



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

POLICY COMMITTEE

Hall County Government Center, 2nd Floor Commission Meeting Room
Minutes of November 7, 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
Matthew Fowler, GDOT

Voting Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

David Dockery, City of Gainesville
Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
Richard Fangmann, Pond & Company
Julia Billings, GDOT
Kyle Mote, GDOT
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
David Fee, GHMPO
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Gainesville-Hall County
Community Service Center

Adam Ivory, CDM Smith
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch
Jeff Gill, The Times
Kit Dunlap, Greater Hall Chamber of
Commerce
Randy Knighton, Hall County
Ken Rearden, Hall County
Jody Woodall, Hall County
Connie Daniels, Hall County

1. Welcome

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of August 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mayor Miller made a motion to approve the August 14, 2012 Minutes with a second by Mr. Fowler and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Approve changes to the Air Quality Model and Associated Conformity Determination Report (CDR)

Mr. Yamala explained because the GHMPO and Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) share the same nonattainment air quality boundary, the air quality model must be coordinated between the MPOs for the joint CDR. Mr. Yamala suggested that the proposed modification is to accurately reflect the number of lanes from the existing two lanes to four-six lanes instead of four lanes as part of the Friendship Road widening project (GH-007).

MOTION: Mayor Scroggs made a motion to approve changes to the Air Quality Model and associated CDR with a second by Mayor Miller and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. City of Gainesville Transportation Study

Mr. Yamala reported that in March the City of Gainesville requested assistance from the MPO to conduct a Transportation Study. The MPO received six consultant proposals and four were chosen to be interviewed by the selection committee. The final recommendation was forwarded to the Hall County Board of Commissioners for approval. Mr. Yamala introduced Mr. Fangmann with Pond & Company who was selected to conduct the study.

Mr. Fangmann provided a brief presentation on the scope of the study and the schedule of tasks to completion of the study in August 2013. Meetings with stakeholders, the MPO committees and the community will be a part of the process.

5. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mayor Miller for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Taylor for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Brown for the City of Oakwood and Mr. Woodall for Hall County.

6. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2013.

7. Other

Since the Georgia Mountains Region voters did not pass the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) referendum, Mayor Scroggs requested that the MPO stay committed to the priority projects that are already in the current Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

MOTION: Mayor Scroggs made a motion to recommend that the GHMPO remain committed to projects already in the TIP with a second by Mr. Wayne and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

MOTION: Mayor Scroggs made a motion to designate the Exit 14 Interchange on I-985 as the number one priority and adjust the TIP to reflect this change with a second by Mayor Miller and the motion passed by 3-1 vote (Mayor Dunagan opposed, Mr. Fowler abstained).

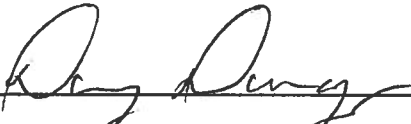
Ms. Dunlap presented a letter from the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's Transportation Task Force ranked their top five projects in the following order: US 129/Athens Hwy, Spout Springs Rd., Jesse Jewel Pkwy/John Morrow Pkwy intersection, Exit 14, and the Sardis Connector.

A schedule of 2013 GHMPO Committee Meetings was handed out.

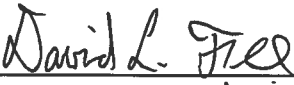
Mr. Yamala expressed his appreciation to Hall County Government for hosting the MPO and their committee meetings in the new Hall County Government Center.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 10:37 a.m.



Danny Dunagan, Chairman



Connie Daniels, ^{Acting} Secretary
David Fee