



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Conference Room, Development Services Center
October 14, 2009
MINUTES

Voting Members Present:

Larry Sparks, City of Oakwood
Jason Crane, GDOT
Robert Mahoney, GDOT
Stephanie Harmon, GMRDC
Kevin McInturff, Hall County
Scott Puckett, Hall County
Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville
Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Randy Knighton, GHMPO
Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit
James Riker, City of Flowery Branch

Voting Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

David Fee, GHMPO
Jason Close, The Architecture Group
Bobbie Unger, The Architecture Group
Tim Fredlund, Pond & Company
Talya Trudell, ARC
Shelley Davis, Greater Hall Chamber
Connie Daniels, Hall County
Tyrhonda Edwards, GDOT
Cornelius Davis, FHWA
Ken Slater, LLCPA
Betsy Wisheart, LLCPA
Jack Buie, LLCPA
Paul Harris, LLCPA
Bob Fuss, LLCPA
Mike Steffen, LLCPA
Jud Davis, LLCPA
Doug Smith, LLCPA
Lance Gardner, LLCPA
Betty Fisher, LLCPA
Jack Price, LLCPA

Kathleen Higgins, LLCPA
Jimmy Wilkins, LLCPA
Pat DeNote, LLCPA
Corbin Davis, LLCPA
Don Sievenpiper, LLCPA
John Higgins, LLCPA
Carolyn Wilkins, LLCPA
Tony DeNote, LLCPA
Joe Wiegand, LLCPA
Irene Slater, LLCPA
Jeff Smith, LLCPA
Carole Buie, LLCPA
Tracy Rogers, LLCPA
Annette Forster, LLCPA
John Amoss, LLCPA
Sheila Davis, LLCPA
Debbie Lawson Davis, LLCPA
Ron Winkowski, LLCPA
Carl Liggett, LLCPA

1. Welcome – Larry Sparks, Chairperson

Mr. Sparks called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and acknowledged the visitors representing the Lake Lanier Community Preservation Association.

2. Approval of July 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Crane made a motion to recommend approval of the July 15, 2009, Minutes with a second by Mr. Puckett and passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Northern Connector Study

Mr. Yamala told the TCC that the Hall County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously at their September 24th meeting to recommend that the GHMPO's Policy Committee remove all proposed Northern Connector concepts except the original GH-066 project from the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and to use primarily existing right of way, including state routes, in the future. The GHMPO Policy Committee will consider this request at their November 10th meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Georgia Mountains Center.

4. City of Flowery Branch Transportation Study

Mr. Riker updated the TCC on their Transportation Study, which is partially funded by the GHMPO. They have hired a consultant and expect the study to take 3 to 4 months to complete. The study will focus on the downtown area identifying projects and funding sources. Findings from the study will be presented to the GHMPO committees.

5. Hall Area Transit Maintenance Facility Feasibility Study

Mr. Close gave an overview of the maintenance facility feasibility study for the Hall Area Transit (HAT). The study team toured existing facilities with the City of Gainesville and Hall County to assess present capacity and ability to meet future needs, as well as the potential to share a facility between jurisdictions is being explored as well. The study is expected to take 6 to 7 weeks to complete, and the results will be presented to the GHMPO committees.

6. Administrative Modifications and an Amendment to the 2008- 2013 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Fee explained the administrative modifications and amendments to the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program. Most of the projects had the network years changed from 2010 to 2015 for air quality modeling or were resurfacing and maintenance projects under phase II of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Mr. Mahoney questioned the dollar amounts for the Sardis Road Connector project. Mr. Yamala will meet with GDOT representatives to assure they have the correct totals for this project.

MOTION: Mr. Crane made a motion to accept the Administrative Modifications and Amendments to the 2008 - 2013 Transportation Improvement Program with the condition that Mr. Yamala update the dollar amounts regarding the Sardis Road Connector after meeting with GDOT representatives, with a second by Mr. Mahoney and passed by a unanimous vote.

7. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mr. Yamala explained the development process of the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). He noted that the planning horizon year of the current Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was 2030 but will be extended to 2040 for the MTP. Federal requirements mandate that regional transportation plans in metropolitan areas with air quality requirements be updated every four years. The GHMPO expects to have a consultant on board by January 2010 and the plan will be adopted by August 2011.

8. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Mahoney for GDOT, Mr. McInturff for Hall County, Mr. Taylor for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Riker for the City of Flowery Branch, Ms. Crow for Hall Area Transit and Mr. Sparks for the City of Oakwood.

9. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next Technical Coordination Committee meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2010. Several members of the TCC work in the Atlanta area and asked if the starting time of the TCC meetings could be changed. It was agreed that TCC meetings would start at 1:00 p.m.

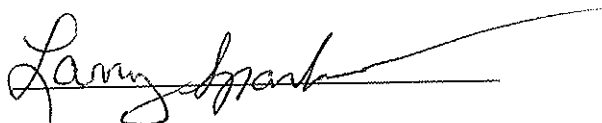
A list of the 2010 GHMPO Committee Meetings was distributed to the TCC members.

10. Other

Ms. Lawson Davis, spokesperson for the Lake Lanier Community Preservation Association, addressed the TCC asking if they plan to present a formal recommendation to the Policy Committee. Mr. Yamala stated they would not as the Hall County Commission had already made their request to the Policy Committee. She also asked if the Policy Committee would take any formal action at their next meeting, who sets the agenda and how could they monitor any development regarding the Northern Connector. Mr. Yamala explained that the GHMPO staff sets the agendas. He stated he could not say what action, if any, the Policy Committee would take, that would be entirely up to them. Mr. Yamala explained there would be at least four public meetings as part of the 2040 MTP, all information would be available on the GHMPO website and that he would add their organization to the GHMPO mailing list.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 2:45 p.m.



Larry Sparks, Chairperson



Connie Daniels, Secretary