



# *Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization*

## **GHMPO**

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

### **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Commissioners Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hall County Government Center  
2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30504  
Minutes of November 10, 2015 Meeting

#### **Voting Members Present:**

Mayor Mike Miller, City of Flowery Branch  
Mayor Danny Dunagan, City of Gainesville  
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood (for Mayor Scroggs)  
Gina Roy, Jackson County (for Tom Crow)  
Kaycee Mertz, GDOT (for Matthew Fowler)

#### **Others Present:**

John McHenry, City of Flowery Branch  
Bill Andrews, City of Flowery Branch  
Kim Coley, GDOT  
Julia Billings, GDOT  
Teri Pope, GDOT  
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO  
Sam Baker, GHMPO

#### **Voting Members Absent:**

Chairman Richard Mecum

Ken Rearden, Hall County  
Jody Woodall, Hall County  
David Dockery, City of Gainesville  
Phillippa Lewis Moss, City of Gainesville  
Jeff Gill, The Times  
Brian Stewart, WDUN  
Connie Daniels, Hall County

#### **1. Welcome**

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order.

#### **2. Approval of August 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting, with a second from Mr. Brown, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

#### **3. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

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

Mr. McHenry reported that the TCC recommended approval of all the items being presented to the Policy Committee. He thanked Mrs. Pope for her presentation to the TCC on the Drive Alert Arrive Alive campaign.

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

Mr. Baker spoke for the CAC relaying that the CAC also recommended approval of the resolutions and amendments brought before the PC. In addition, the CAC had an extensive discussion on the CAC by-laws. It was concluded that, per the CAC by-laws, the CAC members are not limited to discussing and making recommendations on only what is in the regional transportation plan and what the GHMPO staff brings forward but instead can discuss and recommend on any transportation issues in the region. Finally, the CAC passed a motion asking the GHMPO staff to talk with GDOT regarding the condition of the westbound lanes of the bridge over the Chattahoochee River on Dawsonville Highway/SR 53. They requested a detailed timeline on when they could expect temporary and permanent repairs. Mr. Baker stated there were numerous pot holes. He has talked with Ms. Coley, and GDOT will provide a response to the committee.

## **6. Drive Alert Arrive Alive Campaign**

Mrs. Pope spoke about Georgia Department of Transportation's Drive Alert Arrive Alive campaign focusing on reducing fatalities on Georgia roadways. Georgia has had an epidemic of crashes this year with fatalities up 13%. Risky driving due to drugs, alcohol, drowsiness, phones and other devices is a major issue. We need to discipline ourselves to prevent accidents.

## **7. Approve the Resolution Amending the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

The UPWP shows the activities and projects planned by the GHMPO staff for the next fiscal year. Mr. Baker reported that there was approximately \$116,000 carried over from FY 2015 and added to the FY 2016 budget. GHMPO staff recommends the allocation of \$158,000 for a corridor study of Green Street to see what is below the surface. Both the TCC and CAC recommended approval of this amendment.

**MOTION:** *Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the resolution amending the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program, with a second from Ms. Roy, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

## **8. Approve the Resolution Amending the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Baker discussed the six projects that have been changed. He explained that four bridge projects were being added to the financially constrained LRTP due to GDOT identifying bridge bond funds that had not been previously available. Because of this change, they were amending the LRTP and the TIP and revising dollar amounts. The TCC and CAC recommended approval of this amendment.

**MOTION:** *Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the resolution amending the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program, with a second from Mayor Dunagan, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

## 9. Approve an Update to the Title VI Program and Environmental Justice Analysis

Mr. Baker explained that due to the inclusion of part of Jackson County into the GHMPO, the Title VI Program and Environment Justice Analysis has been updated to meet federal guidelines and ensure funds are being used for the benefit of everyone, not just a select few. The document was presented to the FTA, FHWA and GDOT for comments, and there was a 30-day public comment period. Modifications were made based on those comments and suggestions. The TCC and CAC recommended approval to the update.

***MOTION:*** Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the update to the Title VI Program and Environmental Justice Analysis, with a second from Ms. Roy, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

## 10. 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, Ms. Coley for GDOT, Mrs. Lewis Moss for HAT, Mr. Woodall for Hall County and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

## 11. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next PC meeting will be on March 8, 2016 in the Hall County Government Center.

## 12. Other

This is Mr. Woodall's last MPO meeting as he has accepted a position in Gwinnett County. Mr. Yamala thanked Mr. Woodall for his dedication, support and expert advice he has provided to the MPO.

## 13. Adjourn

***MOTION:*** Mayor Dunagan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m., with a second from Mr. Brown, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.



Mike Miller, Chairman



Connie Daniels, Secretary