



**GHMPO**

# *Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization*

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

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Oakwood City Hall, Oakwood, Georgia  
Minutes of August 11, 2015 Meeting**

### **Voting Members Present:**

Chairman Richard Mecum, Hall County  
Mayor Danny Dunagan, City of Gainesville  
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:**

Jody Woodall, Hall County  
Connie Daniels, Hall County  
Gina Roy, Jackson County  
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch  
John McHenry, City of Flowery Branch  
David Dockery, City of Gainesville  
Angela Sheppard, City of Gainesville  
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood  
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO

Julia Billings, GDOT  
Kaycee Mertz, GDOT  
Wayne Stradley, GHMPO CAC  
Adam Hazell, GMRC  
Jeff Gill, The Times  
Brian Stewart, WDUN  
Sam Baker, GHMPO  
David Fee, GHMPO

### **1. Welcome**

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order.

### **2. Approval of May 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** *Chairman Mecum made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2015, meeting with a second from Mr. Fowler, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

### **3. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **4. Report from the Technical Coordinating Committee**

Mr. McHenry reported the TCC had received an update on the Title VI Program and Environment Justice Analysis due to the inclusion of part of Jackson County into the GHMPO planning boundary.

Also, Mr. Baker had announced that the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank issued a call for projects for jurisdictions to apply for grants and loans on August 3, 2015.

## **5. Report from the Citizens Advisory Committee**

Mr. Stradley reported the CAC had also received an update on the Title VI Program and Environment Justice Analysis.

The CAC requested GHMPO staff to talk with GDOT regarding the turn-off lane into Harbour Point Parkway from Dawsonville Highway/SR53. The roadway has eroded creating a dangerous situation, and the lanes also need to be restriped.

The CAC also expressed concern about the lack of communication between Hall County government and the city governments and made a motion recommending communication be improved.

## **6. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Amending the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Baker stated they had received a request from GDOT asking them to amend the TIP to modify the amount of right-of-way funds and schedule for the addition of a center turn lane on SR 347/Lanier Islands Parkway, from McEver Road to Lake Lanier Islands. This amendment would change the total right-of-way cost from \$5 million to \$10 million and move the right-of-way acquisition to FY 2016. This has been coordinated with the Atlanta Regional Commission and went through a public comment period. This amendment does not change the local contribution. GHMPO staff recommended approval.

**MOTION:** *Chairman Mecum made a motion to approve the resolution amending the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program with a second from Mr. Fowler, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

## **7. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports**

Representatives shared the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. McHenry 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. Woodall for Hall County, and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

## **8. Upcoming Meeting**

The next PC meeting will be on November 10, 2015, hosted by the City of Gainesville.

## **9. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 10:30 a.m.

  
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Mayor Mike Miller, Chairman

  
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Connie Daniels, Secretary