



Gainesville - Hall

Metropolitan Planning Organization

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

POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 10:00 AM
Oakwood City Hall
4035 Walnut Circle, Oakwood, GA 30566

AGENDA

1. Welcome – Mayor Mike Miller, Chair
2. Approval of May 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes
3. Public Comments
4. Report from the Technical Coordinating Committee
– John McHenry, TCC Chair
5. Report from the Citizens Advisory Committee
– Berlinda Lipscomb, CAC Chair
6. Approve the Resolution Amending the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program
– Sam Baker, GHMPO
7. 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
8. Upcoming Meeting Date: November 10, 2015
9. Other: Next Meeting Location
10. Adjourn



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**Hall County Government Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Minutes of May 12, 2015 Meeting**

Voting Members Present:

Mayor Danny Dunagan, City of Gainesville
Mayor Lamar Scroggs, City of Oakwood
Councilwoman Mary Jones, City of
Flowery Branch
Chairman Tom Crow, Jackson County
Matthew Fowler, GDOT

Voting Members Absent:

Chairman Richard Mecum, Hall County

Others Present:

Jody Woodall, Hall County
Connie Daniels, Hall County
Gina Roy, Jackson County
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch
David Dockery, City of Gainesville
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
Jeff Gill, The Times
Mayor James Nix, City of Clermont
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Gainesville-Hall
Community Service Center
Adam Ivory, CDM Smith
Wayne Stradley, Citizen
Marc Eggers, WDUN

Julia Billings, GDOT
Kaycee Mertz, GDOT
Eileen Schwartz-Washington, GDOT
Garrett Wiley, GHCC
Robert Horne, Citizen
Phillip Bonelli, Vision 2030 Committee
Richard Fangmann, Pond & Company
Eric Lusher, Pond & Company
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Sam Baker, GHMPO
David Fee, GHMPO
Zhan Shi, GHMPO
Stuart Battenger, HAT

1. Welcome

Mayor Scroggs called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of February 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015, meeting with a second from Councilwoman Jones, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Public Comments

Mr. Stradley spoke to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) 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

that the CAC recommended adding to the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan: 2015 Update.

4. Report from the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)

Mr. Brown reported that the TCC discussed all the items that are on this agenda and recommended approval of them all. They are excited about the progress being made on the trails initiative.

5. Report from the Citizens Advisory Committee

Mayor Nix acknowledged the trails briefing Mr. Stradley presented to the CAC. The CAC also questioned whether the section of Spout Springs Road underneath I-985 at Exit 12 was included in the Spout Springs Road widening project; Mr. Baker spoke with GDOT and affirmed that the road widening included this section.

6. Approve the Resolution Adopting the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): 2015 Update, Associated FY 2016–2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Related Conformity Determination Report (CDR)

Mr. Baker explained that it was a federal requirement to update the GHMPO RTP/TIP every four years and it needs to be adopted by August 8, 2015.

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: 2015 Update.

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the Gainesville-Hall RTP: 2015 Update, associated FY 2016–2019 TIP and related CDR with a second from Mr. Fowler, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

7. Approve the Resolution Adopting the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Baker stated that 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: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the FY 2016 UPWP with a second from Councilwoman Jones, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

8. Approve an Amendment to the Title VI Program and Environmental Justice (EJ) Analysis

Mr. Fee relayed there were some deficiencies found in this document and that this amendment was made to conform to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) guidelines. Changes include the bilingual language added to public notices and the inclusion of the complaint form now in English and Spanish.

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the amendment to the Title VI Program and EJ Analysis with a second from Councilwoman Jones, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

9. Approve the 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. This does not mean that all streets and roads will have bicycle or pedestrian paths but that as improvements are made on roadways bicycle and pedestrian facilities will be considered.

MOTION: *Chairman Crow made a motion to approve the Complete Streets Policy for the GHMPO with a second from Mayor Dunagan and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

10. Approve Name and Logo for the Hall County Trails Network

Mr. Bonelli presented three possible names (“Highlands to Islands”, “Foothills Greenway” or “Foothills Trail”) and two different logos for the committee to consider naming the Hall County trails.

