

GAINESVILLE-HALL METROPOLITAN  
PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
*FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program*



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**Adopted: March 8, 2022**

**Amended: May 10, 2022**

Prepared by the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization  
in coordination with  
Hall Area Transit  
the Georgia Department of Transportation  
the Federal Highway Administration  
the Federal Transit Administration  
and Hall County Government



**A Resolution by the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Policy Committee Adopting Amendment #1 to the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work  
Program (UPWP)**

**WHEREAS**, the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation planning within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area Boundary which includes all of Hall County and a portion of Jackson County following the 2010 Census; and

**WHEREAS**, the Policy Committee (PC) is the recognized decision making body for transportation planning with the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO); and

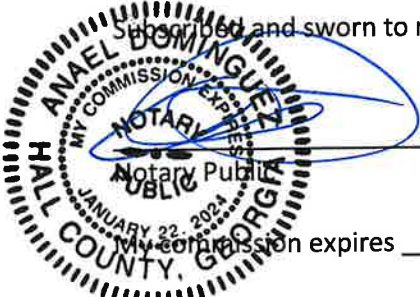
**WHEREAS**, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) requires the Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop and adopt a Unified Planning Work Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Unified Planning Work Program is consistent with all plans, goals, and objectives of the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization.

**NOW, THERE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization adopts Amendment #1 to the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program, adding the intent to produce a Zero Emission Transition Plan for Hall Area Transit to Work Element 5.2 – “Long Range Transportation Planning.”

A motion was made by PC member Kathy Cooper and seconded by PC member Ed Asbridge and approved this the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 2022.

  
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Mayor Sam Couvillon, Chair  
Policy Committee

Subscribed and sworn to me this the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 2022  
  
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Notary Public  
My commission expires 1-22-24

## U.S. Department of Transportation

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly approve the UPWP. These two federal agencies provide valuable input into the process leading to the development of this document.

FHWA develops regulations, policies, and guidelines to achieve safety, access, economic development, and other goals of FHWA programs, and provides federal financial resources, technical training, education, and assistance to state and local transportation agencies.

FTA provides financial assistance and oversees grants to state and local transit providers, primarily through its regional and metropolitan offices. FTA is responsible for ensuring that grantees follow federal mandates along with statutory and administrative requirements. To better facilitate grant applications for the FTAs 5303 funds, the estimated FY2023 funds are shown for the appropriate work categories.

## Georgia Department of Transportation

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) serves as the liaison between the MPO, the state, and the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). The MPO works cooperatively with GDOT on various transportation tasks, which include: Transportation Improvement Program, Long Range Transportation Plan, and Travel Demand Modeling. GDOT is the direct recipient of federal planning funds, and the MPOs are sub-recipients of these funds. Therefore, GDOT provides grant oversight of Federal Planning (PL) funds. GDOT also reviews and approves UPWPs and TIPs before requesting concurrency from FHWA and FTA.

## **E. FY 2022 Accomplishments**

The GHMPO accomplished the following activities and studies in FY 2022:

1. Completed the Braselton Trail Study
2. Completed the Highlands to Islands Design Guide
3. Updated the Title VI Environmental Justice Analysis & Participation Plan
4. Continued the TCC Trails and McEver Road Subcommittees

## **F. GHMPO's Planning Priorities in FY 2023**

The GHMPO will work towards the following 9 planning priorities in FY 2023:

1. Apply for additional PL Funds through the PL Funds Review Committee to begin updating the GHMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (see Task #4, Sub-Element 4.5).
2. Conduct a Zero Emission Transition Plan for Hall Area Transit (see Task #5, Sub-Element 5.2).
3. Amend the current Regional Transportation Plan through agency, stakeholder, and public coordination, as necessary (see Task #4, Sub-Element 4.3).
4. Amend the Transportation Improvement Program, as necessary (See Task #4, Sub-Element 4.4).
5. Continue to plan for and help advance the Highlands to Islands Trail Network within Hall County through the continuation of the TCC Trails Subcommittee (See Task #4, Sub-Element 4.1).

## **TASK # 5: TRANSIT PLANNING**

### **Sub-Element 5.2: Long Range Transportation Planning (Project Level) (FTA ALI Code 44.23.01)**

#### **Objective**

- Develop and keep current the transit portion of the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan.
- Address the eleven IJJA Planning Factors and the three Planning Emphasis Areas through this plan.

#### **FY 2022 Activities**

- Updated the Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update.

#### **FY 2023 Activities**

- Hire a consultant team to conduct a Zero Emission Transition Plan for Hall Area Transit.
- Amend the Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update as needed.
- Task # 5.2 will address GHMPO planning priority numbers 1 through 8.

#### **Product**

- Zero Emission Transition Plan for Hall Area Transit.
- Amend the Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update as needed.

### **TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>
GHMPO	Long Range Transportation Planning (Project Level)

#### **TARGET START AND END DATES**

7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023

#### **LEAD AGENCY**

GHMPO

<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
FTA	\$41,158.97
STATE 5303 MATCH	\$5,144.87
LOCAL CASH MATCH	\$5,144.87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,448.71</b>

#### **Anticipated Funding for FY 2024**

<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
FTA	\$41,561.50
STATE 5303 MATCH	\$5,195.44
LOCAL CASH MATCH	\$5,195.44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,954.40</b>