



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Development Services Center Minutes of February 21, 2007 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Kip Padgett, City of Gainesville
Larry Sparks, City of Oakwood
James Riker, City of Flowery Branch
Jason Crane, GDOT Office of Planning
Randy Knighton, GHMPO
Robert Mahoney, GDOT District 1
Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit
Kevin McInturff, Hall County
John McHenry, GHMPO
Carolynn Segers, GMRDC
Scott Puckett, Hall County

Voting Members Absent:

Adrian Niles, City of Gainesville

Others Present:

Jody Woodall, Hall County
Shelley Davis Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce
Jerry Presley, Council for Quality Growth
Blake Bihner, GDOT
Hugh Tyner, CAC Vice Chairperson
Connie Daniels, Hall County

Ellie Talley, Hall County
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Michael Rogers, GDOT Intermodal
Andy Edwards, FHWA
David Cassell, GRTA

1. WELCOME

Mr. Padgett, Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 18, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Ms. Segers made a motion to approve the October 18, 2006 Minutes. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Crane and passed by a unanimous vote.

3. BROWNS BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Mahoney, District Preconstruction Engineer for GDOT District 1, stated approximately 4½ miles of this project is in Hall County. A consultant is on board for the preliminary engineering work with a projected start date of 2009. There will be a public information open house on March 29, 2007 at McEver Elementary School.

4. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE GHMPO BIKE PED PLAN

Mr. McHenry stated they would like to recommend a multi-use trail with separation of road way and trail on Browns Bridge Road. The current GHMPO's Bike Ped plan shows bike lanes on this roadway.

MOTION: *Mr. McHenry made a motion to recommend amendment to the GHMPO Bike Ped Plan, with a second by Ms. Segers and passed by a unanimous vote.*

5. REVIEW OF DRAFT PARTICIPATION PLAN

Mr. Yamala reviewed the highlights of the draft Participation Plan and asked that any comments be forwarded to him. This plan has to be implemented by July 1, 2007.

6. 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Mr. McHenry went over the revised schedule, new federal requirements, financial plan and development of the draft project list and dates they must be completed. There will be a project list development meeting March 1, 2007; this draft list will be submitted to ARC in April of 2007 for air quality modeling purposes. The final list of projects will be presented to the Policy Committee for adoption on May 8, 2007.

Mr. Mahoney stated Martin Road needed to be looked at for connectivity with the proposed Exit 14 project.

7. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE RFP FOR TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Ms. Crow with Hall Area Transit stated that the draft RFP for a Transit Development Plan will assess community interest in and support for specific transit services county wide.

MOTION: *Mr. Sparks made a motion to recommend approval of the RFP Transit Development Plan with a second by Ms. Segers and passed by a unanimous vote.*

8. REVIEW OF DRAFT FY 08 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Yamala presented the draft FY2008 Unified Planning Work Program describing the organizations planning goals and activities, cost estimates for each activity, funding sources and work schedule for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. He stated they are proposing to add an additional staff member to the MPO.

Mr. Knighton stated the need to expand MPO staff to meet workload and schedules of various ongoing activities.

9. JURISDICTION AND AGENCY REPORTS

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed in their jurisdictions: Mr. Riker for Flowery Branch, Mr. Sparks for Oakwood, Mr. Padgett for Gainesville; Mr. Woodall for Hall County; Ms. Crow for Hall Area Transit and Mr. Mahoney for GDOT.

10. UPCOMING MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be April 18, 2007.

11. OTHER

Mr. Presley briefed on the two transportation sales tax options (one-cent statewide transportation sales tax and regional SPLOSTs) currently being considered in the legislative session encouraged the MPO to contact their state legislatures.

12. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 3:32 p.m.

Kip Padgett, Chairman

Connie Daniels, Secretary