

**GAINESVILLE-HALL METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM
AUGUST 10, 2004 10 AM**

**POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Voting Members Present: Cindy Van Dyke, Gary Gibbs, Bryan Puckette, Montie Robinson, George Wangemann

Nonvoting Members present: Brent Cook, Verdell Hawkins, Bill Meyer, Phillipa Lewis Moss, Kip Padgett,

Voting Members Absent:

Non-voting Members Absent: Tony Dittmeier, Steve Kish, Todd Long, Emily Tait, Hugh Tyner

Staff present: John McHenry, Grace Grindle

Others present: Brent Cook, GDOT; Bryan Shuler, Gainesville

CALL TO ORDER George Wangemann

1. WELCOME

Mr. Gibbs called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 11, 2004

MOTION: George Wangemann made a motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2004. The motion received a second from Montie Robinson and passed by unanimous vote.

3. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN & TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS

Mr. McHenry went over the Long Range Transportation Plan received from GDOT. The MPO is federally required to have the Long Range Transportation plan. It looks at future employment, population over 25 years and identifies which projects will address that need. Mr. McHenry said this has to be a fiscally constrained plan. He said you have Transportation Improvement Program a 3-year set of transportation projects with identified funding, also included in the packet a draft schedule for the adoption of this plan. Because they are one of the 20 county non-attainment under the 8 hour ozone standards they need to adopt this by December along with the Atlanta Regional Commission. He said they have already received comments from

the Federal Highway Administration. They also have a public meeting scheduled for August 31, 2004 up at the Georgia Mountain Regional Center. Staff will be returning to the Policy Committee with a significantly revised draft at the next meeting for review.

4. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Mr. McHenry went over the status of the Public Involvement Plan, and they had received comments from the Federal Highway Administration. These comments centered around being more specific about environmental justice, media outlets, neighborhood associations and coordinating with Georgia Open Meeting Laws and GDOT's public involvement plan. Mr. McHenry said they incorporated those comments and put them in the public involvement plans and advertised it in the Gainesville Times. It has gone through their 45-day comment period, and they are looking today to adopt this plan.

MOTION: George Wangemann made a motion to approve the Public Involvement Plan. The motion received a second from Montie Robinson and passed by unanimous vote.

5. UPDATE ON HALL AREA TRANSIT

Phillippa Lewis Moss, passed out and discussed their strategic plan for Hall Area Transit, which started in 1983. Their principal goal is to build their ridership and they have an extensive marketing plan. She went over the different routes and their plans to change these but she said they would always have a ride going to the hospital, shopping centers and social service agencies. In section 5307 if they have a fixed route service they are required to have a paratransit service to pick up people with disabilities. Ms. Moss said one van would be a feeder van that will not take you from your home to your work, but it will take you from your home to the bus line. She and Mr. Gibbs briefly discussed the most cost affective way this could be done.

6. UPCOMING MEETING DATE - October 18th, 2004

7. OTHER

Mr. McHenry discussed staggered terms for the Citizen Advisory Committee so that at least some of the ongoing members would be familiar with issues. He said they were looking for their approval today. Mr. Gibbs said they needed to find someone to replace Bruce Hallowell because he moved to Cornelia. Mr. McHenry noted that Commissioner Cole had been contacted.

MOTION: George Wangemann made a motion to approve the CAC Staggered Terms. The motion received a second from Montie Robinson and passed by unanimous vote.

8. ADJOURN

MOTION: George Wangemann made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Montie Robinson and passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Gibbs, Chairman

Grace Grindle, Sr. Secretary