MOTION: *Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the name Highlands to Islands and logo for the Hall County Trails Network with a second from Councilwoman Jones, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

11. Transportation Funding Act

Mr. Yamala briefed the committee on HB 170, which was passed by 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.

MOTION: *Mayor Dunagan made a motion to direct the GHMPO staff to work with GDOT to incorporate potential funding from HB 170 and amend the Gainesville-Hall RTP: 2015 Update, associated FY 2016–2019 TIP to include regionally significant projects that will benefit the community with a second from Councilwoman Jones, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

12. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives shared the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Andrew for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Dockery for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Brown for the City of Oakwood, Mr. Fee for the Town of Braselton and GDOT, Mrs. Lewis-Moss for HAT, Mr. Woodall for Hall County and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

Mr. Yamala congratulated Mr. Brown on being named to the American Public Works Association 2015 Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year.

13. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next PC meeting will be hosted by the City of Oakwood on August 11, 2015.

14. Other

Mr. Baker congratulated Mr. Fee on passing the American Institute of Certified Planners examination and, thus, becoming a certified planner. He also introduced the MPO’s intern, Ms. Zhan Shi.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Lamar Scroggs, Chairman

Connie Daniels, Secretary



A Resolution by the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee Adopting Amendment #1 to the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) meet the requirement of Title 23 of the U.S. Code; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee (PC) is the recognized decision making body for transportation planning with the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO); and

WHEREAS, the 2016-2019 TIP has been amended, per Attachment 1, to modify the amount of right-of-way funds and schedule for the addition of a center turn lane on SR 347/Lanier Islands Parkway, from McEver Road to Lake Lanier Islands, as follows:

- Increase federal funds for right-of-way acquisition from \$4,014,720 to \$8,200,000.
- Increase state funds for right-of-way acquisition from \$503,680 to \$1,550,000.
- Change total right-of-way cost from \$5,018,400 to \$10,250,000.
- Move up right-of-way acquisition to FY 2016.

WHEREAS, Hall County is in the Atlanta Nonattainment Area for particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), for which the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) performs the technical evaluation for conformity; and

WHEREAS, ARC is also currently developing an Amendment #2 to the Atlanta TIP for adoption in August 2015; and

WHEREAS, prior to ARC releasing the Atlanta NAA technical evaluation for conformity for formal public comment in June and prior to GHMPO releasing its TIP Amendment for formal public comment, ARC and GHMPO received concurrence through the Interagency Consultation process that the ARC TIP Amendment does consist of changes that necessitate a new technical evaluation for conformity and the GHMPO TIP Amendment does not; and

WHEREAS, through this technical evaluation, ARC has demonstrated conformity with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality; and

WHEREAS, the GHMPO TIP Amendment went through the required 15-day minimum public comment period from June 28, 2015 through July 12, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the GHMPO PC adopts the attached Amendment #1 to the TIP.



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BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that GHMPO concurs with the technical evaluation for conformity for the Atlanta Nonattainment Areas developed by the Atlanta Regional Commission in June 2015 in support of Atlanta TIP Amendment #2.

A motion was made by PC member _____ and seconded by PC member _____ and approved this the 11th of August, 2015.

Mayor Mike Miller, Chair
Policy Committee

Subscribed and sworn to me this the 11th of August, 2015.

