



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Braselton - Flowery Branch - Gainesville – Oakwood
Hall County – Jackson County

POLICY COMMITTEE

Chattahoochee Center, Clermont, GA
Minutes of August 12, 2014 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Mayor Danny Dunagan, City of Gainesville
Chairman Richard Mecum, Hall County
Chairman Tom Crow, Jackson County
Mayor Lamar Scroggs, City of Oakwood
Mary Jones, City of Flowery Branch
Matthew Fowler, GDOT

Voting Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Randy Knighton, Hall County
Ken Rearden, Hall County
Jody Woodall, Hall County
Connie Daniels, Hall County
David Dockery, City of Gainesville
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
Mayor James Nix, City of Clermont
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Gainesville-Hall County CSC
Brian Bolick, Pond & Company
Richard Fangmann, Pond & Company

Chad Bolton, NE Ga Health System
Adam Hazell, GMRC
Kaycee Mertz, GDOT
Julia Billings, GDOT
Dwain Smith, Jackson County
Gina Roy, Jackson County
Jeff Gill, The Times
Joshua Stephens, GHCC
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Sam Baker, GMHMPO
David Fee, GHMPO

1. Welcome

Mayor Scroggs called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., and introductions were made. Chairman Crow of Jackson County was welcomed to the Policy Committee Board.

Mayor Nix welcomed everyone to the Town of Clermont.

2. Approval of May 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the May 13, 2014, minutes with a second by Chairman Mecum, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Mr. Bolick and Mr. Fangmann discussed the feedback they have received from meetings with staff, elected officials, stakeholders, and the public regarding the 2040 MTP update. They will present a draft plan with prioritized recommendations to the PC in November.

5. Approval of a Resolution Adopting Amendments to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the 2012 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Baker reported that additional funds had become available due to the City of Flowery Branch winning a grant. Based on funding availability, several projects are to advance in the TIP timeframe. Such projects include several bridge projects, Lights Ferry Connector and widening of SR 347/Lanier Islands Parkway. A legal ad was published, and no public comments were received.

Mayor Dunagan stated that there are other roads in Gainesville and Hall County that should be higher priorities than the SR 347/Lanier Islands Parkway project. After discussion among the PC members, they will meet with GDOT to discuss if the money from the SR 347/Lanier Islands Parkway project can be spent on other projects within Hall County.

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the resolution adopting amendments to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan with the exclusion of projects associated with SR347/Lanier Islands Parkway. The motion received a second from Chairman Mecum and passed by a unanimous vote.

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the resolution adopting amendments to the 2012 - 2017 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion received a second from Chairman Mecum and passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Approval of Functional Classification Changes to Hall County Road Network

Mr. Baker explained that every 10 years the U.S. census results define the urbanized areas, and GDOT uses this data to review the roads in these areas to determine if their functional classification needs to be changed.

TCC members formed a committee to review the roads and classifications. They devised a list of twelve roads providing justification as to why they should be reclassified. The proposed changes will be submitted to GDOT for review and consideration for reclassification by the FHWA.

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the recommendations to change functional classification to Hall County road network with a second from Mr. Fowler, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

7. Approval of a Resolution of GHMPO 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and 2012 - 2017 Transportation Improvement Program in Conformance with the State Implementation Plan

Mr. Baker explained that the GHMPO is part of the Atlanta air quality nonattainment area, which includes three metropolitan planning organizations (MPO). The EPA has requested a resolution from each MPO acknowledging any changes made by another MPO in the group

when projects and programs in the TIP have been amended. No changes have been made to the GHMPO plan.

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the resolution of the GHMPO 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and 2012 - 2017 Transportation Improvement Program in conformance with the State Implementation Plan. The motion received a second from Chairman Mecum and passed by a unanimous vote.

8. Approval of a Resolution Delegating Authority to the GHMPO Director to Sign Resolutions on Behalf of GHMPO Regarding GHMPO's Acknowledgement of TIP Amendments for other MPO's in the Atlanta Air Quality Nonattainment Area

The approval of this resolution would simplify the process of items such as stated in the previous resolution. Mr. Baker told the PC members this resolution would delegate authority to the GHMPO Director to sign future resolutions in cases when another MPO amends its TIP in the Atlanta nonattainment area, there have been no changes to the GHMPO TIP, and GHMPO programming documents are consistent with the conformity analysis at the time.

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the resolution delegating authority to the GHMPO Director to sign resolutions on behalf of the GHMPO regarding GHMPO's acknowledgement of TIP amendments for other MPOs in the Atlanta Air Quality Nonattainment area. The motion received a second from Chairman Mecum and passed by a unanimous vote.

9. Approval of Amendments to the Technical Coordinating Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee, and Policy Committee Bylaws

Mr. Yamala explained that based upon the changes in the urbanized areas per the 2010 census, GHMPO has expanded into Jackson County. Representatives for the Town of Braselton and Jackson County have been added as voting members to the committees. Also, representatives from the towns of Braselton, Clermont, Gillsville, Lula and City of Buford have been added as nonvoting members. In addition, detailed emergency committee meeting procedures have been added to the bylaws.

MOTION: Chairman Mecum made a motion to approve the Technical Coordinating Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee, and Policy Committee Bylaws. The motion received a second from Mayor Dunagan and passed by a unanimous vote.

10. Review of Amendments to the Public Participation Plan

Mr. Fee explained that the proposed amendments to the Public Participation Plan are the result of a self-certification review with FHWA and the expanding boundaries into Jackson County. Representatives from Jackson County and the Town of Braselton have been added to the committees. FHWA had other suggestions for changes that are not reflected in this publication yet. This document, therefore, will be further updated and presented at the next meeting with those changes for review.

11. 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. Fee for the Town of Braselton, Mr. Fowler for GDOT, Ms. Lewis Moss for Hall Area Transit, Mr. Woodall for Hall County and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

12. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next PC meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2014, and will be hosted by the City of Oakwood.

13. Other

Mr. Baker asked the PC voting members to designate an alternate to fill in for them in their absence.

Mr. Knighton reminded the PC members of the monetary commitment Hall County has already made towards the SR 347/Lanier Island Parkway project.

14. Adjourn

MOTION: *Mayor Dunagan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. with a second from Ms. Jones, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*


Lamar Scroggs, Chairman



Connie Daniels, Secretary