



Gainesville - Hall

Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Development Services Center Conference Room

Minutes of February 23, 2012 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Dan Everitt, Hall County
Ethan Hopkins, Hall County
Ryan Sawyer, Hall County
Mary Jardine, City of Gainesville
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville
Diane O'Kelley, City of Gainesville
Connie Propes, City of Gainesville
Emory Turner, City of Gainesville
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood

Voting Members Absent:

Ken Cochran, Hall County
James Nix, Hall County
Larry Poole, Hall County
Doug Smith, Hall County

Others Present:

Jody Woodall, Hall County
Connie Daniels, Hall County

David Fee, GHMPO
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO

1. Welcome

Mr. Hoffman called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

2. Approval of October 27, 2011 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Petrie made a motion to approve the October 27, 2011 Minutes with a second by Mr. Everitt and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Update on Skelton Road Widening Project

Mr. Woodall outlined the two phases of the Skelton Road widening project. Phase I would extend from Memorial Park Drive at the Browns Bridge Road intersection and create a new road to McEver Road. Phase II would widen Skelton Road and realign the road to connect with phase one of the project. Mr. Woodall will provide the committee members an aerial map to better convey the project details.

4. Review Draft FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Yamala gave a brief explanation on the format of the UPWP for the new members noting that the overall funding summary is basically the same as last year. This is a draft document and will be presented to the CAC in April with a recommendation for approval.

5. Update on the Transportation Investment Act: Public Outreach Efforts

Mr. Yamala repeated a presentation on the TIA which he has given to numerous groups and organizations countywide so far. He stressed the GHMPO can only educate and not advocate for or against the measure. Mr. Yamala laid out the basic facts: the long-term budget shortfall in transportation funding spawned by declining revenues garnered by the gas tax and Hall County's transportation needs will increase dramatically driven by projected rising population and employment figures.

Mr. Yamala noted that in theory all of these projects will be completed with or without the TIA funding; however, the timeframe is a key component as the July 31st referendum would act as a catalyst in moving projects closer to completion.

6. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

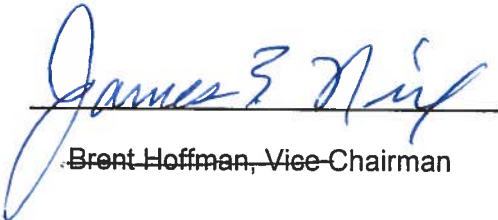
Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Woodall for Hall County and Mr. Fee for the City of Gainesville, the City of Oakwood and GDOT.

7. Upcoming Meeting Date


The next CAC meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2012.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Hoffman at 5:15 p.m.



Brent Hoffman, Vice Chairman



Connie Daniels, Secretary