

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Hall County Government Center, HR Training Room
Minutes of April 25, 2019 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Renee Gerrell, Hall County, Chairperson
Ken Stanley, Hall County, Vice-Chairperson
Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Joe Kennedy, Hall County
Patrick O'Rourke, Hall County
Heather Taylor, Hall County
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville
Connie Propes, City of Gainesville
Tony Millwood, City of Oakwood
Pat Jones, City of Oakwood
Mary Jardine, City of Gainesville
David Jones, City of Flowery Branch

Voting Members Absent:

Beth Weikel, Hall County
Jennifer Kidd-Harrison, Town of Braselton
Beverly Nordholz, City of Gainesville
Sammy Smith, City of Gainesville
Tabitha Gooch, Jackson County
Trey Bell, Hall County
Ed Edwards, City of Flowery Branch

Others Present:

Sam Baker, GHMPO
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO
Emily Foote, Hall County

Phillippa Lewis Moss, HAT
Caleb Davidson, GMRC
Steve Cote, RS&H

1. Welcome

Ms. Gerrell opened the meeting at 4:01 PM.

2. Approval of January 31, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Beth Weikel was listed under both "present" and "absent" at the last meeting. The minutes were corrected deleting her name under "present".

MOTION: Mr. Stanley made a motion to approve the minutes, with the correction made above, of the January 31, 2019 meeting, with a second from Ms. Jones, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Recommend Approval of an Amendment to the FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Boyd stated that an application requesting federal transportation planning funds for the State Route 365/Jesse Jewell Parkway Traffic Impact Study was approved. He added that the Federal Highway Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation require that the budget be updated in the current UPWP showing the addition of the \$160,000 federal grant.

MOTION: Ms. Jardine made a motion to recommend approval of an amendment to the FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program, with a second from Mr. O'Rourke, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Adopting the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Boyd stated that the Draft FY 2020 UPWP describes the planning projects, studies and activities the GHMPO will undertake in FY 2020. He added that this is the second of two reviews of the draft document by the Citizens Advisory Committee after it has been sent to the Georgia Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration for review and comment, and their comments have been incorporated. Mr. Boyd stated that the required 30-day public comment period was conducted from March 3 through April 2, 2019, and no public comments were received.

MOTION: Ms. Lipscomb made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution adopting the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program, with a second from Mr. Stanley, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Adopting the Dawsonville Highway-McEver Road Connectivity Study Report

Mr. Baker stated that RS&H presented the results of the Dawsonville Highway-McEver Road Connectivity Study at the last meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee in January 2019. Following the presentation, the consultant has prepared a report summarizing the study findings. Mr. Baker suggested that the Committee recommend approval of the resolution adopting the study report.

Ms. Jardine asked the projected time it would take to build the continuous left turn lanes. Mr. Cote answered that GDOT's conservative estimate is between 2028 and 2029, but the additional through traffic lanes could be completed within the next few years.

MOTION: Mr. Stanley made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution adopting the Dawsonville Highway-McEver Road Connectivity Study Report, with a second from Ms. Lipscomb, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update

Mr. Cote with RS&H reported on the federally-required update of the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan. The update was undertaken in January 2019. The project team has since collected various data, prepared 2015 base year socio-economic data,

started an online survey to be open until June 9th, and engaged in several citizen engagement events. The team is preparing an existing conditions report and developing 2050 future year socio-economic data for submission to Georgia DOT. The team is also planning additional public engagement activities. The most important element of this plan update will be the development of a financially-constrained project list by September 30, 2019. The update is scheduled for adoption by June 2020.

7. Micro-Transit Feasibility Study

Ms. Lewis Moss presented the results of the Micro-Transit Feasibility Study, completed in February 2019, which explored the feasibility of ride-share services, such as Uber and Lyft, to provide transit service in Hall County in light of the expected reclassification of Gainesville as a "large urbanized area" after the 2020 Census and the resulting cut in federal transit operations funding. The Study recommended replacing the existing Dial-A-Ride demand response service and three underperforming fixed route services of the Gainesville Connection with ride-share service.

8. New or Additional Requirement for PL Funds Application Process

Mr. Baker informed that the Federal Highway Administration has added a new or additional requirement to future MPO applications for additional federal transportation planning (PL) funds. This new or additional requirement is that any proposed PL-funded studies be discussed at least twice on two separate occasions and provide documentation such discussions with future applications. He added that GHMPO already meets or exceeds this two-discussion minimum requirement.

9. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

A report summarizing the jurisdiction and agency reports presented to the Technical Coordinating Committee on April 18, 2019 was provided to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

10. Upcoming Meeting Date: July 18, 2019

11. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

12. Other: Election of CAC Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2020

MOTION: Mr. Hoffman made a motion to nominate Ms. Gerrell for Chair and Mr. Stanley for Vice Chair of the CAC for FY 2020, with a second from Mr. Millwood, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

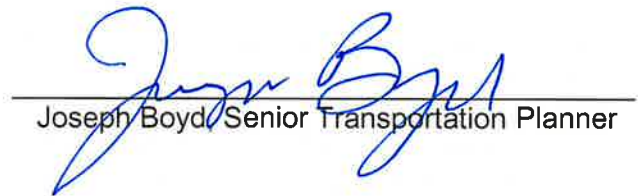
13. Adjourn

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MOTION: Mr. Stanley made a motion to conclude the meeting at 5:30 PM, with a second from Mr. Kennedy, and the meeting was concluded.



Renee Gerrell, Chair



Joseph Boyd, Senior Transportation Planner