



# *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 November 5, 2015 Meeting

### **Voting Members Present:**

Mayor James Nix, Hall County  
Trey Bell, Hall County  
Jim Brown, Hall County  
Renee Gerrell, Hall County  
Wayne Stradley, Hall County  
Ike Swofford, City of Flowery Branch  
Jerry Castleberry, City of Gainesville  
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville  
Connie Propes, City of Gainesville  
Tony Millwood, City of Oakwood

### **Voting Members Absent:**

Charles Alvarez, Hall County  
Brent Hoffman, Hall County  
Rob Strickland, Hall County  
Jamie Hitzges, Jackson County  
Ron Petrie, City of Flowery Branch  
Mary Jardine, City of Gainesville  
Diane O'Kelley, City of Gainesville  
Charles Mensinger, City of Oakwood  
Terry Turner, Town of Braselton

### **Others Present:**

Sam Baker, GHMPO  
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO

Connie Daniels, Hall County

### **1. Welcome**

Ms. Lipscomb called the meeting to order, and introductions were made.

### **2. Approval of July 30, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

***MOTION:*** Ms. Gerrell made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2015 meeting, with a second from Mr. Millwood, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **3. Public Comments**

Mr. Stradley stated that he had spoken with Tiffany Wiley from GDOT regarding the hazardous condition in front of Harbor Point on SR 53. Ms. Wiley was extremely helpful, and within about three weeks, a road crew had addressed the problem.

### **4. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Amending the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

The UPWP is a list of projects and activities the GHMPO staff will undertake in FY 2016. Mr. Baker reported that there was approximately \$116,000 carried over from FY 2015 and added to the FY 2016 budget. The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) recommended the allocation of \$158,000 for a corridor study of Green Street.

**MOTION:** *Mr. Nix made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution amending the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program, with a second from Mr. Brown, and the motion passed (Ms. Propes opposed).*

**5. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Amending the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Update and the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Baker discussed the six projects that have been changed. He explained they were adding four bridge projects to the financially constrained LRTP that were not in the plan. GDOT identified bridge bond funds that had not been previously available. Because of this change, they were amending the LRTP and the TIP and revising dollar amounts. The TCC recommended approval of the amendment.

**MOTION:** *Ms. Gerrell made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution amending the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program, with a second from Mr. Nix, and the motion passed (Ms. Propes opposed).*

**MOTION:** *Ms. Gerrell made a motion that the GHMPO staff meet with GDOT personnel regarding the deplorable conditions of westbound lanes of SR 53 at Chattahoochee River and provide the CAC a detailed time line for temporary and permanent repairs. CAC requests that this information be received within 60 days. The motion received a second from Mr. Stradley, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

**6. Recommend Approval of an Update to Title VI Program and Environmental Justice Analysis**

Mr. Baker explained that due to the inclusion of part of Jackson County into the GHMPO, they had to update the Title VI Program and Environment Justice Analysis to meet federal guidelines and ensure funds are being used for the benefit of everyone in the region, not just for a select few. The document was presented to the FTA, FHWA and GDOT for comments, and there was a 30-day public comment period. Modifications were made based on those comments and suggestions, and the TCC recommended approval of the updated document.

**MOTION:** *Mr. Castleberry made a motion to recommend approval of the update to the Title VI Program and Environmental Justice Analysis with a second from Mr. Nix and the motion passed (Ms. Propes opposed).*

**7. Citizens Advisory Committee Bylaws**

Mr. Yamala stated that Mr. Stradley had requested clarification of wording and terminology in the CAC bylaws. Mr. Yamala responded to each of Mr. Stradley's points of concern, and they were discussed extensively.

**8. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports**

A list of transportation projects being completed by the jurisdictions of the City of Flowery Branch, the City of Oakwood, the Town of Braselton, GDOT, and Jackson County was distributed.

## 9. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next CAC meeting will be on February 25, 2016.

## 10. Other

Mr. Stradley requested that a letter be sent to Mr. Fee thanking him for his support of the CAC.

Due to Ms. Lipscomb and Mr. Stradley not being able to attend the Policy Committee (PC), Mr. Baker asked if anyone else would be able to attend. Mr. Baker agreed to present a report from the CAC at the PC meeting due to no volunteers.

## 11. Adjourn

***MOTION:*** Mr. Nix made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. with a second from Mr. Brown, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

  
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Berlinda Lipscomb, Chair

  
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Connie Daniels, Secretary