

Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

Policy Committee

Georgia Mountains Center Minutes of November 1, 2011 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Mayor Ruth Bruner, City of Gainesville Montie Robinson, City of Oakwood Tara Richards, City of Flowery Branch Matthew Fowler, GDOT

Voting Members Absent:

Alan Wayne, Hall County

Others Present:

Jody Woodall, Hall County Ken Reardon, Hall County Judd Hickinbotham, WDUN Stan Brown, City of Oakwood Phillippa Lewis Moss, Gainesville-Hall CSC Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO David Fee, GHMPO Jeff Gill, The Times

David Dockery, City of Gainesville Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville Stan Aiken, City of Gainesville Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch Stephanie Harmon, GMRC Phil Peevy, GDOT Marco Trigueros, GDOT Radney Simpson, GDOT

1. Welcome

Acting Chairperson Richards called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

2. Approval of August 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the August 9, 2011 Minutes with a second by Mr. Robinson and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Update on the Transportation Investment Act of 2010

Mr. Yamala thanked Mayor Bruner for her efforts while serving on the Executive Committee of the Georgia Mountains Region Roundtable and Ms. Harmon and her colleagues at the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission and everyone who coordinated in creating the MPO's fiscally constrained project list for the Transportation Investment Act (TIA).

Mr. Yamala showed the committee a map of Hall County indicating the location and costs for the TIA projects. He reminded the committee members that the MPO staff will be available to provide information regarding the TIA but cannot campaign for or against the July 31, 2012 voter referendum.

4. Approve Changes to the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program Funding Allocation

Mr. Yamala explained this change as a means to pay the 2040 MTP consultant and close out the contract on this project. The FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was a multi-year project and bills from the consultant were delayed and did not get paid prior to the fiscal year close out. Mr. Yamala proposed to shift funds from the Study Coordination and Operation (work element 1.1) to the Long Range Transportation Plan (work element 4.1) without changing the total overall budget amount.

<u>MOTION</u>: Mayor Bruner made a motion to recommend approval of the changes to the FY 2012 UPWP funding allocation with a second by Ms. Richards and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. Approve an Amendment to the FY 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program Mr. Fee explained the TIP amendment for the widening of Spout Springs Road from Hog Mountain Road to the Gwinnet County line. The amendment would move \$200,000 into the right-of-way phase and would have no impact on conformity.

MOTION: Mayor Bruner made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to 2012-2017 TIP with a second by Mr. Robinson and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives discussed 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, Ms. Harmon for GMRC and Mr. Woodall for Hall County and Ms. Lewis-Moss for HAT and Mr. Fee read the GDOT report from the previous TCC meeting.

7. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2012.

- 8. Other
- 9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 10:36 a.m.

Tara Richards, Acting Chairperson

James M. Miller, Chairman

David Fee, Acting Secretary