Notary Public

My commission expires _____

GHMPO No.	GDOT No.	Segment Location	\$ Thousands															
			FY 2016				FY 2017				FY 2018				FY 2019			
			PE	ROW	CST	UTL	PE	ROW	CST	UTL	PE	ROW	CST	UTL	PE	ROW	CST	UTL
GH-008	122150	SR 11/US 129 from SR 332 to SR 323			\$26,572	\$557												
GH-015	0000425	I-985 New Interchange North of SR 13 Crossover Near Martin Rd		\$15,921				\$27,162	\$240									
GH-016	0003626	Sardis Rd Connector from SR 60 to Sardis Rd Near Chestatee Rd													\$19,967			
GH-020	122060	SR 11/US 129 from Limestone Pkwy to South of Nopone Rd													\$14,278			
GH-021	132950	SR 13 from Sawnee Ave to SR 347			\$4,279													
GH-023	0009679	Spout Springs Rd. from I-985 to south of Thompsons Mill Rd.									\$12,734				\$18,997			
GH-029	122064	Bridge on SR 11 @ Chattahoochee River		\$750				\$11,924	\$126									
GH-030	122066	Bridge on SR 11 @ East Fork Little River		\$3,581				\$7,462	\$126									
GH-057	122012	Bridge on SR 369 @ Chattahoochee River/Lake Lanier		\$77			\$5					\$8,074						
GH-069	0013322	SR 53 Connector/SR 60 @ SR 60/SR 369	\$216					\$579				\$1,002						
GH-078	0007319	SR 347 from McEver Rd to Lake Lanier Islands		\$10,250				\$8,163	\$130									
GH-084	0001821	McEver Rd from SR 347 to Jim Crow Rd												\$3,357				
GH-085	0010212	Bridge on SR 53 Westbound @ Chattahoochee River								\$1,149					\$234			
GH-102	0013086	I-85 New Interchange @ SR 60	\$874															
GH-110	110630	I-85 from North of SR 53 to North of SR 11/US 129/Lee St								\$442								
GH-115	0008434	SR 53 from I-85 to Tapp Wood Rd												\$3,125				
TOTAL			\$1,090	\$30,579	\$30,851	\$557	\$5	\$579	\$54,711	\$622	\$1,590	\$12,734	\$9,076	\$0	\$6,481	\$53,476	\$0	\$0

FY 16-19	\$ Thousands
PE	\$9,167
ROW	\$97,367
CST	\$94,638
UTL	\$1,179
TOTAL	\$202,351

Yellow areas denote most recent changes.

ATTACHMENT 1

GHMPO 2016-2019 DRAFT TIP AMENDMENT #1

6/11/2015

GHMPO #	PI #	Year	Project Name	Improvement Type	Phase	Federal	State	Other	Total	FHWA Program Code/Local	Change Requested By	Purpose of Amendment	Network Year
GH-078	0007319	Auth. 2016	SR 347/Lanier Islands Parkway – McEver Road to Lake Lanier Islands	Add Center Turn Lane	ROW	\$4,014,720 \$8,200,000	\$503,680 \$1,550,000	\$500,000 \$500,000	\$5,018,400 \$10,250,000	M231	GDOT	Over 20% more in funding	N/A

Amendment date: August 11, 2015

Yellow areas denote most recent changes. Bold font for new figures.

Notes

M231 STP- Areas with Population Over 5K to 200K

Conformity Determination Report – Short Form Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

Regional Transportation Plan: **GHMPO 2040 RTP: 2015 Update**

Transportation Improvement Program: **FY 2016-2019**

Nature of Action:

- Administrative Modification
- Amendment - Number **1**
 - Planning Action Only
 - New Emissions Analysis Required

A full list of all proposed changes is attached to this form. Administrative Modifications and Planning Action Amendments do not impact financial constraint of the TIP or RTP, as any increase in federal funds will be drawn from existing program balances, as verified by the Georgia Department of Transportation. There are also no changes to the scope or schedule of any non-exempt status project, as defined in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 93, which would require updating the regional emissions analysis.

Date of Last Conforming Emissions Analysis:

March 2015

The above dated Conformity Determination Report was found by FHWA and EPA to meet the transportation requirements of the Clean Air Act set forth in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 93. The Atlanta Nonattainment Area meets all motor vehicle emissions budgets and conformity tests established through the State Implementation Plan and via Interagency Consultation for both the 1997 annual PM2.5 and the 2008 eight-hour ozone standards.

Proposed Approval Dates:

Short Form CDR Released to Interagency	June 12, 2015
Interagency Concurrence	June 26, 2015
Public Comment Period Opens	June 28, 2015
Public Comment Period Closes	July 12, 2015
GHMPO Transportation Coordinating Committee	July 15, 2015
GHMPO Citizens Advisory Committee	July 30, 2015
GHMPO Policy Committee	August 11, 2015

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