



# *Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization*

**GHMPO**

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

## **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Hall County Government Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Minutes of February 27, 2014 Meeting

### **Voting Members Present:**

Mayor James Nix, Hall County  
Ken Cochran, Hall County  
Renee Gerrell, Hall County  
Bill Hall, Hall County  
Brent Hoffman, Hall County  
Rob Strickland, Hall County  
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch  
Ann Jones, City of Flowery Branch  
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville  
Diane O'Kelley, City of Gainesville  
Connie Propes, City of Gainesville  
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood  
Tony Millwood, City of Oakwood

### **Voting Members Absent:**

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

### **Others Present:**

Richard Fangmann, Pond & Company  
David Fee, GHMPO

Sam Baker, GHMPO  
Connie Daniels, Hall County

## **1. Welcome**

Mayor Nix called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., and introductions were made.

## **2. Approval of October 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** *Mr. Petrie made a motion to approve the October 17, 2013, minutes with a second by Mrs. Jones, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

## **3. GHMPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Update**

Mr. Fangmann shared background and recommendations of the GHMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. He explained that this is a partial update that will focus on expanding the multi-use trail network. Recommendations of this plan will be considered for inclusion in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan update.

**4. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update**

Mr. Baker explained federal requirements mandate that regional transportation plans be updated every four years. The MPO staff has interviewed consultants to assist with the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update, and the Board of Commissioners will make the final determination.

**5. Recommendation to Approve GHMPO Planning Area Expansion**

Mr. Baker presented a map depicting the proposed new boundaries for the Gainesville-Hall MPO. The change is a result of the Gainesville urbanized area's expansion into Forsyth, Jackson and Gwinnett Counties, as determined by the 2010 Census. The portions of the Gainesville urbanized area in Forsyth and Gwinnett Counties will join the Atlanta Regional Commission. The urbanized areas in the western portion of Jackson County are seeking approval to join the Gainesville-Hall MPO. Approval of this would result in the MPO having one new voting member, likely from the Town of Braselton, on the Technical Coordinating Committee, the Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Policy Committee.

***MOTION:*** Mr. Hoffman made a motion to recommend approval of the GHMPO Planning Area Expansion with a second by Mr. Petrie, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**6. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports**

Mr. Fee discussed the status of transportation projects being completed in the jurisdictions of the City of Flowery Branch, the City of Gainesville, the City of Oakwood, GDOT, and Hall County.

**7. Upcoming Meeting Date**

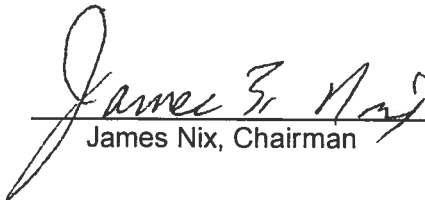
The next CAC meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2014.


**8. Other**

The Annual Transportation Forum is Thursday, March 13, at the University of North Georgia, Gainesville Campus, Continuing Education Auditorium, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Speakers will include officials from the Georgia Department of Transportation as well as representatives from the Gainesville-Hall County Metropolitan Planning Organization.

**9. Adjourn**

***MOTION:*** Ms. Gerrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mrs. Jones and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

  
James Nix, Chairman

  
Connie Daniels, Secretary