



GHMPO

Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

POLICY COMMITTEE

116 Spring Street, Courthouse Annex, 2nd Floor
Minutes of March 13, 2012 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Mayor Danny Dunagan, City of Gainesville
Mayor Mike Miller, City of Flowery Branch
Mayor Lamar Scroggs, City of Oakwood
Alan Wayne, Hall County
Phil Peavy, GDOT

Voting Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Commissioner Craig Lutz, Hall County
Ken Reardon, Hall County
Melissa McCain, Hall County
Jody Woodall, Hall County
Connie Daniels, Hall County
David Dockery, City of Gainesville
Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
David Fee, GHMPO

Kyle Mote, GDOT
Robert Mahoney, GDOT
Marco Trigueros, GDOT
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Gainesville-Hall
Community Service Center
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
Jerry Gunn, WDUN
Jeff Gill, The Times

1. Welcome

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

2. Approval of November 1, 2011 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mayor Scroggs made a motion to approve the November 1, 2011 Minutes with a second by Mr. Wayne and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Review of Draft FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Yamala presented the Draft FY 2013 UPWP for review stating the overall funding summary is basically the same as last year's. The FY 2013 local in-kind match salaries and direct costs are being revised and will be provided in the updated draft in May.

Mr. Yamala mentioned that he received a request from the City of Gainesville Mayor, Danny Dunagan, and city staff to begin working with a consultant on a transportation study for the

City of Gainesville. He added that the study would focus on improving the flow of traffic in and around Gainesville. The City of Gainesville will provide the required 20% match to conduct the study.

4. Transportation Investment Act (TIA): Public Outreach Efforts

Mayor Miller praised Mr. Yamala for the outstanding work he has been doing in educating the public on the TIA. Mr. Yamala acknowledged the involvement of Mayor Bruner with the City of Gainesville and Chairman Oliver with Hall County on their participation in the Georgia Mountains Region Roundtable. The partnership of the jurisdictions along with public involvement ensured the project list was properly vetted.

Mr. Yamala summarized his TIA presentation by showing comparative tables of the nine projects within Hall County. Project completion dates would be greatly delayed if the TIA is not passed by the voters in July.

5. Status Update on the Federal Transportation Reauthorization

Mr. Yamala explained that there are draft transportation reauthorization bills in Congress that could eliminate MPOs with a population of less than 200,000 unless they have the support of their governor and certify to the Secretary of Transportation within a two to three year deadline that the MPOs have the staff, resources and technical expertise to conduct air quality modeling and other issues required by law.

Mr. Yamala stated that GHMPO is fairly well-positioned to retain its designation as an MPO due to its nearly meeting the 200,000 population threshold (almost 180,000 according to 2010 census), strong projected population growth and commitment of local policy makers who see the utility of having an MPO.

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, Mr. Mahoney for GDOT, Ms. Moss for Hall Area Transit and Mr. Woodall for Hall County.

MOTION: *Mayor Dunagan made a motion for the GHMPO to assist the City of Gainesville with a Transportation Study with a second by Mayor Scroggs and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

7. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2012.

8. Other


Mr. Yamala said he had recently participated in meetings on the safety of the Howard Road and Ramsey Road intersections along SR 365. High rates of speed combined with more cross traffic from the new gas station have led to accidents. He mentioned that GDOT is working to address this issue.

9. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Wayne made a motion to adjourn at 10:52 a.m. with a second by Mayor Scroggs and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.



Mike Miller, Chairman



David Fee Acting
~~Gennie Daniels~~, Secretary