

**GAINESVILLE-HALL METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MP0)
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM
DECEMBER 8, 2004, 4:00 PM**

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Voting Members present: Chairman Hugh Tyner; Ken Cochran; Augie DeAugustinis; Cooper Embry; Doris Evans; Harold Goss; Amos Goude-lock; Mack Jones; Berlinda Lipscomb; Charles Mensinger; Bryan Puckett; Maurice Robbins; Frank Simpson; Lee Steigele; Dr. J. R. Wright

Voting Members Absent: Phil Kinsey; Jim Syfan

Staff present: Grace Grindle; John McHenry; Bill Meyer

Others present: Russell McMurry, GDOT; Neil Kantner, GDOT

CALL TO ORDER Hugh Tyner, Chairman

1. WELCOME

Mr. Tyner welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 7, 2004

MOTION: Ken Cochran made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 7, 2004. The motion received a second from Charles Mensinger and passed by unanimous vote.

3. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE GHMPO 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. McHenry said they had entered revised information into the Long Range Transportation Plan particularly on the project worksheets. In terms of the public outreach for the plan they had a second public meeting on November 4th with attendance of approximately 50 people. They have been coordinating with the Atlanta Regional Commission regarding air quality issues. Mr. McHenry said he was looking for their recommendation to approve for the Policy Committee.

MOTION: Frank Simpson made a motion to approve the GHMPO 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan. The motion received a second from Augie DeAugustinis and passed by unanimous vote.

4. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE GHMPO 2005 – 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. McHenry said these are the projects for 2005-2007 and 2008-2010, which are found in the Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Robbins expressed concern that the Winder and Dawsonville Widening projects should be open to traffic before 2009 as currently listed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Russell McMurry, GDOT District Engineer, explained that funding may be located that would allow to construct this project in an earlier year.

MOTION: Maurice Robbins made a Recommendation To Approve GHMPO 2005 – 2007 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion received a second from Ken Cochran and passed by unanimous vote.

5. GHMPO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN

Mr. McHenry advised there has been an interest in Hall County and accompanying jurisdictions in the development of a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan. He said they were looking at a study of approximately \$70,000 for a 6 month to 1 year study by a consultant. Ms. Evans voiced her concern about bicycle and pedestrians on Floyd Road.

6. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL STUDIES

Mr. McHenry said the Georgia Department of Transportation Planning Office had instructed them that there may be some additional funds available for doing studies and they had forwarded their interest in a bicycle and pedestrian plan. They also are looking at Martin Road where the new interchange is going to be with I-985 and the MLK corridor. The City of Oakwood has expressed interest in examining the Mundy Mill corridor.

7. UPCOMING MEETING DATE

- **February 24th at 4PM**

8. OTHER

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Robbins made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Mr. Cochran, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh Tyner, Chairman

Grace Grindle, Sr. Secretary