

# Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

### CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Development Services Center Conference Room Minutes of July 21, 2011 Meeting

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

Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Doug Smith, Hall County
Danny Sanderson, Hall County
Ethan Hopkins, Hall County
Mary Jardine, City of Gainesville
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville
Connie Propes, City of Gainesville
Emory Turner, City of Gainesville
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood
James Nix, Hall County
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch

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

Ken Cochran, Hall County Larry Poole, Hall County Diane O'Kelly, City of Gainesville

#### **Others Present:**

Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO David Fee, GHMPO

Jeff Carroll, Wilbur Smith Associates Connie Daniels, Hall County

#### 1. Welcome

Mayor Nix, Acting Chairman, called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Mr. Yamala welcomed the new members and explained the purpose of the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

#### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Due to lack of a quorum at the April 28, 2011 meeting, the February 24, 2011 meeting minutes were not approved. New CAC members had not seen the February minutes so the approval has been postponed until the October 27, 2011 meeting.

**MOTION:** Ms. Lipscomb made a motion to approve the April 28, 2011 Minutes with a second by Mr. Hopkins and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

#### 3. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Mr. Carroll gave a presentation on the draft 2040 MTP and thanked the committee members, the public and other entities who participated throughout the planning process. The plan was presented to the Technical Coordinating Committee who made a recommendation for approval and based on this committee's recommendation the plan will be presented to the Policy Committee for adoption.

## 4. Recommendation to Approve the Draft 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Draft 2012–2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Yamala asked committee members for comments on the draft MTP and TIP documents. Some newer members of the committee were not familiar with the documents and opted to abstain from voting.

<u>MOTION</u>: Mr. Mensinger made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft 2040 MTP and the Draft 2012-2017 TIP with a second from Ms. Lipscomb and the motion passed (Mr. Hoffman opposed, Ms. Propes, Ms. Jardine and Mr. Sanderson abstained from voting).

#### 5. Hall County Project List: Transportation Investment Act of 2010

Mr. Yamala explained the Executive Committee of the Georgia Mountains Region Transportation Roundtable had collaborated with GDOT to come up with the unconstrained project list. Before the list can be submitted to the entire Roundtable members, the Executive Committee has to reduce an additional \$130-\$150 million worth of projects to make it constrained. Four public meetings are scheduled throughout the Georgia Mountains region for public input on the constrained project, which should be finalized by October 15, 2011. Mr. Yamala offered committee members the opportunity to email him on their preferences on which projects should be cut from the list.

#### 6. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Mr. Yamala discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by the jurisdictions of the City of Flowery Branch, the City of Gainesville, the City of Oakwood, Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, Hall Area Transit and Hall County.

#### 7. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

<u>MOTION</u>: Mr. Hoffman made a motion to nominate Mayor Nix as a Chairman of the CAC with a second by Mr. Petrie and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

<u>MOTION</u>: Mr. Sanderson made a motion to nominate Mr. Hoffman as Vice Chairman of the CAC with a second from Ms. Lipscomb and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

#### 8. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next the meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2011.

#### 9. Adjourn

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The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 5:55 p.m.

James Nix, Acting Chairman

Connie Daniels, Secretary