

Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

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

Policy Committee

Hall County Government Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room Minutes of August 15, 2014 Emergency Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Mayor Danny Dunagan, City of Gainesville* Chairman Tom Crow, Jackson County* Mayor Lamar Scroggs, City of Oakwood Mayor Mike Miller, City of Flowery Branch* Matthew Fowler, GDOT*

*Via telephone conference

Others Present:

Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch Nick Watson, The Times Joshua Stephens, GHCC Connie Daniels, Hall County

Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO Sam Baker, GHMPO David Fee, GHMPO

Voting Members Absent:

Chairman Richard Mecum, Hall County

1. Welcome

Mayor Scroggs called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Consider Rescinding the August 12, 2014 Vote to Adopt Amendments to the 2012 -**2017 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Yamala stated that it was brought to his attention by several Policy Committee members that after discussions with GDOT they would like to reconsider their vote from the August 12. 2014, Policy Committee meeting regarding adoption of the amendments to the 2012 – 2017 TIP, specifically the exclusion of funding for SR347/Lanier Islands Parkway (GH-078).

Mayor Dunagan explained that they learned after the vote that if this project was moved from the TIP, it would lose the federal funding designated for it. He would not have made the motion to exclude it in the TIP if he had known that at the time.

Mayor Miller asked Mr. Fowler to confirm their earlier conversation that these funds could not be transferred to the Spout Springs Road project (GH-023) unless there was a large amount of matching funds available from another source. Mr. Fowler replied that there

total ROW for Spout Springs Road is close to \$30 million, with construction cost of \$35 million. Mayor Miller summarized that unless they come up with \$60 to \$70 million to redirect to the Spout Springs Road project, \$5 million alone does not accomplish any goal. Mr. Fowler stated that it does not make Spout Springs Road project achievable for FY15 ROW acquisition, which is when the current \$5 million is available for SR347/Lanier Islands Parkway.

Mr. Crow questioned if all the funding was in place for the SR347/Lanier Islands Parkway project. Mr. Fowler confirmed the funding is available, and they have accounted for it in the development of their work program.

<u>MOTION</u>: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to rescind the August 12, 2014, motion excluding SR347/Lanier Islands Parkway from the TIP and made a motion to include the SR347/Lanier Islands Parkway project in the TIP. The motion received a second from Chairman Crow, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote (Chairman Mecum absent).

4. Upcoming Meeting Date

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

5. Adjourn

<u>MOTION</u>: Chairman Crow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m. with a second from Mayor Dunagan, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote (Chairman Mecum absent).

Connie Daniels, Secretary