



GHMPO

Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

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

POLICY COMMITTEE

**Municipal Courtroom, Gainesville Municipal Court
701 Queen City Parkway SW, Gainesville, GA 30501
Minutes of February 12, 2019 Meeting**

Voting Members Present:

Mayor Mike Miller, City of Flowery Branch, Chair
Mayor Lamar Scroggs, City of Oakwood
Commissioner Richard Higgins, Hall County
Mayor Danny Dunagan, City of Gainesville
Charles Robinson, GDOT

Voting Members Absent:

Commissioner Ralph Richardson, Jr,
Jackson County

Others Present:

Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Sam Baker, GHMPO
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO
Emily Foote, Hall County
Jeff Gill, Gainesville Times
Megan Reed, Gainesville Times
BJ Williams, WDUN
Jeff Stowe, Hall County
Adam Hazell, GMRC
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Hall Area Transit
B.R. White, City of Oakwood
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
Ken Rearden, Hall County
Sarah McQuade, Hall County
Scott Frederick, GDOT
Jennifer Scott, Town of Braselton
Tony Herdener, Vision 2030
Phil Bonelli, Vision 2030
Jason Everett, Vision 2030
Joe Mezzanotte, Citizen
Joel & Linda Nevins, Citizens
Arthur & Marjorie Cooper, Citizens
Merce Bolling, Citizen
Jonnene Marie Jones, Citizen

Sandra Bauman, Citizen
Oliver McClellan, Citizen
Steve D'Anna, Citizen
Ken Courtenay, Citizen
Steve Hanson, Citizen
Sue Barcus, Citizen
Joy Rudder, Citizen
Priscilla King, Citizen
Rose Marie Fagen, Citizen
Matt & Donna Horton, Citizen
Steve Barber, Citizen
Shannon Kittrell, Citizen
Barbara Brunelli, Citizen
Gene Augustine, Citizen
Brian Whalen, Citizen
Wayne Stradley, Citizen
Marion Tibwell, Citizen
Terry Lawrence, Citizen
Sylvi & Ken Farris, Citizens
Jim Edwards, Citizen
George Eichbauer, Citizen
Jackie Pray, Citizen
Tom Chapman, Citizen

1. Welcome

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. Approval of November 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting, with a second from Mayor Scroggs, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Report from the Technical Coordinating Committee

Mr. White presented a summary of the Technical Coordinating Committee meeting.

4. Report from the Citizens Advisory Committee

Mr. Baker presented a summary of the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Baker stated that the Citizens Advisory Committee voted to table the South Hall Trail Study vote and requested the Policy Committee table the item, as well.

5. Approval of the Resolution Adopting the Gainesville Trail Study

Mr. Boyd presented the Gainesville Trail Study report and its recommendations for alignment to connect existing trails in Gainesville.

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the Resolution Adopting the Gainesville Trail Study, with a second from Mayor Scroggs, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Approval of the Resolution Adopting the South Hall Trail Study

Mr. Boyd presented the South Hall Trail Study report and its recommendations for alignment to connect existing trails in southern Hall County. Mr. Boyd stated that staff recommends removing the proposed trailhead on Blackjack Road.

The following citizens spoke in favor of the trail study: Tony Herdener, John Girardeau, and Brian Whalen. The following citizens spoke in opposition to the trail study: Oliver McClellan, Sue Barcus, and Matt Horton.

Chairman Higgins stated that he would not support the study as he had conversations with Hall County Commissioner Kathy Cooper, who represents the area, and he felt the trail segment on Bragg Road should be researched further.

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the Resolution Adopting the South Hall Trail Study, with the removal of the Blackjack Road trailhead, with a second from Mayor Scroggs, and the motion passed by a 4 – 1 vote (Commissioner Higgins opposed).

7. Dawsonville Highway-McEver Road Connectivity Results & Recommendations

Mr. Cote, consultant with RS&H contracted to conduct the study, presented the results of the study, the various alternatives considered to alleviate traffic congestion at the Dawsonville Highway-McEver Road intersection and in its vicinity, and the study's recommendations.

