



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

**POLICY COMMITTEE
DEVELOPMENT SERVICE CENTER
MAY 9, 2006 at 10:00 AM
MINUTES**

Voting Members present: Sam Chapman, Bob Hamrick, Diane Hirling, Lamar Scroggs, Cindy Van Dyke

Voting Members Absent: None

Nonvoting Members present: Bill Meyer, Kip Padgett, Phillipa Lewis Moss, Russell McMurry

Non-voting Members Absent: Andy Edwards, Myra Immings, Steve Kish, Maurice Robbins

Staff Present: John McHenry, Srikanth Yamala, Connie Daniels

Others Present: Neil Kantner, GDOT, Cedric Clark, GDOT; Patrick Wolfe, GDOT; Jason Crane, GDOT; Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville PW

CALL TO ORDER

1. WELCOME

Mr. Scroggs opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 14, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Ms. Hirling made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 14, 2006 meeting. The motion was received with a second from Ms. Van Dyke and passed by a unanimous vote.

3. APPROVAL OF DRAFT FY 2007 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Yamala presented the Draft FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program. He noted the only significant funding change was due to the carry over of unused 2005 funds. The Technical Coordinating Committee and the Citizen Advisory Committee have recommended approval of this draft.

MOTION: Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the Draft FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion was received and seconded by Ms. Hirling and passed by a unanimous vote.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT FOR LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Meyer stated that Wilbur Smith Associates were selected as consultants to assist GHMPO updating their Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He said the consultants would focus on major projects through 2035. The LRTP would then be adopted in two phases, an updated plan through 2030 by June of 2007 and a new plan with a 2035 planning horizon by June 2008. This proposal will be presented to the Hall County Commissioners on May 11, 2006 for their approval.

MOTION: Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the awarding of the contract to Wilbur Smith and Associates. The motion was received and seconded by Ms. Van Dyke and passed by a unanimous vote.

5. DISCUSSION ON FOCUS AREAS FOR UPCOMING LRTP UPDATE

Mr. Meyer listed "focus areas" for new projects that could potentially be part of the LRTP. He asked the committee to discuss this with other officials and bring back ideas for the consultants to work with. He noted there would be an open meeting, possibly in June, to get ideas from the public.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE TO 2006-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

• EXIT 16 – OAKWOOD INTERCHANGE PROJECT (GH-001)

Mr. McHenry related the administrative change regarding this project, the total dollar amount of the project is increasing from \$13 million to \$18 million.

7. JURISDICTION AND AGENCY REPORTS

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: City of Gainesville, City of Flowery Branch, City of Oakwood, Hall Area Transit and the Department of Transportation.

8. UPCOMING MEETING DATE – AUGUST 8, 2006

9. OTHER

Mr. Kantner stated there were Vision 2030 meetings tonight and tomorrow. Mr. Scroggs welcomed Mr. Hamrick to the committee and expressed his appreciation of the cohesiveness of the elected officials working together for the county.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lamar Scroggs, Chairman

Connie Daniels, Secretary