



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Development Services Center
Minutes of July 26, 2007 Meeting**

Voting Members Present:

Ken Cochran, Hall County
Doris Evans, Hall County
Amos Goudelock, City of Gainesville
Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Blair Hutson, Hall County
David Lee, Hall County
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville,
Ed Myers, City of Gainesville
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch
Hugh Tyner, City of Oakwood
Alan Wayne, City of Flowery Branch

Voting Members Absent:

Connie Davis, City of Gainesville
Harold Goss, Hall County
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood
Larry Poole, Hall County
Frank Simpson, City of Gainesville
Jim Syfan, Hall County

Others Present:

Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
David Fee, GHMPO
Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit

Janide Sidifall, URS
Chip Burger, URS
Connie Daniels, Hall County

1. WELCOME

Mr. Tyner called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He introduced Mr. Fee, new Transportation Planner with GHMPO.

2. APPROVAL OF APRIL 26, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Hoffman made a motion to approve the April 26, 2007 Minutes. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Cochran and passed by a unanimous vote.

3. 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

a. June 12th public meeting summary

Mr. Fee presented an overview of the third and final public meeting on the 2030 LRTP Update. Maps illustrating the present and future traffic conditions were presented along with the list of projects. The meeting was well-attended and several comments were received on the proposed project list.

b. Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination Report

Mr. Fee reminded the committee that since Hall County was designated as part of a 20-county 8 hour ozone and 22-county particulate matter (PM 2.5) nonattainment area, GHMPO has coordinated its efforts with the ARC to adhere to the standards of the federal Clean Air Act. The draft Air Quality Conformity Determination Report outlines to the EPA the methodology used to measure 8 hour ozone and PM 2.5. The tentative schedule for the EPA to adopt this regional document is November 2007.

c. Recommendation to approve Draft 2030 LRTP

Mr. Yamala reported that this has been a year long planning process that involved extensive public involvement and agency coordination. The draft 2030 LRTP Update meets the new federal requirements under SAFETEA-LU. The 45-day public comment and review period started on June 30th and will last through August 14th.

MOTION: *Mr. Cochran made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft 2030 LRTP Plan with a second by Mr. Petrie and passed by a unanimous vote.*

4. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE DRAFT 2008-2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Yamala presented the draft 2008-2013 TIP, which is primarily a subset of the 2008-2013 projects listed in the draft 2030 LRTP Update. The 45-day public comment and review period for this document started on June 30th and will last through August 14th. Mr. Tyner suggested that traffic counts should be considered while selecting projects in the TIP. Mr. Yamala mentioned that most of the projects in the 2008-2013 timeframe are a result of GDOT work program and other regional projects that were already in the pipeline.

MOTION: *Mr. Hoffman made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program with a second by Mr. Petrie and passed by a unanimous vote.*

5. REPORT ON GEORGIA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Mr. Fee presented information and a handout regarding this federal program and the process to obtain funding.

6. REPORT ON UPCOMING NORTHERN CONNECTOR STUDY

Mr. Yamala mentioned that the Northern Connector project resulted during the LRTP Update process. This new roadway would provide a connection in North Hall between SR 60/Thompson Bridge Rd and SR 365. This concept was presented to the public during three public meetings and several positive comments were received. Mr. Yamala stated that his team will be doing preliminary analysis and conduct stakeholder interviews in the next couple of months.

7. REPORT ON UPCOMING TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN STUDY

Ms. Crow stated this study will develop a five year action plan for Hall Area Transit. Mr. Burger, with URS, stated they will be doing a project study of Hall Area Transit over the next 12 months. Among other things, the study will look at the growth of Hall County and the surrounding area, prepare for mobility between counties and will entail a lot of agency and community outreach programs.

8. JURISDICTION AND AGENCY REPORTS

Mr. Yamala discussed the status of transportation projects being completed in the jurisdictions.

9. UPCOMING MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be October 25, 2007.

10. OTHER

Ms. Crow announced Hall Area Transit hopes to move in to their new building by March 2008. They are in the process of ordering two buses and have money for three more. Bus shelters are now being erected.

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 5:30 p.m.

Hugh Tyner, Chairperson

Connie Daniels, Secretary