



# *Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization*

## **GHMPO**

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

### **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Room A, Georgia Mountains Center  
Minutes of May 13, 2008 Meeting

#### **Voting Members Present:**

Myrtle Figueras, City of Gainesville  
Diane Hirling, City of Flowery Branch  
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood  
Cindy Van Dyke, GDOT

#### **Voting Members Absent:**

Sam Chapman, Hall County

#### **Others Present:**

Chip Burger, URS  
Jeff Carroll, Wilbur Smith & Associates  
Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit  
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch  
Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville  
Phillippa Lewis Moss, City of Gainesville  
Connie Daniels, Hall County

Jason Crane, GDOT  
Russell McMurray, GDOT  
Randy Knighton, GHMPO  
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO  
David Fee, GHMPO  
Kaycee Mertz, GHMPO

#### **1. Welcome**

Mayor Figueras called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

#### **2. Approval of March 11, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

***MOTION:*** Mayor Hirling made a motion to approve the March 11, 2008 Minutes. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Brown and passed by a unanimous vote.

#### **3. Approval of Draft FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Yamala presented the draft FY 2009 UPWP. He outlined details of work tasks and funding. The draft has been reviewed by the State and Federal partners and was recommended for approval from the Technical Coordinating Committee and the Citizen Advisory Committee.

***MOTION:*** Mayor Hirling made a motion to approve the FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Brown and passed by a unanimous vote.

#### **4. Approval of Draft Transit Development Plan**

Mr. Burger presented the draft TDP document. He noted that there had been requests for

additional routes to be added to this plan. He explained that it comes down to the monetary aspect as to why these routes can not be added at this time. Mr. Yamala noted that the proposed recommendations would be implemented by Hall Area Transit starting January 2009, based on final budget approvals.

***MOTION:*** *Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Transit Development Plan. The motion was received and seconded by Mayor Hirling and passed by a unanimous vote.*

**5. Administrative Changes and a Minor Amendment to the 2008 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Fee noted administrative changes for projects - new interchange, Exit 14 on I-985 and Thurmon Tanner Parkway and a minor amendment to SR 60/Thompson Bridge Road widening from Price Road to Yellow Creek Road.

***MOTION:*** *Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the administrative changes and minor amendment to the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was received and seconded by Mayor Hirling and passed by a unanimous vote.*

**6. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports**

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed in their jurisdictions: Mr. Taylor for the City of Gainesville, Mayor Hirling for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Brown for the City of Oakwood, Mr. McMurry for GDOT, and Ms. Crow for Hall Area Transit.

**7. Upcoming Meeting Date**

The next Policy Committee meeting will be August 5, 2008.

**8. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 10:36 a.m.

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Myrtle Figueras, Vice Chairperson

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Connie Daniels, Secretary