



Gainesville - Hall

Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

**POLICY COMMITTEE
DEVELOPMENT SERVICE CENTER
NOVEMBER 14, 2006
MEETING MINUTES**

Voting Members Present: Lamar Scroggs, Sam Chapman, Bob Hamrick, Bill Andrew, Ulysses Mitchell

Voting Members Absent:

Others Present: Robert Mahoney, GDOT; Tim Evans, GHCC; Phil Peevy, GDOT; Jeff Carrol, Wilbur Smith; Stan Brown, Oakwood; Mike Bradley, GDOT; Jason Crane, GDOT; Sonja Martin, DRC; Phillipa Lewis Moss, Hall Area Transit; Kip Padgett, Gainesville; Randy Knighton, Hall County; John McHenry, GHMPO; Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO; Connie Daniels; Hall County

1. WELCOME

Mr. Scroggs opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introductions were made.

2. APPROVAL OF August 8, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: *Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 8, 2006 meeting. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Hamrick and passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. EXIT 16 INTERCHANGE PROJECT

Mr. Mahoney, District Preconstruction Engineer for GDOT, presented an over view of this project stating it is approximately 14% complete at a cost of \$74.9 million and will hopefully be completed by July 31, 2009.

4. APPROVAL OF PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

Mr. Carrol of Wilbur Smith Associates explained the steps involved in the draft Project Evaluation Criteria document that provides the MPO a criteria with which to evaluate projects.

Mr. Chapman suggested that the draft be amended so that high profile projects not yet on a list could be fast tracked and not get bogged down in the approval process. Mr. McHenry noted this would be added under Project Selections criteria.

MOTION: *Mr. Chapman made a motion to accept the Project Evaluation Criteria Draft as amended. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Hamrick and passed by a unanimous vote.*

5. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES AND MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE 2006-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Yamala went over the administrative changes and minor amendment to the current 2006 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION: *Mr. Chapman made a motion to accept the administrative changes and amendment to the 2006 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Mitchell and passed by a unanimous vote.*

6. GREATER HALL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRIORITY PROJECTS

Mr. Evans presented a list compiled by the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce (GHCC) Board of Directors adopted as their Priority Transportation Projects. He mentioned they had met with chamber members and business leaders to compile their listing.

7. CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

Mr. Peevy relayed that there is approximately \$1 million available for CMAQ projects in Hall County for each fiscal years 2007 through 2009 and explained the process and criteria necessary to obtain these funds.

8. 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

- **SCHEDULE**
- **DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT PROJECT LIST**
- **STATUS OF TRAVEL DEMAND MODELING**

Mr. McHenry presented a schedule of the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan update process and discussed the development of draft project list. Mr. Carrol and Mr. Yamala provided an overview of the analysis of various Travel Demand Model runs.

9. APPROVAL OF INVITATION TO STATE LEGISLATORS – John McHenry, GHMPO

Mr. McHenry recommended that State Legislators be invited to the GHMPO meetings in a non-voting capacity to promote awareness of the regional transportation planning occurring in their communities. After discussion among the Committee it was agreed upon to invite the State Legislators *or their representatives* to the meetings. Mr. Chapman was asked to set up an informal meeting for the State Legislators and GHMPO members to meet.

MOTION: *Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve the invitation of State Legislators or their representatives to GHMPO meetings. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Chapman and passed by a unanimous vote.*

10. TERM APPOINTMENT OF CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. McHenry will coordinate with the cities/jurisdictions on the appointment of the CAC members for their next term.

11. JURISDICTION AND AGENCY REPORTS

Mr. Yamala discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by the jurisdictions as presented at the Technical Coordinating Committee meeting.

12. UPCOMING MEETING DATE

The next Policy Committee meeting will be March 12, 2007 at the Georgia Mountains Center.

13. OTHER

Reminder that there will be a public meeting on December 7, 2006 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Georgia Mountains Center to get input on projects to be included in the 2030 LRTP.

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 11:50 a.m.

Lamar Scroggs, Chairman

Connie Daniels, Secretary