Gainesville - Hall
Metropolitan Planning Organization
GHMPO
Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Development Services Center
Minutes of October 17, 2007 Meeting

Voting Members Present:
Larry Sparks, City of Oakwood
Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit
Robert Mahoney, GDOT District 1
Kevin McInturff, Hall County
Scott Puckett, Hall County
Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Randy Knighton, GHMPO

Voting Members Absent:
Adrian Niles, City of Gainesville
James Riker, City of Flowery Branch
Carolynn Segers, GMRDC
Jason Crane, GDOT Office of Planning

Others Present:
Stan Aiken, City of Gainesville
David Dockery, City of Gainesville
Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville
Jody Woodall, Hall County
Connie Daniels, Hall County
Doug Derrer, Hall County
David Cassell, GRTA
Andrew Edwards, FHWA
David Fee, GHMPO
Chip Burger, URS
Janide Sidifall, URS

1. **Welcome**

   Mr. Sparks called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. **Approval of July 18, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

   MOTION: *Mr. Ligon made a motion to approve the July 18, 2007 Minutes. The motion was received and seconded by Mr. Mahoney and passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. **Recommendation to approve minor amendment to the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program**

   Due to the increased attention on development in South Hall, Hall County identified $1 million dollars to conduct a preliminary engineering study on the Spout Springs Road widening project. As a result, Mr. Yamala mentioned the need to amend the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Since this process calls for a minor amendment, a 15-day public comment and review period will run from October 29th thorough November 12th. Mr. Yamala noted that there is no change in the estimated construction costs and there is no impact on conformity.

MOTION: *Mr. Mahoney made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the 2008- 1013 Transportation Improvement Program with a second by Mr. Puckett and passed by a unanimous vote.*

4. Report on Transit Development Plan Study

Mr. Burger explained that this study is a five year action plan for Hall Area Transit (HAT). He presented a summary of the results on surveys conducted on the public and current HAT riders. Comments were received through community outreach and interviews with stakeholders. Mr. Burger expounded the methods and media coverage used to inform the community about these activities.

5. Call for projects under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program

Mr. Fee said GDOT announced a call for applications for CMAQ projects has been extended for FY 2008-2013. This call is primarily for projects which reduce PM 2.5 emissions. Proposed projects should encourage traffic flow or retrofit diesel engines. Projects which include diesel retrofits of publicly-owned fleets as such school buses are strongly urged to apply. This project is 80% federal funded with 20% local match. Applications are due to GDOT by December 21, 2007.

6. Election of TCC Vice-Chairperson

Mr. Yamala mentioned that due to Mr. Padgett's new position as the Assistant City Manager an election of Vice-Chairperson is needed.

MOTION: *Mr. Yamala made a motion to nominate Mr. McInturff for TCC Vice-Chairperson with a second by Mr. Puckett and passed by a unanimous vote.*

7. JURISDICTION AND AGENCY REPORTS

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed in their jurisdictions: Mr. Sparks for Oakwood, Mr. Ligon for Gainesville, Mr. Woodall for Hall County and Mr. Mahoney for GDOT.

8. UPCOMING MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be February 20, 2008.

9. OTHER

Mr. Yamala stated GHMPO had received a letter from the EPA recommending a finding of conformity for the GHMPO and ARC nonattainment areas for 8-hour ozone and PM2.5 standards for the 2030 LRTP and 2008–2013 TIP.

Mr. Yamala ensured that everyone had a schedule of the 2008 GHMPO committee meetings.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 3:00 p.m.

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Larry Sparks, Chairperson

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Connie Daniels, Secretary