



# *Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization*

**GHMPO**

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

## POLICY COMMITTEE

Georgia Mountains Center, Room A  
Minutes of August 14, 2012 Meeting

### Voting Members Present:

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

### Voting Members Absent:

None

### Others Present:

Toni Smith, Jackson County  
Jody Woodall, Hall County  
Jeff Gill, The Times  
David Dockery, City of Gainesville  
Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville  
Adam Ivory, CDM Smith  
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO  
David Fee, GHMPO

Bayne Smith, Jr., GDOT  
Habte Kassa, GDOT  
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood  
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch  
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Gainesville-Hall  
Community Service Center

### **1. Welcome**

Mr. Wayne called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

### **2. Approval of May 8, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

***MOTION:*** Mayor Scroggs made a motion to approve the May 8, 2012 Minutes with a second by Mr. Peevy and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **3. Approve the Approve Amendment to the FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Mr. Yamala distributed tables showing the current GHMPO funding summary and how the proposed amendment would affect funding. The amendment accounts for carryover funds from FY 2012 and matching funds from the City of Gainesville. Funds will be shifted from the Study Coordination and Operations work element to the Major Transportation Studies work element to help fund the City of Gainesville Transportation Study.

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

**4. Overview of the New Federal Transportation Bill: MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century)**

Mr. Yamala provided a handout on MAP-21 and drew the attention of the committee to the highlighted sections. Mr. Yamala said that the population threshold for maintaining an MPO remains 50,000 so that is no longer an issue. He listed the planning factors that MPOs must consider, the new performance based approach to be worked out with GDOT and the plan update remains every four years because the GHMPO is in a nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act.

**5. City of Gainesville Transportation Study**

Mr. Yamala said the study will examine the existing traffic flows, future traffic scenarios and provide recommendations to the City of Gainesville. The study should take 8-12 months and there will be public and stakeholder involvement. Mr. Yamala noted the genesis of the study emerged during the TIA project selection process as the City of Gainesville had only a single road project chosen. The City will provide local matching funds for the study.

**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. Taylor for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Brown for the City of Oakwood, Mr. Smith for GDOT, Ms. Lewis-Moss for Hall Area Transit and Mr. Woodall for Hall County.

**7. Upcoming Meeting Date**

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2012.

**8. Other**

Mr. Yamala informed the committee that the next Policy Committee meeting would be held at the new Hall County Government Center at 2875 Browns Bridge Road in Gainesville.

Mr. Yamala said that the subcommittee on the Exit 17 park and ride lot found that Hall County currently is not able to provide lighting at the lot due to funding constraints. Ms. Lewis-Moss said that since voters in the Georgia Mountains Region had rejected the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) referendum, additional funding is not available to offer commuter service to Atlanta or to connect to the park and ride lots in Gwinnet County.

**9. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** *Mayor Miller made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. with a second by Mayor Dunagan and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*



Alan Wayne, Chairman



David Fee, Acting Secretary