



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Conference Room, Development Services Center Minutes of July 15, 2009 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Jason Crane, GDOT
Robert Mahoney, GDOT
Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville
Larry Sparks, City of Oakwood
James Riker, City of Flowery Branch
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Scott Puckett, Hall County

Voting Members Absent:

Ken Rearden, Hall County
Kevin McInturff, Hall County
David Dockery, City of Gainesville
Stephanie Harmon, GMRDC
Randy Knighton, GHMPO
Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit

Others Present:

David Fee, GHMPO
Jody Woodall, Hall County
Connie Daniels, Hall County
Jeff Carroll, Wilbur Smith Associates

Andy Edwards, FHWA
Talya Trudell, ARC
Stan Aiken, City of Gainesville

1. Welcome

Mr. Sparks called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of April 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Crane made a motion to approve the April 15, 2009, Minutes with a second by Mr. Riker and passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Northern Connector Study

Mr. Yamala gave a brief history of the study. He highlighted the expected growth in population, employment and traffic volume. Mr. Carroll, presented four potential concepts based on data layer rankings using Alignment Alternative Research Tool (AART) software. Two of those concepts were further analyzed for traffic impacts based on travel demand modeling. Projected traffic counts on existing roadways with and without a Northern Connector for the year 2030 were presented. Mr. Yamala thanked GDOT for timely assistance on the modeling aspect.

4. Update on Senate Bill 200

Mr. Fee reported that the Georgia General Assembly recently passed SB 200 with a few structural changes to GDOT such as creating a new Director of Planning position. The goal

is to create a statewide strategic transportation plan with the primary focus on projects that create economic development and reduce traffic congestion.

5. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Schedule

Mr. Yamala handed out a draft schedule of the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Schedule. A consultant will be hired for assistance on various activities surrounding the planning process. He explained that the current 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan is required to be updated by August 2011.

6. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Mahoney for GDOT, Mr. Woodall for Hall County, Mr. Ligon for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Riker for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Sparks for the City of Oakwood and Mr. Edwards for FHWA.

7. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next Technical Coordinating Committee meeting will be October 14, 2009.

8. Other

There was no other information discussed.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 3:12 p.m.



Larry Sparks, Chairperson



Connie Daniels, Secretary