



GHMPO

Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

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

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 26, 2018

4:00 PM

Hall County Government Center, 2nd Floor HR Training Room

Minutes of July 26, 2018 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Ken Stanley, Hall County, Vice-Chairperson
Ed Edwards, City of Flowery Branch
Tabitha Gooch, Jackson County
Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Mary Jardine, City of Gainesville
Pat Jones, City of Oakwood
Joe Kennedy, Hall County
Jennifer Kid-Harrison, Town of Braselton
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville
Tony Millwood, City of Oakwood
Patrick O'Rourke, Hall County
Connie Propes, City of Gainesville
Heather Taylor, Hall County

Voting Members Absent:

Renee Gerrell, Hall County
Trey Bell, Hall County
Sammy Smith, City of Gainesville
Beth Weikel, Hall County

Others Present:

Sam Baker, GHMPO
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO
Denise Farr, Hall County

Sarah McQuade, Hall County
Bill Moats, Hall County
Madison Hickey, GHCC

1. Welcome

Mr. Stanley called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

2. Approval of April 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Hoffman made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2018 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, with a second from Ms. Jardine, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Recommend Approval of the Draft Resolution Supporting the State Targets for:

- a. Pavement and Bridge Condition
- b. Performance of National Highway System, Freight, and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality

Mr. Baker presented a draft resolution which states that GHMPO will elect to adopt and support the newly created Bridge and Pavement Performance Management Targets (also known as PM2) and the Performance of National Highway System, Freight, and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Performance Management Targets (also known as PM3), as established by the Georgia Department of Transportation. The current federal transportation legislation called the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) directs the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), all state Departments of Transportation (DOTs), and all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to establish performance measures and performance targets for various aspects of transportation. GHMPO previously adopted the statewide safety targets in February 2018. Mr. Baker stated that staff recommends GHMPO adopt the statewide targets listed in the draft resolution.

Ms. Jardine asked if staff felt that the statewide targets were adequate to which Mr. Baker responded that yes, the targets were a good place to begin and that the results would be analyzed within one year.

MOTION: Mr. O'Rourke made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft Resolution supporting the State Targets for Pavement and Bridge Condition as well as Performance of National Highway System, Freight, and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality, with a second from Ms. Lipscomb, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Recommend Approval of the Draft Resolution Requesting Additional PL Funds for the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update

Mr. Boyd presented a draft resolution requesting additional PL (Planning) funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) in order to conduct the federally required five-year update to the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). GHMPO's current RTP was completed in June 2015 with an updated plan due by June of 2020.

The anticipated cost of the plan update is approximately \$250,000 and will be paid with PL funds (80%) and in-kind match (20%). If the draft resolution is approved, GHMPO will submit this application to GDOT at the September PL Funds Review Committee meeting with the anticipation of issuing a Request For Proposals (RFP) in October and hiring a consultant in November.

Mr. Hoffman asked if it was possible to include a more detailed study of possible routing for a North Hall Parkway bypass to which Mr. Baker responded that staff felt that such a study would need a more focused and refined look than what the regional transportation plan could provide. Mr. Stanley then asked what the status was on applying for additional PL funding to conduct a North Hall Parkway Study to which Mr. Baker responded that Hall County had not committed to funding the local match. Without a local match, the application process cannot move forward at this time.

MOTION: Mr. Hoffman made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft Resolution requesting additional PL funds for the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update, with a second from Ms. Lipscomb, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

- City of Flowery Branch
- City of Gainesville
- City of Oakwood
- Town of Braselton
- Georgia Department of Transportation
- Georgia Mountains Regional Commission
- Hall Area Transit
- Hall County
- Jackson County

6. Upcoming Meeting Date: October 25, 2018

The next CAC meeting will be on Thursday, October 25, 2018. The location will be determined shortly.

7. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

8. Other

Mr. Baker informed the group that the City of Gainesville would be happy to accommodate the previous request by Mr. Smith to tour the new Gainesville Traffic Operations Center on October 25, 2018 prior to the CAC meeting. The exact time of the tour and the location of the next CAC meeting will need to be determined. The staff has explored the options to hold the next meeting in the Gainesville Administration Building, Brenau University, and at the HR Training Room of Hall County Government Center following the tour. Mr. Stanley stated that he would check the availability of a room at the GDOT District Office and follow up with the committee.

Ms. Kid-Harrison and Ms. Gooch asked if MPO staff could gather more information on the proposed roundabouts at the intersections of SR 53/New Cut Road and SR 16/SR 124 in Jackson County. Mr. Boyd and Mr. Baker responded that they would reach out to the District 1 office at GDOT and promptly pass along any information received.

9. Adjourn

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 P.M.



Renee Gerrell, Chairperson



Joseph Boyd, Secretary