



# *Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization*

**GHMPO**

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Georgia Mountains Center, Room A  
Minutes of May 8, 2012 Meeting

### **Voting Members Present:**

Mayor Danny Dunagan, City of Gainesville  
Mayor Lamar Scroggs, City of Oakwood  
Alan Wayne, Hall County  
Kyle Mote, GDOT

### **Voting Members Absent:**

Mayor Mike Miller, City of Flowery Branch

### **Others Present:**

Ken Rearden, 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  
Jeff Gill, The Times

Robert Mahoney, GDOT  
Katrina Lawrence, GDOT  
Habte Kassa, GDOT  
James Riker, City of Flowery Branch  
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Gainesville-Hall  
Community Service Center  
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood

### **1. Welcome**

Mr. Wayne called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **2. Approval of March 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** *Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the March 13, 2012 Minutes with a second by Mayor Scroggs and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

### **3. Approve the Draft FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Yamala reported the Draft FY 2013 UPWP is nearly the same as the one presented in March. The document has been updated to show the request from the City of Gainesville to conduct a transportation study on improving the flow of traffic in and around Gainesville and the Local In-Kind Match totals have been updated.

The Technical Coordinating Committee and Citizen Advisory Committee recommend approval of the Draft FY 2013 UPWP.

**MOTION:** *Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the Draft FY 2013 UPWP with a second by Mayor Scroggs and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

#### 4. I-985 Park-n-Ride Lots (Exit 4, Exit 16, Exit 17) Survey Results

Mr. Fee explained that the park and ride lots surveys were conducted to assess the level of demand for express bus service towards Atlanta and to determine commuting patterns and usage of the lots. He found the Exit 17 lot was underutilized perhaps due to the lot lights not being turned-on and lack of easy access from both directions from Exit 16 and Exit 17. Mr. Mahoney added that GDOT built the lots, but that maintenance is the responsibility of the local jurisdiction which would be Hall County in the case of the Exit 17 lot.

Mr. Wayne asked Ms. Moss to look into the feasibility of the Red Rabbit connecting with another entity in Gwinnett to provide transportation towards Atlanta by using the Exit 17 lot. He also asked Mr. Brown, Ms. Moss and a GDOT representative to study how to market and better educate people about the park and ride lot at Exit 17.

#### 5. Transportation Investment Act: Discussion of Local Projects

Mr. Yamala reminded the committee members that in addition to the nine regional projects within Hall County, there will be additional local projects, which would be funded by 25% local discretionary funds raised under TIA. He explained how each member jurisdiction listed projects they intended to fund using their share.

Mr. Yamala announced that there would be four public meetings in June to be held in Hall County to educate the public on the process and projects related to TIA. He would finalize meeting location and dates within a week and contact committee members; as well as, the local media for publicity.

#### 6. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Riker for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Taylor 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.

#### 7. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2012.

#### 8. Other

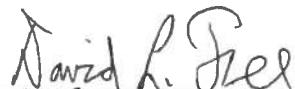
Mr. Yamala announced Mr. Mahoney is retiring from GDOT; this will be his last meeting with the Policy Committee. Members of the Policy Committee thanked Mr. Mahoney for the service he has provided to the region and his support to the GHMPO.

#### 9. Adjourn

**MOTION:** Mayor Dunagan made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. with a second by Mayor Scroggs and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.



Alan Wayne, Vice-Chairman

  
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David Fee Acting  
Connie Daniels, Secretary