8. Review and Selection of a Potential New Logo for the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

Mr. Yamala discussed the background of the rebranding initiative for GHMPO. Ms. Scroggs gave a presentation on the rebranding initiative process and final draft logo choices to the committee.

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to select Option C for the new logo for the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization, with a second from Commissioner Higgins, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

9. Approval of the Resolution Supporting the 2019 State Targets for Safety Performance Management

Mr. Baker stated that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has established new state performance targets for safety performance management. The Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO) is now presented with the option to either adopt the same state targets for our MPO region or set our own performance targets, and do so by executing a resolution by February 27, 2019, per requirement from the Federal Highway Administration. He stated that staff recommends adopting the presented state-wide targets.

Motion: Mayor Scroggs made a motion to approve the Resolution Supporting the 2019 State Targets for Safety Performance Management, with a second from Commissioner Higgins, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

10. Approval of the Resolution Supporting the 2019-2022 State Performance Targets for Transit Asset Management

Mr. Baker stated that the Georgia Department of Transportation has established state performance targets for transit asset management (TAM) for the small urban areas' transit providers. GHMPO has incorporated such TAM targets into its planning documents. He suggested that the Committee approve a resolution adopting the state TAM performance targets for the GHMPO region.

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MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the Resolution Supporting the 2019-2022 State Performance Targets for Transit Asset Management, with a second from Commissioner Higgins, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

11. Approval of an Amendment to the FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Boyd stated that the Unified Planning Work Program for the current fiscal year is being amended to show that additional federal funds have been received and added to GHMPO's budget to undertake the update of the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan. In addition, GHMPO would conduct a Sign and Speed Study, in coordination with the City of Flowery Branch, and would share the study cost from its current fiscal year budget.

MOTION: Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve the Amendment to the FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program, with a second from Mayor Dunagan, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

12. Review the First Draft of FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Baker presented the first draft of the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for review and comment. In FY 2020, GHMPO would complete a federally-required update of the regional transportation plan, develop a new 2021-2024 transportation improvement program, and update GHMPO's website following a rebranding initiative. This UPWP has been sent to the Georgia Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration for review and comment. It would go through a 30-day public comment period and be presented again at the next round of MPO committee meetings before it is scheduled to be adopted in May 2019.

13. Approval of the Resolution Requesting PL Funds for the State Route 365/Jesse Jewell Parkway Traffic Impact Study

Mr. Rotalsky proposed conducting a study to assess the future impacts of the new campus for Lanier Technical College, the future development of a 104-acre inland port to be constructed in northern Hall County along State Route 365 as well as various other developments in the area. The proposed study would recommend what transportation infrastructure improvements need to be made to mitigate the impacts of these new developments. Mr. Rotalsky added that GHMPO has the opportunity to submit an application to GDOT requesting federal transportation planning funds for such a study in March. To submit an application, a resolution from the Policy Committee along with commitment to provide 20% local cash match is required. The City of Gainesville has indicated that it has the necessary funds and will provide the required local match.

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the Resolution Requesting PL Funds for the State Route 365/Jesse Jewell Parkway Traffic Impact Study, with a second from Commissioner Higgins, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

14. Review of Amendments to Policy Committee Bylaws

Mr. Yamala presented the proposed amendment, which, if adopted, will add two additional voting members from unincorporated Hall County. Mr. Yamala explained that the proposed amendment is being presented at this meeting and will be voted on at the next Policy Committee meeting in May.

15. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives shared the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Rotalsky for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Brown for the City of Oakwood, Mr. Robinson for the Georgia Department of Transportation, and Chairman Higgins for Hall County.

16. Upcoming Meeting Date: May 14, 2019

May 14, 2019 meeting will be held at the Hall County Government Center.

17. Public Comment

There were no additional public comments.

18. Other

There were no additional items of business.

19. Adjourn

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.



Mayor Mike Miller, Chair



Emily Foote, Secretary