



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Braselton - Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Oakwood - Hall County - Jackson County

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hall County Government Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Minutes of July 31, 2014 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Mayor James Nix, Hall County
Charles Alvarez, Hall County
Trey Bell, Hall County
Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Rob Strickland, Hall County
Jamie Hitzges, Jackson County
Terry Turner, Town of Braselton
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch
Mary Jardine, City of Gainesville
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville
Dianne O'Kelley, City of Gainesville
Connie Propes, City of Gainesville
Emory Turner, City of Gainesville
Tony Millwood, City of Oakwood

Voting Members Absent:

Renee Gerrell, Hall County
Bill Hall, Hall County
Doug Smith, Hall County
Ike Swofford, City of Flowery Branch
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood

Others Present:

Richard Fangmann, Pond & Company
Sam Baker, GHMPO

David Fee, 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 April 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Jardine made a motion to approve the April 24, 2014, minutes with a second by Mr. Petrie, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Fangmann discussed the responses they have received from meetings with staff, elected officials, stakeholders, and the public regarding the 2040 MTP update. There would be several more community workshops and public meetings before they present a final plan with prioritized recommendations to the MPO committees.

5. Recommend Approval of a Resolution Adopting Amendments to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the 2012 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Baker reported that additional funds had become available allowing several projects to advance into the TIP timeframe. Projects include the Lights Ferry Connector and several bridge projects. A legal ad was published and no public comments were received. A resolution has been drafted and staff recommends adopting these amendments.

MOTION: *Mr. Hoffman made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution adopting amendments to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion received a second from Mr. Petrie and passed by a unanimous vote.*

6. Recommend Approval of Functional Classification Changes to Hall County Road Network

For the benefit of new members, Mr. Baker explained that every 10 years the U. S. census results define the urbanized areas, and GDOT uses this data to review the roads in these areas to determine if their functional classifications need to be changed.

TCC members formed a subcommittee to review the roads and classifications. This subcommittee devised a list of twelve roads providing justification as to why they should be reclassified based upon how they operate at present. The proposed changes would be submitted to GDOT for review and consideration for reclassification by the FHWA.

MOTION: *Ms. Lipscomb made a motion to recommend approval of the functional classification changes to Hall County road network with a second from Mr. Petrie and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

7. Recommend Approval of a Resolution of GHMPO 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and 2012 - 2017 Transportation Improvement Program in Conformance with the State Implementation Plan

Mr. Baker explained that due to Hall County being part of the Atlanta air quality nonattainment area, the EPA asked GHMPO to draft a resolution acknowledging Atlanta's recent amendment of its TIP while no changes were made to GHMPO's projects and TIP.

MOTION: *Mr. Hoffman made a motion to recommend approval of a resolution of GHMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan and 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program in conformance with the State Implementation Plan. The motion received a second from Ms. Jardine and passed by a unanimous vote.*

8. Recommend Approval of a Resolution Delegating Authority to the GHMPO Director to Sign Resolutions on Behalf of GHMPO Regarding GHMPO's Acknowledgement of TIP Amendments for other MPOs in the Atlanta Air Quality Nonattainment Area

The approval of this resolution would simplify the process of items such as stated in the previous resolution. Mr. Baker told CAC members this resolution would delegate authority to the GHMPO Director to sign future resolutions in cases when a conformity analysis has been performed for the Atlanta nonattainment area, there have been no changes to the GHMPO TIP, and GHMPO programming documents are consistent with the new conformity analysis.

MOTION: Mr. Petrie made a motion to recommend approval of a resolution delegating authority to the GHMPO Director to sign resolutions on behalf of the GHMPO regarding GHMPO's acknowledgement of TIP amendments for other MPO's in the Atlanta Air Quality Nonattainment area. The motion received a second from Ms. Jardine and passed by a unanimous vote.

9. Recommend Approval of Amendments to the Citizens Advisory Committee Bylaws

Mr. Fee pointed out that these recommended changes are due to a self-certification inspection performed by the FHWA and GDOT Planning and GHMPO's expansion into Jackson County. Representatives for the Town of Braselton and Jackson County have been added as voting members. FHWA also noted that the GHMPO needed detailed emergency meeting procedures outlined in the bylaws.

MOTION: Ms. Jardine made a motion to recommend approval of the amendments to the Citizens Advisory Committee bylaws with a second from Ms. Lipscomb, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

10. Review of Amendments to the Public Participation Plan

Mr. Fee explained that these proposed amendments are also a result of the self-certification review with FHWA and the expanded boundaries into Jackson County. Representatives from Jackson County and the Town of Braselton have been added to the committees. FHWA had other suggestions for changes that are not reflected in this publication yet. This document will be presented at the next meeting with those changes for review.

11. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for FY 2015

MOTION: Ms. Lipscomb made a motion to nominate James Nix as chairman and Brent Hoffman as vice chairman. The motion received a second from Mr. Petrie and passed by a unanimous vote.

12. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

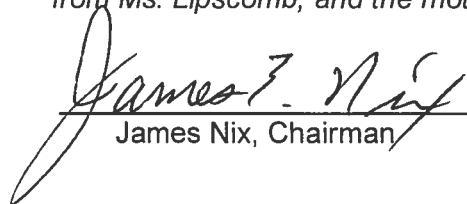
Mr. Fee discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by the City of Flowery Branch, the City of Gainesville, the City of Oakwood, the Town of Braselton, GDOT, GMRC, Hall County, and Jackson County.


13. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2014.

14. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Petrie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. with a second from Ms. Lipscomb, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.


James Nix, Chairman


Connie Daniels, Secretary