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

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 15, 2008
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room, Development Services Center

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

Voting Members Absent:
Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville
James Riker, City of Flowery Branch

Others Present:
Brandon Kirby, GDOT
Cindy Van Dyke, GDOT
Angela Alexander, GDOT
Shelley Davis, Greater Hall Chamber
Chip Burger, URS
Jody Woodall, Hall County
Stan Aiken, City of Gainesville
David Fee, GHMPO
Connie Daniels, Hall County

1. Welcome – Larry Sparks, Chairperson

Mr. Sparks called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.

2. Approval of April 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Puckett made a motion to recommend approval of the April 16, 2008 Minutes with a second by Ms. Segers and passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. GDOT Project Prioritization Process

Mr. Crane gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of GDOT's Project Prioritization Process. He highlighted the methodology used in weighing performance measures, project scoring, feedback from the MPOs and next steps in the process.

4. IT3 (Investing in Tomorrow's Transportation Today) Project

Mr. Yamala explained the IT3 proposal initiated by Governor Perdue. Mr. Yamala added that IT3 is intended to be a broad vision of state transportation goals through strategically planning improvements and is not by intended to address individual projects. The MPO must have their input submitted in a final report by the end of November.

5. SR 365 Corridor Study

Mr. Crane gave a status update on the SR365 Corridor Study. He detailed alternative scenarios and explained the six lane freeway was the preferred design. Implementation strategies, proposed interchange locations and grade separations were identified; as well as, typical a cross-section of the corridor.

6. Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan

Mr. Burger reported that after the adoption of the Transit Development Plan (TDP), URS was tasked with some supplemental service planning. In order to obtain Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds for additional grants, the MPO would need a locally developed human services coordinated transportation (HSTP) which includes: an assessment of available service, a needs assessment and strategies to address service gaps.

7. I-985 Park-n-Ride Lot Surveys

Mr. Burger reported that URS had conducted surveys as supplemental tasks to the TDP at the park-n-ride lots at Exits 4 and 17 and at the YMCA. Mr. Burger went over the document on the findings of the surveys.

8. Hall County Crash Profile

Mr. Yamala presented the committee with a document detailing maps and tables on the number of accidents, how severe and where the accidents occurred within Hall County. He credited Kaycee Mertz, the MPO summer intern, with using the Critical Analysis Reporting Environment (CARE) software to compile the report.

9. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Sparks for the City of Oakwood, Mr. Ligon for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Puckett for Hall County, Mr. Mahoney and Mr. Kirby for GDOT and Ms. Crow for Hall Area Transit.

10. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next Technical Coordination Committee meeting is February 18, 2009.

11. Other

Mr. Yamala disseminated a list of the upcoming 2009 GHMPO Committee Meetings.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 2:25 p.m.

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Larry Sparks, Chairperson

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Connie Daniels, Secretary