



# *Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization*

**GHMPO**

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

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Oakwood City Hall, Oakwood, Georgia  
Minutes of November 12, 2014 Meeting**

### **Voting Members Present:**

Mayor Danny Dunagan, City of Gainesville  
Chairman Richard Mecum, Hall County  
Mayor Lamar Scroggs, City of Oakwood  
Mayor Mike Miller, City of Flowery Branch  
Matthew Fowler, GDOT

### **Voting Members Absent:**

Chairman Tom Crow, Jackson County

### **Others Present:**

Commissioner Jeff Stowe, Hall County  
Kevin McInturff, Hall County  
Jeff Gill, Gainesville Times  
Connie Daniels, Hall County  
David Dockery, City of Gainesville  
Kip Padgett, City of Gainesville  
Angela Sheppard, City of Gainesville  
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville  
Stan Aiken, City of Gainesville  
Rhonda Brady, City of Gainesville  
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch  
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Gainesville-Hall CSC  
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood

Gina Roy, Jackson County  
Toni Smith, Jackson County  
Julia Billings, GDOT  
Kaycee Mertz, GDOT  
Brandon Kirby, GDOT  
Derrick Brown, GDOT  
Brian Bolick, Pond & Company  
Richard Fangmann, Pond & Company  
Eric Lusher, Pond & Company  
Mayor James Nix, City of Clermont  
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO  
Sam Baker, GHMPO  
David Fee, GHMPO

### **1. Welcome**

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

### **2. Approval of August 12, 2014 and August 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** *Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the August 12, 2014 and August 15, 2014 minutes, with a second by Mayor Dunagan, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

### **3. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

#### **4. Report from the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)**

Mr. Brown reported that the TCC voted to recommend approval of the Gainesville-Hall 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Update project prioritization methodology as a tool for developing the fiscally constrained plan and recommended approval of the preliminary fiscally constrained project list with modifications noted by the City of Gainesville and the City of Flowery Branch.

#### **5. Report from the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**

Mayor Nix announced that the CAC had voted to recommend approval of the Gainesville-Hall 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Update project list with the modification of identifying lower cost projects in the mid-term tier and moving them to the short-term tier.

He relayed the frustration of some of the CAC members at not being able to move forward at a faster pace on some of the projects.

#### **6. Consideration of Gainesville-Hall 2040 Regional Transportation (RTP) Plan Update Project Prioritization and Project List**

To gain a better understanding of the process, Mayor Dunagan requested the GHMPO staff meet with the Policy Committee (PC) members to discuss the 2040 RTP Update Project Prioritization and Project List before they bring it up for a vote. Mr. Yamala will schedule a work session with the PC members.

**MOTION:** *Mayor Dunagan made a motion to table consideration of the Gainesville-Hall 2040 RTP Update Project Prioritization and Project List, with a second from Chairman Mecum, and the motion passed by a 5 – 0 vote (Chairman Crow absent).*

#### **7. Approval of an Update to the Participation Plan**

Federal regulations require that the Participation Plan be updated every five years to ensure the citizens' needs are being addressed. Mr. Fee summarized the revisions made to this document due to a self-certification review performed by the FHWA with the assistance of GDOT Planning. This plan has gone through a 45-day comment period.

**MOTION:** *Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the update to the Participation Plan with a second from Chairman Mecum, and the motion passed by a 5 -0 vote (Chairman Crow absent).*

#### **8. Approval of an Amendment to the 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Mr. Baker recommended the committee approve this amendment to carry over unused PL and Section 5303 funds from the previous fiscal year budget and revise the in-kind match. The funds will be used to update the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

**MOTION:** *Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the amendment to the 2015 UPWP with a second from Mayor Dunagan, and the motion passed by a 5 – 0 vote (Chairman Crow absent).*

## 9. Approval of Hall County Trails Initiative

Mr. Brown explained that the GHMPO Bike Pedestrian Plan was completed in 2006 and updated this year. The recommendations from this plan are to be considered in the update of the LRTP for funding and implementation. An action plan of tasks, assignments and timelines is being developed. The launch of the Hall County Trails Initiative is scheduled to take place during the Central Hall Multi-Use Trail groundbreaking event in January 2015. Collaboration with like-minded groups and stake holders is needed to implement this plan.

In October, Mr. Baker shared Hall County Trails Initiative at the Georgia Bikes Summit in Columbus, and it was well received.

***MOTION:*** Mayor Miller made a motion to approve the Hall County Trails Initiative with a second from Mayor Dunagan, and the motion passed by a 5 – 0 vote (Chairman Crow absent).

## 10. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed in their jurisdictions; Mr. Andrews for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Dockery for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Brown for the City of Oakwood, Mr. Fee for GDOT, Mr. McInturff for Hall County, and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

## 11. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next PC meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2015, and will be hosted by the City of Gainesville.

## 12. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

***MOTION:*** Mayor Dunagan made a motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. with a second from Mayor Miller, and the motion passed by a 5 – 0 vote (Chairman Crow absent).

  
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Mayor Lamar Scroggs, Chairman

  
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Connie Daniels, Secretary