



GHMPO ON THE MOVE!

Welcome to the second issue of our quarterly newsletter, which is intended to keep citizens, committee members, and other interested parties informed of everything that is happening at GHMPO in between the quarterly committee meetings as well as provide easy links to full documents, surveys, and other news related items.

Citizen Engagement via Online Surveys



Last year, GHMPO purchased an annual subscription to an online engagement tool called “PublicInput”. Over a one-year period, we conducted two online surveys using this tool. The first survey was to seek input for the [Jackson County Transportation Plan](#) and the second for the [Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan](#). We are very pleased with the results; the two surveys combined had 1,445 unique participants who provided 18,180 responses to survey questions, and provided an additional 1,290 general comments. The citizen input that we received will help continue to shape the two transportation plans. Thank you for your participation.

Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update

The federally-required update of our regional transportation plan is ongoing. During this summer, we will come up with a financial projection of anticipated funding over the next 30 years through year 2050 for roadway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Based on this projection, we will develop a financially-constrained list of transportation projects in consultation with our local jurisdictions and citizen input. We plan to have this list completed by September 30th.

Secondly, we have two community open houses planned on August 19th and 20th, one at the North Hall Community Center and another at the Blackshear Place Library in South Hall, to seek public feedback on a draft list of transportation projects. See the [project website](#) for more details and updates.



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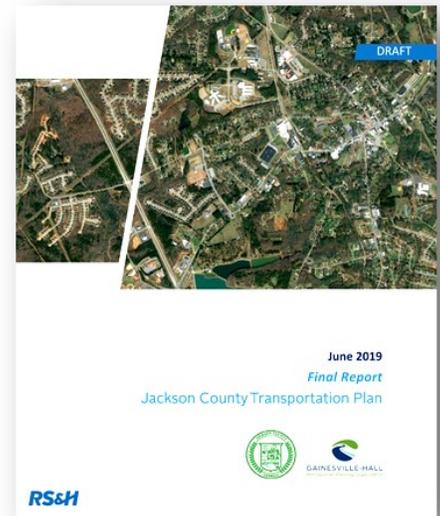
An informational booth regarding the RTP was manned at the Spring Chicken Festival on April 27, 2019.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 7.10 | **Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting; 10:30 AM**
- 7.18 | **Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting; 4:00 PM**
- 7.30 | **Policy Committee Meeting; 10:00 AM**
- 8.19 | **Community Open House - Blackshear Place Library; 5:30 - 7:00 PM**
- 8.20 | **Community Open House - North Hall Community Center; 5:30 - 7:00 PM**

Jackson County Transportation Plan

Jackson County is wrapping up its update of the [County's transportation plan](#). The County and GHMPO teamed up and contracted with RS&H to develop this plan one year ago. The draft plan will be presented before the Jackson County Board of Commissioners on July 15th, the City of Jefferson on July 22nd, the City of Commerce (date to be set), and then to the GHMPO committees in September.



Flowery Branch Speed and Sign Inventory

The City of Flowery Branch and GHMPO are undertaking a speed and sign inventory study that is scheduled for completion by this month. This document will contain an inventory of all regulatory and warning signs within the city limits and will detail a seven year replacement plan. The study will also look at speeds along Gainesville Street, Church Street, Lights Ferry Road, and East Main Street and will contain recommendations regarding potential changes needed to those posted speeds. This study will be available on the GHMPO website by August.



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State Route 365/Jesse Jewell Parkway Traffic Impact Study

The City of Gainesville and GHMPO are undertaking the State Route 365/Jesse Jewell Parkway Traffic Impact Study to assess the impact of the new inland port to be built in the region. The residential and commercial developments plan for a new interchange near the Lanier Tech Campus and to make transportation infrastructure improvement recommendations. The study is planned to be completed by June 2020.

Policy Committee Expansion

The Policy Committee during their May meeting amended the committee's bylaws adding two additional voting members from Hall County: **District 1 Commissioner Kathy Cooper** and **District 4 Commissioner Jeff Stowe**. GHMPO welcomes the new members and looks forward to working with them.

Policy Committee Members

Tom Crow, Chair — Chairman, Jackson County Board of Commissioners
Richard Higgins, Vice Chair — Chairman, Hall County Board of Commissioners
Charles Robinson, Georgia Department of Transportation
Mike Miller, Mayor, City of Flowery Branch
Danny Dunagan, Mayor, City of Gainesville
Jeff Stowe, District 4 Commissioner, Hall County Board of Commissioners
Kathy Cooper, District 1 Commissioner, Hall County Board of Commissioners
Lamar Scroggs, Mayor, City of Oakwood

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