



# *Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization*

**GHMPO**

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

## **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Hall County Government Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Minutes of April 30, 2015 Meeting

### **Voting Members Present:**

Mayor James Nix, Hall County  
Charles Alvarez, Hall County  
Renee Gerrell, Hall County  
Brent Hoffman, Hall County  
Wayne Stradley, Hall County  
Jamie Hitzges, Jackson County  
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch  
Ike Swofford, City of Flowery Branch  
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  
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood  
Tony Millwood, City of Oakwood

### **Voting Members Absent:**

Trey Bell, Hall County  
Bill Hall, Hall County  
Rob Strickland, Hall County  
Terry Turner, Town of Braselton

### **Others Present:**

Richard Fangmann, Pond & Company  
Eric Lusher, Pond & Company  
Connie Daniels, Hall County

Sam Baker, GHMPO  
David Fee, GHMPO

### **1. Welcome**

Mayor Nix called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

### **2. Approval of January 29, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Ms. Propes made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2015, meeting with a second from Mr. Turner, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **3. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**4. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Adopting the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan: 2015 Update, Associated FY 2016–2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Related Conformity Determination Report (CDR)**

Mr. Baker suggested that the CAC recommend adoption of the Gainesville-Hall RTP: 2015 Update, associated FY 2016–2019 TIP, and related CDR to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Fangmann and Mr. Lusher presented an overview of the steps taken to develop the financially constrained project list presented in the Gainesville-Hall RTP update.

Mr. Stradley spoke regarding the Hall County Trails initiative and expressed his concerns regarding lack of lighting, security and parking. He also read a statement regarding the importance of the Lee Gilmer Memorial Airport to Hall County and asked that such statement be added to the Gainesville-Hall RTP: 2015 Update.

***MOTION:*** *Mr. Stradley made a motion to add a statement regarding the importance of the Lee Gilmer Memorial Airport to the Gainesville-Hall RTP: 2015 Update with a second from Ms. Propes, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

***MOTION:*** *Mr. Petrie made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution adopting the Gainesville-Hall RTP: 2015 Update, associated FY 2016–2019 TIP and related CDR with the addition of the statement regarding the Lee Gilmer Memorial Airport, with a second from Ms. Gerrell, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

**5. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Adopting the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Mr. Baker explained the UPWP highlights the work the MPO has accomplished in FY 2015 and outlines the tasks the MPO plans to undertake in the upcoming fiscal year.

***MOTION:*** *Mr. Hoffman made a motion to recommend approval of the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program with a second from Ms. Jardine, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

**6. Recommend Approval of an Amendment to the Title VI Program and Environmental Justice Analysis (EJ)**

Mr. Fee relayed that this amendment was made to conform to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) guidelines. Changes include the bilingual language added to public notices and the complaint form written in both English and Spanish.

***MOTION:*** *Mr. Petrie made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the Title VI Program and EJ Analysis with a second from Mr. Alvarez, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

**7. Recommend Approval of Complete Streets Policy for the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Mr. Baker explained this policy gives public notice that the GHMPO values multiple modes of transportation and will consider the needs of all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users, not only drivers.

**MOTION:** *Mr. Petrie made a motion to recommend approval of the Complete Streets Policy for the GHMPO with a second from Ms. Lipscomb and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

## **8. Transportation Funding Act**

Mr. Baker briefed the committee on HB170, which was passed by the Georgia legislators on March 31 and goes in to effect on July 1, 2015. Potentially, this will provide \$900 million in additional funds annually that will be distributed throughout the State.

## **9. Hall County Trails Initiative**

Mr. Baker discussed the involvement of the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce (GHCC) Vision 2030 Green Space Committee in the Hall County Trails initiative, the proposed names ("Highlands to Islands", "Foothills Greenway" or "Foothills Trail") and the proposed designs of the logo.

**MOTION:** *Ms. Lipscomb made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed name Foothills Trail and logo with a second from Mr. Millwood, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

**MOTION:** *Ms. Gerrell made a motion to recommend that they consider ways to include local involvement in naming the spurs of the Hall County Trails with a second from Mr. Hoffman, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

## **10. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports**

A list of projects being completed by each jurisdiction and agency was provided.

## **11. Upcoming Meeting Date**

The next CAC meeting will be July 30, 2015.

## **12. Other**

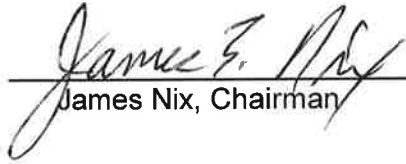
As discussed briefly in the meeting, Mr. Hoffman asked Mr. Baker to clarify with GDOT that the bridge (Exit 12) across I-985 is included in the Spout Springs Road project.

Per earlier discussion on the Hall County Trails Initiative Mr. Stradley made a motion.

**MOTION:** *Mr. Stradley made a motion that trailheads parking be built at each end of Chicopee Trail and that dialogue be initiated with University of North Georgia (UNG) personnel regarding connecting the South Trail and the UNG Trail. The motion received a second from Mr. Petrie and passed by a unanimous vote.*

**13. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** *Mr. Hoffman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. with a second from Mr. Petrie and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

  
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James Nix, Chairman

  
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Connie Daniels, Secretary