



**GHMPO**

# *Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization*

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Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

## **CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Development Services Center Conference Room  
Minutes of August 13, 2012 Meeting

### **Voting Members Present:**

James Nix, Hall County  
Ken Cochran, Hall County  
Dan Everitt, Hall County  
Renee Gerrell, Hall County  
Brent Hoffman, Hall County  
Larry Poole, Hall County  
Mary Jardine, City of Gainesville  
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville  
Diane O'Kelley, City of Gainesville  
Connie Propes, City of Gainesville  
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch  
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood

### **Voting Members Absent:**

Doug Smith, Hall County  
Ryan Sawyer, Hall County  
Emory Turner, City of Gainesville

### **Others Present:**

David Fee, GHMPO  
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO

Connie Daniels, Hall County

### **1. Welcome**

Mayor Nix called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Mayor Nix welcomed new committee member, Renee Gerrell.

### **2. Approval of April 26, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** *Mayor Poole made a motion to approve the April 26, 2012 Minutes with a second by Mr. Petrie and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

### **3. Recommendation to Amend the FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Yamala distributed tables showing the current GHMPO funding summary and how the proposed amendment would affect funding. The amendment accounts for new funding levels allotted to the GHMPO under the new federal surface transportation authorization, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) and carryover funds from FY 2012. Funds will be shifted from the Study Coordination and Operations work element to the Major Transportation Studies work element to help fund the City of Gainesville Transportation Study.

**MOTION:** *Mr. Hoffman made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the FY2013 UPWP with a second by Mr. Cochran and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

**4. Overview of the New Federal Transportation Bill: MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century)**

Mr. Yamala provided a handout on MAP-21 and drew the attention of the committee to the highlighted sections. Mr. Yamala said that the population threshold for maintaining an MPO remains 50,000 so that is no longer an issue. He listed the planning factors that MPOs must consider, the new performance based approach to be worked out with GDOT and the plan update remains every four years because the GHMPO is in a nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act.

**5. City of Gainesville Transportation Study**

Mr. Yamala said the study will examine the existing traffic flows, future traffic scenarios and provide recommendations to the City of Gainesville. The study should take 8-12 months and there will be public and stakeholder involvement. The City will provide local matching funds for the study and other costs are covered under the aforementioned FY 2013 UPWP amendment.

**MOTION:** *Mr. Hoffman made a motion to recommend approval to proceed with the City of Gainesville Study with a second by Mr. Cochran and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

**6. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports**

Mr. Yamala discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by the following jurisdictions and agencies: City of Gainesville, GDOT and Hall County.

**7. Election of CAC Chair and Vice Chair**

**MOTION:** *Mr. Hoffman made a motion to nominate Mayor Nix as a Chairman of the CAC with a second by Mr. Cochran and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

**MOTION:** *Mr. Cochran made a motion to nominate Mr. Hoffman as Vice Chairman of the CAC with a second from Ms. Jardin and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

**8. Upcoming Meeting Date**

The next Citizen Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2012.

**9. Other**

Committee members questioned Mr. Yamala about the impact of the Georgia Mountains Region voters rejecting the Transportation Investment Act referendum and the resulting "penalty" of increasing the local matching funds from 10% to 30% for future transportation projects.

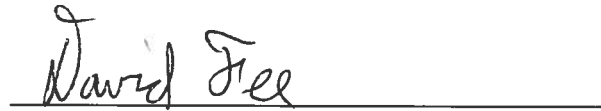
**MOTION:** Mr. Everitt a made a motion to recommend the Policy Committee draft a letter to the Hall County legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly requesting removal of the 30% local matching funds for transportation projects with a second by Mr. Mensinger.

**10. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Mayor Nix made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Mr. Cochran and the motion passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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Brent Hoffman, Vice Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David Fee", written over a horizontal line.

David Fee, Acting Secretary