

# *Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization*

## **GHMPO**

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

### **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Conference Room, Development Services Center

October 22, 2009

#### **MINUTES**

#### **Voting Members Present:**

Hugh Tyner, City of Oakwood  
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood  
Ken Cochran, Hall County  
James Nix, Hall County  
Doris Evans, Hall County  
Blair Hutson, Hall County  
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville  
Diana Dokken, City of Gainesville  
Linda Carruth, City of Gainesville  
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch  
Alan Wayne, City of Flowery Branch

#### **Others Present:**

Randy Knighton, GHMPO  
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO  
David Fee, GHMPO  
Bobbie Unger, The Architecture Group  
Jason Close, The Architecture Group  
Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit  
Connie Daniels, Hall County

#### **Voting Members Absent:**

Brent Hoffman, Hall County  
David Lee, Hall County  
Larry Poole, Hall County  
Robb Owens, Hall County  
Ed Myers, City of Gainesville  
Will White, City of Gainesville

Debbie Lawson Davis, LLCPA  
Lance Gardner, LLCPA  
Jack Buie, LLCPA  
Mike Forster, LLCPA  
Betty Fisher, LLCPA  
Ron Winkowski, LLCPA  
Jack Price, LLCPA

#### **1. Welcome – Hugh Tyner, Chairperson**

Mr. Tyner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed a new CAC member, Diana Dokken and visitors representing the Lake Lanier Community Preservation Association (LLCPA).

#### **2. Approval of July 23, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** *Mr. Cochran made a motion to recommend approval of the July 23, 2009, Minutes with changes noted, with a second by Ms. Lipscomb and passed by a unanimous vote.*

#### **3. Northern Connector Study**

Mr. Yamala told the CAC that the Hall County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously at their September 24th meeting to recommend that the GHMPO's Policy Committee

remove all proposed Northern Connector concepts except the original GH-066 project from the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and to use primarily existing right of way, including state routes, in the future. The GHMPO Policy Committee will consider this request at their November 10th meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Georgia Mountains Center.

Ms. Davis, addressed the CAC relaying their objections to the Northern Connector and suggested that alternate routes be researched. She handed out flyers summarizing the views of the LLCPA. Mr. Wayne asked that the GHMPO staff look at the alternative routes they have suggested.

***MOTION:*** *Mr. Tyner made a motion to forward a statement to the Policy Committee stating that the CAC has heard the comments of LLCPA and agree that they have merit and need to be considered in the future, but they also need to continue the planning process of looking at alternative routes that may be closer in and have less impact to the community, with a second by Mr. Wayne and passed by a unanimous vote.*

#### **4. City of Flowery Branch Transportation Study**

Mr. Yamala updated the committee on their Transportation Study, which is partially funded by the GHMPO. They have hired a consultant and expect the study to take 3 to 4 months to complete. The study will focus on the downtown area identifying projects and funding sources. Findings from the study will be presented to the GHMPO committees.

#### **5. Hall Area Transit Maintenance Facility Feasibility Study**

Mr. Close gave an overview of the maintenance facility feasibility study for the Hall Area Transit (HAT). The study team toured existing facilities with the City of Gainesville and Hall County to assess present capacity and ability to meet future needs, as well as the potential to share a facility between jurisdictions is being explored as well. The study is expected to take 6 to 7 weeks to complete, and the results will be presented to the GHMPO committees.

***MOTION:*** *Mr. Wayne made a motion to include the feasibility of private contract options for maintenance with a second by Mr. Petrie and passed by a unanimous vote.*

#### **6. Administrative Modifications and an Amendment to the 2008- 2013 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Fee explained the administrative modifications and amendments to the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program. Most of the projects had the network years changed from 2010 to 2015 for air quality modeling or were resurfacing and maintenance projects under phase II of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

#### **7. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

Mr. Yamala explained the development process of the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). He noted that the planning horizon year of the current Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was 2030 but will be extended to 2040 for the MTP. Federal requirements mandate that regional transportation plans in metropolitan areas with air quality requirements be updated every four years. The GHMPO expects to have a consultant on board by January 2010 and the plan will be adopted by August 2011.

## 8. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

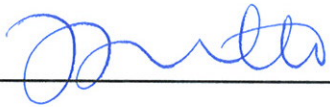
Mr. Yamala discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by GDOT, Hall County, the City of Gainesville, the City of Flowery Branch, Hall Area Transit and the City of Oakwood.

## 9. Upcoming Meeting Date

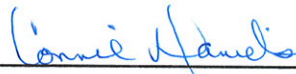
The next Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2010. A list of the 2010 GHMPO Committee Meetings was distributed to the CAC members.

## 10. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 5:33 p.m.



for Hugh Tyner, Chairperson



Connie Daniels, Secretary