



**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Hall County Government Center, Finance Training Room**  
**Minutes of September 12, 2019 Meeting**

**Voting Members Present:**

Renee Gerrell, Hall County, Chair  
Doug Aiken, Hall County  
Trey Bell, Hall County  
Mary Jardine, City of Gainesville  
David Jones, City of Flowery Branch  
Tony Millwood, City of Oakwood  
Beverly Nordholtz, City of Gainesville  
Patrick O'Rouke, Hall County  
Connie Propes, City of Gainesville  
Sammy Smith, City of Gainesville  
Heather Taylor, Hall County  
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville  
Chip McCallum, City of Flowery Branch  
Pat Jones, City of Oakwood

**Others Present:**

Sarah McQuade, GHMPO  
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO  
Sam Baker, GHMPO  
Laura Ogletree, GHMPO

**Voting Members Absent:**

Nick Allen, Hall County  
Tabitha Gooch, Jackson County  
Jennifer Kidd-Harrison, Town of  
Braselton  
Brent Hoffman, Hall County  
Joe Kennedy, Hall County

Darlene Long, Citizen  
Annette Aiken, Citizen  
Steve Cote, RS&H

**1. Welcome**

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

**2. Approval of July 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Jones stated that in the draft minutes, she was listed as present but in fact she was absent from the meeting. Mr. Boyd replied that the final draft of the minutes would reflect this change.

**MOTION:** Mr. Bell made a motion to approve the corrected minutes of the July 18, 2019 meeting, with a second from Mr. O'Rouke, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **3. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Adopting the Jackson County Transportation Plan**

Mr. Cote presented the transportation plan Jackson County has recently completed. This plan assessed Jackson County's existing transportation network and recommended a list of transportation projects for implementation over the next 30 years.

Mr. McCallum asked about the timing of the widening of State Route 211 between State Route 53 and Winder. Mr. Boyd stated that he would look into the exact proposed dates of the widening of State Route 211, including the segments inside the Atlanta Regional Commission's boundary, and would send those out to him after the meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Smith made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution adopting the Jackson County Transportation Plan, with a second from Mr. Bell, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **4. Recommend Approval of the Draft Project List for Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update**

Mr. Cote presented a draft financially-constrained list of transportation projects that would be included in the next update of the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan. The projects with federal funding were broken into four time bands: Band 1 (2020-2025), Band 2 (2026-2030), Band 3 (2031-2040), and Band 4 (2041-2050). There is an additional list of transportation projects with other (state and local) funding sources. Mr. Cote noted that project R-9, the I-85 Widening from State Route 53 to State Route 11/US 129, was shown in Band 1 with additional Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP) funding contributed towards this project by GDOT. This change from the previous project list presented would allow for other local projects to move up to earlier time bands within the project list.

**MOTION:** Mr. Smith made a motion to recommend approval of the draft project list for the Gainesville-Hall Transportation Plan: 2020 Update, with a second from Mr. Millwood, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **5. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports**

A report summarizing the jurisdiction and agency reports presented to the Technical Coordinating Committee on September 4, 2019 was provided to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

### **6. Upcoming Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2019**

Ms. Gerrell commented that the next meeting is not scheduled on a Thursday, as usual. In response, Mr. Boyd stated that Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, falls on Halloween which was a factor in moving up the meeting to Tuesday.

## 7. Public Comment


Darlene Long of the Martin Road Stakeholder Committee thanked the MPO and Hall County for their work on the upgrades to Martin Road and the new roundabout at the intersection of J M Turk Road and Martin Road. She stated that the community is still having issues with trucks utilizing Martin Road as an illegal cut through between State Route 13 and State Route 53. She requested that larger signage stating "Martin Road is a No Truck Zone" be installed along State Route 13 as well as coming off the newly opened Exit 14. She also asked that an official truck route be designated in the area to guide trucks to the correct routes. Mr. Boyd suggested that Ms. Long attend the upcoming Policy Committee meeting scheduled for September 17, 2019 and make her request to GDOT staff at the meeting as State Route 13 and the newly opened Exit 14 are GDOT and Hall County right-of-way. Ms. Gerrell stated that the CAC would also be willing to send a letter to GDOT District One supporting the request for additional signage if needed. Mr. Boyd replied that staff could assist with this and would look into meeting minutes from earlier GHMPO committee meetings to see when and where signage requests were previously made.

## 8. Other

There were no other items presented for discussion.


## 9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM.



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Renee Gerrell, Chair



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Laura Ogletree, Clerk