



Gainesville - Hall

Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

**POLICY COMMITTEE
DEVELOPMENT SERVICE CENTER
MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2006**

Voting Members Present: Montie Robinson, Sam Chapman, Bill Andrew, Cindy Van Dyke

Members Present: Russell McMurry, Bill Meyer, Phillipa Lewis-Moss, Kip Padgett

Others Present: Maurice Robinson, Citizen Advisory Committee; Jason Crane, GDOT; Larry Sparks, City of Oakwood; John McHenry, GHMPO; Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO; Robert Mahoney, GDOT; Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville; Peter Plumeau, WSA; Jeff Carroll, WSA; Rev. Victor Lamar Johnson; Janice Crowe, Hall Area Transit; Connie Daniels, Hall County

1. WELCOME

Montie Robinson, filling in for Lamar Scroggs, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MAY 9, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: *Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the May 9, 2006 Minutes. The motion was received and seconded by Ms. Van Dyke and passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. UPDATE ON 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- **APPROVAL OF SELECTION ON FOCUS AREAS**
- **DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA**

Mr. McHenry commented on the project selection process. Mr. Carroll, of Wilbur Smith Associates, stated there were 15 preliminary focus areas that the GHMPO identified. They then took this list to the public who refined it to 10 areas. The current listing has not been prioritized at this time. Mr. Plumeau spoke on the project selection criteria and presented an update on the Surface Transportation Bill, SAFETEA-LU. These focus areas have been presented to the TCC and to the Policy Committee.

MOTION: *Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the selection of focus areas to include six-laning along I-985 from the county line to Exit 24 as a potential project. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Andrew and passed by a unanimous vote.*

4. APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO 2006-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

• ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE – HALL AREA TRANSIT FUNDS

Mr. Yamala explained this administrative change in the Hall Area Transit Funding is to include previously allocated transit funds totaling \$39,105 for the Atlanta Urbanized Area in Hall County. This money will be used for employee training, new equipment and to provide better service for the riders.

MOTION: *Mr. Andrew made a motion to approve the changes to the 2006 -2011 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Chapman and passed by a unanimous vote.*

5. APPROVAL OF REVISION TO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Mr. McHenry relayed that the current bylaws for the TCC include the City Managers as voting members. Since these bylaws were adopted in January 2004, these jurisdictions now have Planning Directors. The City Managers have requested that the Planning Directors become the official voting member in their place.

MOTION: *Mr. Andrew made a motion to approve this revision to the Technical Coordinating Committee Bylaws. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Chapman and passed by a unanimous vote.*

6. REQUEST FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT - HALL COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION LIST

Mr. Meyer presented a listing of local arterial and collector roads. The Board of County Commissioners requested the MPO Committees review and comment on the proposed road classification changes. He asked for inputs on roads that should or should not be on the list. Mr. Chapman opposed action of any kind on this item. He stated the Unified Development Code committee had not received notice of the selection process for these roads and until a procedure is developed to identify a functional classification list, which is approved and adopted by the Hall County Commission, there shall be no further discussion on this item.

MOTION: *Mr. Chapman made a motion that no action be taken. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Andrew and passed by a unanimous vote.*

7. JURISDICTION AND AGENCY REPORTS

Mr. McHenry discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by Hall County, and the City of Flowery Branch. Mr. Scroggs discussed projects in the City of Oakwood. Mr. Russell presented the GDOT report and Mrs. Lewis-Moss presented a report on Hall Area Transit.

8. UPCOMING MEETING DATE

The next Policy Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2006.

9. OTHER

Rev. Victor Lamar Johnson addressed the committee regarding concerns he has with economic growth and the quality of life on Highway 129S/Athens Highway.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 11:32 a.m.

Monte Robinson, Acting Chairman

Connie Daniels, Secretary