



# *Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization*

**GHMPO**

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

## **TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

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

### **Voting Members Present:**

Larry Sparks, City of Oakwood  
Jason Crane, GDOT  
Robert Mahoney, GDOT  
Doug Derrer, Hall County  
Scott Puckett, Hall County  
Carolynn Segers, GMRDC  
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO  
Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville

### **Voting Members Absent:**

Adrian Niles, City of Gainesville  
James Riker, City of Flowery Branch  
Randy Knighton, GHMPO  
Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit

### **Others Present:**

Dan Drake, Wilbur Smith Associates  
Brad Humphrey, GDOT  
Chip Burger, URS  
David Cassell, GRTA

Jody Woodall, Hall County  
David Fee, GHMPO  
Connie Daniels, Hall County  
Andy Edwards, FHWA

## **1. WELCOME**

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

## **2. APPROVAL OF APRIL 18, 2007 MEETING MINUTES**

***MOTION:*** Ms. Segers made a motion to approve the April 18, 2007 Minutes. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Crane and passed by a unanimous vote.

## **3. 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

### **a. June 12<sup>th</sup> public meeting summary**

Mr. Drake 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 Update**

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 30<sup>th</sup> and will last through August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** *Ms. Segers made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft 2030 LRTP Plan with a second by Mr. Crane 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 30<sup>th</sup> and will last through August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** *Ms. Segers made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft 2008 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program with a second by Mr. Crane and passed by a unanimous vote.*

**5. REPORT ON UPCOMING NORTHERN CONNECTOR STUDY**

Mr. Drake mentioned that the Northern Connector project resulted during the LRTP Update process. This new roadway would provide 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. Drake stated that his team will be doing preliminary analysis and conduct stakeholder interviews in the next couple of months.

**6. REPORT ON UPCOMING TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN STUDY**

Mr. Burger stated they will be producing a Transit Development Plan for Hall Area Transit over the next 12 months. Among other things, the study will look at improving planning, funding, delivery and potential for regional connectivity. The effort will entail community outreach and agency coordination programs.

**7. JURISDICTION AND AGENCY REPORTS**

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed in their jurisdictions: Mr. Sparks for Oakwood, Mr. Ligon for Gainesville and Mr. Woodall for Hall County.

**8. UPCOMING MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be October 17, 2007.

**9. OTHER**

Mr. Yamala announced that they will need to elect a Vice-Chairperson due to Mr. Padgett accepting the Asst. City Manager position with Gainesville. Mr. Sparks as Vice-Chairperson will assume the role of Chairperson. It was decided that elections would be held at the October meeting.

Mr. Yamala also introduced the Georgia Safe Routes to School Program to the committee. The SRTS program is designed to encourage more children to walk or ride to and from school by making the route safer. The program pays for infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements within a two-mile radius of K-8 schools. The program requires no local matching funds.

**10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 2:58 p.m.

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Larry Sparks, Chairperson

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Connie Daniels, Secretary