



GHMPO

Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

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

POLICY COMMITTEE

**Commissioners Meeting Room, Hall County Government Center
2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30504**

Minutes of May 10, 2016

Voting Members Present:

Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch (for Mike Miller)
Mayor Danny Dunagan, City of Gainesville
Mayor Lamar Scroggs, City of Oakwood
Gina Roy, Jackson County (for Tom Crow)
Matthew Fowler, GDOT

Voting Members Absent:

Chairman Richard Mecum, Hall County

Others Present:

Ken Rearden, Hall County
John McHenry, City of Flowery Branch
Bryan Lackey, City of Gainesville
David Dockery, City of Gainesville
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Hall Area Transit
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
Garrett Wiley, Greater Hall Chamber
Adam Hazell, GMRC
Jeff Gill, The Times
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Sam Baker, GHMPO
Connie Daniels, Hall County

Julia Billings, GDOT
Brandon Kirby, GDOT
Kaycee Mertz, GDOT
Wayne Stradley, CAC Vice Chair
Chris Caudle, Citizen
Sherry DuBose, Citizen
Jon Duke, Citizen
Bob League, Citizen
Jeanne League, Citizen
Charlene Linkowski, Citizen
Darlene Long, Citizen
Lydia White, Citizen

1. Welcome

Mr. Andrew called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of March 15, 2016 and March 30, 2016 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mayor Scroggs made a motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2016 and March 30, 2016, with a second from Mayor Dunagan, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Report from the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)

Mr. McHenry reported that the TCC discussed the widening of Martin Road and the proposed Exit 14 interchange with citizens representing Martin Road Association. The TCC passed a motion recommending that the Policy Committee pursue a Martin Road corridor study to include scope, alternative alignments, and operational improvements under a review of the travel demand model as it has been impacted by projects in South Hall and seek funding through UPWP, GDOT or other resources.

4. Report from the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Mr. Stradley relayed that the CAC did not have a quorum present at its last meeting to take a vote, but the CAC members also recommended that a study be done of Martin Road.

5. Approve the Resolution Adopting the FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Baker explained the Unified Planning Work Program describes the MPO's planning goals and activities, provides cost estimates, identifies funding sources and outlines a work schedule for 2017. The UPWP includes plans to initiate Phase II of the Green Street corridor study, conduct a regional freight study, conduct a study on how to improve Hall Area Transit Service in the next five years, and conduct a conceptual study for sidewalks, landscaping, and storm water improvements on Mitchell Street in Flowery Branch.

The resolution went through the required public comment period, and no comments were received. The TCC, CAC, and MPO staff recommend approval of the UPWP.

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program, with a second from Mayor Scroggs, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Approve the Resolution Making an Administrative Modification to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Baker proposed a modification to the Transportation Improvement Program per a request from Hall Area Transit to acquire and renovate a piece of property that will house customer service and marketing staff. The funds will come from a Section 5307 capital grant. The TCC, CAC, and staff recommend approval of the TIP administrative modification.

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the resolution making an administrative modification to the FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program, with a second from Mr. Fowler, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

7. Public Comments

Mrs. White, Mrs. Long and Mr. Caudle of Quail Wood subdivision spoke in opposition to the proposed Exit 14 interchange and its connectivity to Martin Road. They represented Martin Road Association and had a petition with over 70 signatures of people also in opposition. They asked that the study recommended by the TCC and CAC be completed. Also, if

Martin Road is to be widened, they asked that it be completed prior to or at the same time the Exit 14 interchange is constructed.

8. 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. Rearden for Hall County and Ms. Roy for the City of Braselton and Jackson County.

9. Upcoming Meeting Date and Location

The next Policy Committee meeting will be on August 9, 2016, and will be hosted by Hall Area Transit at its facility located at 687 Main Street, Gainesville.

10. Other

Mr. Yamala provided background information on the Exit 14 project explaining the process and the years of planning that have gone into it. He stated that the TCC and CAC were recommending that the Policy Committee have the MPO staff pursue a Martin Road corridor study and funding to do so.

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to direct the GHMPO staff to conduct a Martin Road corridor study looking at all potential connectors and to seek funding through UPWP, GDOT or other resources. The motion received a second from Mayor Scroggs, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m., with a second from Mayor Scroggs, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.



Bill Andrew, Acting Chairman



Connie Daniels, Secretary

