chair

Connie Daniels, Secretary