



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

**Development Services Center
Minutes of April 18, 2007 Meeting**

Voting Members Present:

Kip Padgett, City of Gainesville
Larry Sparks, City of Oakwood
Jason Crane, GDOT Office of Planning
Robert Mahoney, GDOT District 1
Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Carolynn Segers, GMRDC
Adrian Niles, City of Gainesville

Voting Members Absent:

Randy Knighton, GHMPO
James Riker, City of Flowery Branch
Kevin McInturff, Hall County
Scott Puckett, Hall County

Others Present:

Jody Woodall, Hall County
Andy Edwards, FHWA
David Dockery, City of Gainesville
Ulysses Mitchell, GDOT

Shelley Davis, Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce
Daniel Drake, Wilbur Smith Associates
Jeanette Walker, D1PC Design
Connie Daniels, Hall County

1. Welcome

Mr. Padgett, Chairperson, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Approval of February 21, 2007 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Crow made a motion to approve the February 21, 2007 Minutes. The motion was received and seconded by Ms. Segers and passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Recommendation to approve Draft FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Yamala presented the Draft FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program. He noted additional task under data collection for future work surrounding the 2010 census update. This draft will be presented to the Policy Committee for adoption at their May 8, 2007 meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Mahoney made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Sparks and passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Recommendation to approve Draft Participation Plan

Mr. Yamala reviewed the plan explaining that this draft covers the following: new federal requirements under SAFETEA-LU, expands our Public Involvement Plan, incorporates the consultation process, and incorporates comments from FHWA to include specific agencies. The 45 day public comment period is from March 18 through May 8, 2007.

MOTION: Mr. Crane made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft Participation Plan. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Niles and passed by a unanimous vote.

5. 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Update

a. Cost Escalation Process

Mr. Drake with Wilbur Smith Associates explained the new federal requirements under SAFETEA-LU. He relayed that there is a significant change in this plan from what they had received at their last meeting. This is due to the rapid rise in the cost of materials, construction and right-of-way costs. Initially a 4% inflation rate was used; after consultation with ARC, it was determined that a 2.2% annual inflationary rate be used to escalate GHMPO project costs.

b. Recommendation to approve Draft Project List

Mr. Yamala gave a brief overview of the proposed project list. Mr. Mahoney noted that GH-063, SR 53/Dawsonville Hwy at Chestatee River – bridge project would be significantly higher than what is projected. He would provide the updated dollar amount on this project.

MOTION: Ms. Segers made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft Project List. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Crane and passed by a unanimous vote.

c. Status of Travel Demand Modeling

Mr. Drake, Wilbur Smith Associates, stated they had evaluated three scenarios. He presented a graphical view of the modeling results including maps reflecting 2030 LRTP Update Draft Project List, 2030 Build Out Conditions for Hall County and 2030 Existing and Committed Projects for Hall County.

d. Draft Plan Narrative

Mr. Yamala reported that they are working closely with GDOT, FHWA and ARC to ensure the LRTP is SAFETEA-LU compliant. There will be a sub-committee meeting on May 1st to continue development of this plan. There have already been two outreach meetings and two public meetings with another public meeting scheduled for June 12th.

6. Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Priority Projects Update

Ms. Davis presented the Chambers list of priority projects and the time frames suggested for each. She also suggested that the MPO form planning committees to address a commuter rail and noted that the Greater Hall Chamber will be happy to participate in these planning efforts.

7. Administrative Change to 2006-2011 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Yamala and Ms. Crow gave an update on a couple of administrative changes to the 2006-2011 Transportation Improvement Program.

8. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

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

9. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Mr. Yamala explained that elections should have been held at the last TCC meeting; unfortunately this had not been accomplished. There being no other nominations, Mr. Yamala made a motion to re-nominate the existing Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for another term.

MOTION: Mr. Yamala made a motion to nominate Mr. Padgett as Chairperson and Mr. Sparks as Vice-Chairperson. The motion was received and seconded by Ms. Crow and passed by a unanimous vote.

10. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next Technical Coordinating Committee is scheduled for July 18, 2007.

11. Other

There were no other items to discuss.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 3:15 p.m.

Kip Padgett, Chairperson

Connie Daniels, Secretary