



# *Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization*

**GHMPO**

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

## **CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** Development Services Center Minutes of October 25, 2007 Meeting

### **Voting Members Present:**

Ken Cochran, Hall County  
Doris Evans, Hall County  
Harold Goss, Hall County  
David Lee, Hall County  
Brent Hoffman, Hall County  
Larry Poole, Hall County  
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville  
Ed Myers, City of Gainesville  
Amos Goude-lock, City of Gainesville  
Alan Wayne, City of Flowery Branch

### **Voting Members Absent:**

Connie Davis, City of Gainesville  
Frank Simpson, City of Gainesville  
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood  
Hugh Tyner, City of Oakwood  
Blair Hutson, Hall County  
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch

### **Others Present:**

Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit  
Connie Daniels, Hall County  
Chip Burger, URS

Randy Knighton, GHMPO  
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO  
David Fee, GHMPO

### **1. Welcome**

Mr. Cochran called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

### **2. Approval of July 26, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** *Mr. Poole made a motion to approve the July 26, 2007 Minutes. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Myers and passed by a unanimous vote.*

### **3. Recommendation to approve minor amendment to the 2008- 2013 Transportation Improvement Program**

Due to the increased attention on development in South Hall, Hall County identified \$1 million dollars to conduct a preliminary engineering study on the Spout Springs Road widening project. As a result, Mr. Yamala mentioned the need to amend the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Since this process calls for a minor amendment, a 15-day public comment and review period will run from October 29<sup>th</sup> through November 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Yamala noted that there is no change in the estimated construction costs and there is no impact on conformity.

**MOTION:** *Mr. Wayne made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the 2008- 1013 Transportation Improvement Program with a second by Mr. Hoffman and passed by a unanimous vote.*

#### **4. Report on Transit Development Plan Study**

Mr. Burger explained that this study is a five year action plan for Hall Area Transit (HAT). He presented a summary of the results on surveys conducted on the public and current HAT riders. Comments were received through community outreach and interviews with stakeholders. Mr. Burger expounded the methods and media coverage used to inform the community about these activities.

#### **5. Call for projects under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program**

Mr. Fee said GDOT announced a call for applications for CMAQ projects has been extended for FY 2008-2013. This call is primarily for projects which reduce PM 2.5 emissions. Proposed projects should encourage traffic flow or retrofit diesel engines. Projects which include diesel retrofits of publicly-owned fleets as such school buses are strongly urged to apply. This project is 80% federal funded with 20% local match. Applications are due to GDOT by December 21, 2007.

#### **6. JURISDICTION AND AGENCY REPORTS**

Mr. Yamala discussed the status of transportation projects being completed in the local jurisdictions. The report will sent to committee members who requested copies.

#### **7. UPCOMING MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be on February 28, 2008.

#### **8. OTHER**

Ms. Crowe announced HAT has three new buses that they will pick up next week.

Mr. Yamala ensured that everyone had a schedule of the 2008 GHMPO meetings.

#### **9. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 5:17 p.m.

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Ken Cochran, Chairperson

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Connie Daniels, Secretary