



# *Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization*

**GHMPO**

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

**TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
Conference Room, Development Services Center  
October 14, 2009  
**MINUTES**

**Voting Members Present:**

Larry Sparks, City of Oakwood  
Jason Crane, GDOT  
Robert Mahoney, GDOT  
Stephanie Harmon, GMRDC  
Kevin McInturff, Hall County  
Scott Puckett, Hall County  
Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville  
Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville  
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO  
Randy Knighton, GHMPO  
Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit  
James Riker, City of Flowery Branch

**Voting Members Absent:**

None

**Others Present:**

David Fee, GHMPO  
Jason Close, The Architecture Group  
Bobbie Unger, The Architecture Group  
Tim Fredlund, Pond & Company  
Talya Trudell, ARC  
Shelley Davis, Greater Hall Chamber  
Connie Daniels, Hall County  
Tyrhonda Edwards, GDOT  
Cornelius Davis, FHWA  
Ken Slater, LLCPA  
Betsy Wisheart, LLCPA  
Jack Buie, LLCPA  
Paul Harris, LLCPA  
Bob Fuss, LLCPA  
Mike Steffen, LLCPA  
Jud Davis, LLCPA  
Doug Smith, LLCPA  
Lance Gardner, LLCPA  
Betty Fisher, LLCPA  
Jack Price, LLCPA

Kathleen Higgins, LLCPA  
Jimmy Wilkins, LLCPA  
Pat DeNote, LLCPA  
Corbin Davis, LLCPA  
Don Sievenpiper, LLCPA  
John Higgins, LLCPA  
Carolyn Wilkins, LLCPA  
Tony DeNote, LLCPA  
Joe Wiegand, LLCPA  
Irene Slater, LLCPA  
Jeff Smith, LLCPA  
Carole Buie, LLCPA  
Tracy Rogers, LLCPA  
Annette Forster, LLCPA  
John Amoss, LLCPA  
Sheila Davis, LLCPA  
Debbie Lawson Davis, LLCPA  
Ron Winkowski, LLCPA  
Carl Liggett, LLCPA

**1. Welcome – Larry Sparks, Chairperson**

Mr. Sparks called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and acknowledged the visitors representing the Lake Lanier Community Preservation Association.

**2. Approval of July 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

***MOTION:*** Mr. Crane made a motion to recommend approval of the July 15, 2009, Minutes with a second by Mr. Puckett and passed by a unanimous vote.

**3. Northern Connector Study**

Mr. Yamala told the TCC that the Hall County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously at their September 24th meeting to recommend that the GHMPO's Policy Committee remove all proposed Northern Connector concepts except the original GH-066 project from the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and to use primarily existing right of way, including state routes, in the future. The GHMPO Policy Committee will consider this request at their November 10th meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Georgia Mountains Center.

**4. City of Flowery Branch Transportation Study**

Mr. Riker updated the TCC on their Transportation Study, which is partially funded by the GHMPO. They have hired a consultant and expect the study to take 3 to 4 months to complete. The study will focus on the downtown area identifying projects and funding sources. Findings from the study will be presented to the GHMPO committees.

**5. Hall Area Transit Maintenance Facility Feasibility Study**

Mr. Close gave an overview of the maintenance facility feasibility study for the Hall Area Transit (HAT). The study team toured existing facilities with the City of Gainesville and Hall County to assess present capacity and ability to meet future needs, as well as the potential to share a facility between jurisdictions is being explored as well. The study is expected to take 6 to 7 weeks to complete, and the results will be presented to the GHMPO committees.

**6. Administrative Modifications and an Amendment to the 2008- 2013 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Fee explained the administrative modifications and amendments to the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program. Most of the projects had the network years changed from 2010 to 2015 for air quality modeling or were resurfacing and maintenance projects under phase II of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Mr. Mahoney questioned the dollar amounts for the Sardis Road Connector project. Mr. Yamala will meet with GDOT representatives to assure they have the correct totals for this project.

***MOTION:*** Mr. Crane made a motion to accept the Administrative Modifications and Amendments to the 2008 - 2013 Transportation Improvement Program with the condition that Mr. Yamala update the dollar amounts regarding the Sardis Road Connector after meeting with GDOT representatives, with a second by Mr. Mahoney and passed by a unanimous vote.

## 7. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mr. Yamala explained the development process of the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). He noted that the planning horizon year of the current Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was 2030 but will be extended to 2040 for the MTP. Federal requirements mandate that regional transportation plans in metropolitan areas with air quality requirements be updated every four years. The GHMPO expects to have a consultant on board by January 2010 and the plan will be adopted by August 2011.

## 8. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Mahoney for GDOT, Mr. McInturff for Hall County, Mr. Taylor for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Riker for the City of Flowery Branch, Ms. Crow for Hall Area Transit and Mr. Sparks for the City of Oakwood.

## 9. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next Technical Coordination Committee meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2010. Several members of the TCC work in the Atlanta area and asked if the starting time of the TCC meetings could be changed. It was agreed that TCC meetings would start at 1:00 p.m.

A list of the 2010 GHMPO Committee Meetings was distributed to the TCC members.

## 10. Other

Ms. Lawson Davis, spokesperson for the Lake Lanier Community Preservation Association, addressed the TCC asking if they plan to present a formal recommendation to the Policy Committee. Mr. Yamala stated they would not as the Hall County Commission had already made their request to the Policy Committee. She also asked if the Policy Committee would take any formal action at their next meeting, who sets the agenda and how could they monitor any development regarding the Northern Connector. Mr. Yamala explained that the GHMPO staff sets the agendas. He stated he could not say what action, if any, the Policy Committee would take, that would be entirely up to them. Mr. Yamala explained there would be at least four public meetings as part of the 2040 MTP, all information would be available on the GHMPO website and that he would add their organization to the GHMPO mailing list.

## 11. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 2:45 p.m.



Larry Sparks, Chairperson



Connie Daniels, Secretary