



## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Hall County Government Center, Commission Meeting Room  
2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30504  
Minutes of September 17, 2019 Meeting**

### **Voting Members Present:**

Chairman Richard Higgins, Hall County, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Jeff Stowe, Hall County  
Commissioner Kathy Cooper, Hall County  
Mayor Mike Miller, City of Flowery Branch  
Mayor Lamar Scroggs, City of Oakwood  
Mayor Danny Dunagan, City of Gainesville  
Gina Roy, Jackson County  
Charles Robinson, GDOT

### **Voting Members Absent:**

### **Others Present:**

Sarah McQuade, GHMPO  
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO  
Sam Baker, GHMPO  
Laura Ogletree, GHMPO  
Jock Connell, Hall County  
Srikanth Yamala, Hall County  
Kevin McInturff, Hall County  
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch

Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville  
Matt Tarver, City of Gainesville  
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood  
Johnathan McLoyd, GDOT  
Darlene Long, Citizen  
Gary McClung, Citizen  
Steve Cote, RS&H  
Rick Hammond, DTS  
Brian Bolick, Atkins

### **1. Welcome**

Chairman Higgins opened the meeting at 10:02 AM.

### **2. Approval of July 30, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Mayor Scroggs made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2019 meeting, with a second from Mayor Dunagan, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **3. Report from the Technical Coordinating Committee**

Mr. Boyd, on behalf of the TCC Chair Adam Hazell, presented a summary of the Technical Coordinating Committee meeting held on September 4, 2019. The TCC recommended approval of all agenda items.

### **4. Report from the Citizens Advisory Committee**

Mr. Boyd, on behalf of the CAC Chair Renee Gerrell, presented a summary of the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting held on September 12, 2019. The CAC recommended approval of all agenda items.

### **5. Approval of the Resolution Adopting the Jackson County Transportation Plan**

Mr. Cote presented the transportation plan Jackson County has recently completed. This plan assessed Jackson County's existing transportation network and recommended a list of transportation projects for implementation over the next 30 years.

**MOTION:** Ms. Roy made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the Jackson County Transportation Plan, with a second from Commissioner Stowe, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **6. Approval of the Draft Project List for the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update**

Mr. Cote presented a draft financially-constrained list of transportation projects that would be included in the next update of the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan. The projects with federal funding were broken into four time bands: Band 1 (2020-2025), Band 2 (2026-2030), Band 3 (2031-2040), and Band 4 (2041-2050). There is an additional list of transportation projects with other (state and local) funding sources. Mr. Cote noted that project R-9, the I-85 Widening from State Route 53 to State Route 11/US 129, was shown in Band 1 with additional Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP) funding contributed towards this project by GDOT. This change from the previous project list presented would allow for other local projects to move up to earlier time bands within the project list.

**MOTION:** Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the draft project list for the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update, with a second from Ms. Roy, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **7. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports**

Representatives shared the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Andrew for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Tarver for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Brown for the City of Oakwood, Mr. McInturff for Hall County, Mr. Robinson for GDOT, and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

**8. Upcoming Meeting Date: November 12, 2019**

**9. Public Comment**


Darlene Long of the Martin Road Stakeholder Committee thanked the MPO and Hall County for their work on the upgrades to Martin Road and the new roundabout at the intersection of J M Turk Road and Martin Road. She stated that the community is still having issues with trucks utilizing Martin Road as an illegal cut through between State Route 13 and State Route 53. She requested that larger signage stating "Martin Road is a No Truck Zone" be installed along State Route 13 as well as coming off the newly opened Exit 14. Ms. Long also requested that an official truck route be designated in the area to help guide trucks to the correct routes of travel. Mr. Robinson responded that he would need to look into the signage and truck route questions and would follow up shortly.

**10. Other**

No other items were presented to the committee for discussion.

**11. Adjourn**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 AM.

  
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Commissioner Tom Crow  
Jackson County

  
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Laura Ogletree, Clerk