



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

POLICY COMMITTEE

Room B, Georgia Mountains Center
Minutes of June 8, 2010 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Ruth Bruner, City of Gainesville
Sam Chapman, Hall County
Matthew Fowler, GDOT
Mike Miller, City of Flowery Branch
Montie Robinson, City of Oakwood

Voting Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Jody Woodall, Hall County
Connie Daniels, Hall County
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
Larry Sparks, City of Oakwood
Stephanie Harmon, GMRC
Randy Knighton, GHMPO
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
David Fee, GHMPO
Talya Trudell, ARC
Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville

Phillippa Lewis Moss, City of Gainesville
Andrew Heath, GDOT
Robert Mahoney, GDOT
Tom McQueen, GDOT
Jeff Gill, The Times
Judson Hickinbotham, WDUN News
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch
James Riker, City of Flowery Branch
Jack Price, LLCPA
Annette Forster, LLCPA

1. Welcome

Ms. Bruner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of March 9, 2010 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the March 9, 2010 Minutes with a second by Mr. Robinson and passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Approve the Draft FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Yamala noted there were very few changes in this document since the Policy Committee last reviewed it with the exception of changes made to Appendix B. GDOT's 10% matching funds no longer exists; therefore, the share of the local in-kind match went from 10% to 20%. In response, the MPO came up with a unique approach to match the Local In-Kind funds for the fiscal year. Mr. Yamala hopes that the state will re-visit the match issue again in 2012.

MOTION: Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the FY2011 Unified Planning Work Program with a second by Mr. Robinson and passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Transportation Investment Act of 2010 – Georgia House Bill 277

Mr. Yamala gave a brief overview of the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 – Georgia House Bill 277. This transportation sales and use tax creates 12 special tax districts, provides counties in each district the opportunity to collectively levy a 1% sales tax for the district for 10 years for a specified list of transportation projects and states individual counties in the district cannot opt out. Mr. Yamala provided details on the roundtables of county/city representatives and the funding penalties associated with “gridlock”. Georgia voters will see the measure on their ballots in the primary election of 2012.

5. Update on the City of Flowery Branch Transportation Plan

Mr. Riker gave a brief summarization of the City of Flowery Branch Transportation Plan which will be presented to their city council in the next couple of weeks. Challenges will be in finding funding to move ahead with the project list.

6. Update on Hall Area Transit Maintenance Facility Feasibility Study

Mr. Yamala presented the findings of the Hall Area Transit (HAT) Maintenance Facility Feasibility Study. Highlights of the study consisted of development scenario pros and cons and site analysis for three sites. This study will benefit HAT in the event funds become available.

7. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mr. Yamala stated the consultant is on board and they have had their kick-off meeting. The first public meeting is scheduled for July 14th at the Georgia Mountains Center with three or four more public meetings to follow. Staff will work closely with the consultants over the next 8–12 months to develop this plan.

8. Amendments to the 2008 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Fee presented TIP amendments for the Candler Creek bridge replacement and intersection improvements at Old Cornelia Highway and Joe Chandler Road. Mr. Yamala explained the modifications proposed for Hall Area Transit funds.

MOTION: *Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program with a second by Mr. Chapman and passed by a unanimous vote.*

9. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed in their jurisdictions: Mr. Brown for the City of Oakwood, Mr. Riker for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Taylor for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Woodall for Hall County, Mr. Mahoney for GDOT and Mrs. Lewis Moss for HAT.

10. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2010.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chair at 11:02 a.m.



Ruth Bruner, Chair



Connie Daniels, Secretary