



# *Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization*

## **GHMPO**

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

### **TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Conference Room, Development Services Center

Minutes of February 18, 2009 Meeting

#### **Voting Members Present:**

Larry Sparks, City of Oakwood  
Jason Crane, GDOT  
Robert Mahoney, GDOT  
Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville  
Scott Puckett, Hall County  
Kevin McInturff, Hall County  
Randy Knighton, GHMPO  
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO

#### **Voting Members Absent:**

Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit  
Carolynn Segers, GMRDC  
James Riker, City of Flowery Branch  
Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville

#### **Others Present:**

Jody Woodall, Hall County  
David Fee, GHMPO  
Steve Brown, Wilbur Smith Associates  
David Cassell, GRTA  
Chip Burger, URS  
Christopher Chavis, Hall County  
Connie Daniels, Hall County

#### **1. Welcome – Larry Sparks, Chairperson**

Mr. Sparks called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed all attendees. Introductions were made.

#### **2. Approval of October 15, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

***MOTION:*** Mr. Crane made a motion to recommend approval of the October 15, 2008, Minutes with a second by Mr. Puckett and passed by a unanimous vote.

#### **3. Review Draft FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Yamala presented the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program highlighting the accomplishments of FY 2009 and activities for FY 2010. He drew the committee's attention to the funding summary table indicating Planning (PL) and Section 5303 funds available for FY 2010. Mr. Edwards added that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will sponsor a workshop on requirements for grant administration for the Federal PL funds this summer.

#### **4. Recommendation to Approve Draft Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP)**

Mr. Burger explained the HSTP was developed in conjunction with a diverse group of stakeholders including Hall Area Transit, private senior transportation service providers and

state government agencies. He listed recommendations based on the findings for the HSTP. The implementation of this plan is a step in being eligible to apply for Federal funding.

***MOTION:*** *Mr. Crane made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft Human Services Transportation Plan with a second by Mr. Mahoney and passed by a unanimous vote.*

## **5. Update on the Northern Connector Study**

Mr. Brown gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Northern Connector Study stating it has been included in the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan. He explained GHMPO had received a formal request from the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce to conduct this study. Positive comments have been received from the public meetings. Mr. Yamala added there is no fixed alignment for the route yet but said the committees will see data layers of the study area map at future meetings.

## **6. Administrative Modifications and Amendments to the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Fee reported on several recent administrative modifications and amendments requested by GDOT to the two SR 347/Friendship Road projects and one request from Hall County to add the Calvary Church Road project. He also listed some capital purchases as amendments that were requested by Hall Area Transit to access funds from the Federal stimulus package.

***MOTION:*** *Mr. Mahoney made a motion to accept the Administrative Modifications and an Amendments to the 2008 - 2013 Transportation Improvement Program with a second by Mr. Taylor and passed by a unanimous vote.*

## **7. Updates on the 2009 Georgia Legislative Session and the Federal Economic Recovery Package**

Mr. Fee explained the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 is intended to stimulate the economy with "shovel ready" transportation projects capable of creating jobs and to improve infrastructure for future growth. He identified three road maintenance projects and capital purchases for Hall Area Transit (HAT) that were proposed for stimulus funding.

As a part of this discussion, Mr. Mahoney suggested amending the TIP to include the proposed maintenance projects in the lump sum category. This should allow a smooth flow with respect to the ARRA schedule.

***MOTION:*** *Mr. Mahoney made a motion to amend the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Plan to include the proposed maintenance projects and access funding from the Federal Economic Recovery Package with a second by Mr. Taylor and passed by a unanimous vote.*

Mr. Fee also discussed the proposed one cent sales tax bills under consideration by the Georgia General Assembly to generate funds for transportation and ongoing efforts to replace GDOT's current functions by with a new state agency- the State Transportation Authority (STA).

## **8. Election of TCC Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson**

***MOTION:*** *Mr. Mahoney made a motion to nominate Larry Sparks as Chairperson and Kevin McInturff as Vice-Chairperson of the TCC with a second by Mr. Taylor and passed by a unanimous vote.*

## **9. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports**

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Mahoney and Mr. Crane for GDOT, Mr. Woodall for Hall County, Mr. Taylor for the City of Gainesville and Mr. Sparks for the City of Oakwood.

## **10. Upcoming Meeting Date**

The next Technical Coordination Committee meeting is April 15, 2009.

## **11. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 3:20 p.m.

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Larry Sparks, Chair

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Connie Daniels, Secretary