



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Conference Room, Development Services Center Minutes of February 17, 2010 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Larry Sparks, City of Oakwood
Andrew Heath, GDOT
Robert Mahoney, GDOT
Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville
Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville
Kevin McInturff, Hall County
Scott Puckett, Hall County
James Riker, City of Flowery Branch
Randy Knighton, GHMPO
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO

Voting Members Absent:

Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit
Stephanie Harmon, GMRDC

Others Present:

David Fee, GHMPO
Jason Close, The Architecture Group
Adolfo Guzman, Hall County Resident
Joe Garland, Hall County Resident
Jack Price, LLCPA
Jack Buie, LLCPA
Tom McQueen, GDOT
Brian Bolick, Pond & Company
Connie Daniels, Hall County
Jody Woodall, Hall County

1. Welcome – Larry Sparks, Chairperson

Mr. Sparks called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and introductions were made.

2. Approval of October 14, 2009 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Puckett made a motion to recommend approval of the October 14, 2009, Minutes with a second by Mr. Riker and passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Review Draft FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Yamala explained that the Draft FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a federally mandated document for the MPO which describes the organization's planning goals and activities for the upcoming fiscal year. He mentioned that due to uncertainties on funding from at the present time, the overall funding summary will be finalized later. GDOT is considering withdrawing its usual 10% match leaving the GHMPO to double its local funding source to a 20% match for federal funding. An update on the funding situation will be presented at the next TCC meeting.

4. Update on the City of Flowery Branch Transportation Study

Mr. Riker introduced Mr. Bolick, who presented an update on the City of Flowery Branch Downtown Transportation Study. Mr. Bolick went over the purpose of the study, consistent themes gleaned from the public workshop, needs assessment, along with existing conditions and future needs. He anticipated providing the City of Flowery Branch a final report in the next couple of weeks.

5. Update on Hall Area Transit Maintenance Facility Feasibility Study

Mr. Close provided an update on the Hall Area Transit Maintenance Facility Feasibility Study. He said that there are three selected sites which will be analyzed for their suitability for the facility. A draft of the study will be provided at the next TCC meeting.

6. Discussion of Howard Road Extension Concept

Mr. Taylor introduced a conceptual plan for an extension of Howard Road that the City of Gainesville would like to see added to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). He added that extension would relieve congestion and promote development in the area.

7. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mr. Yamala explained federal requirements mandate that regional transportation plans in metropolitan areas with air quality nonattainment standards be updated every four years. The GHMPO selection committee interviewed consultants to assist with the 2040 MTP and would finalize the selection before the next TCC meeting. The consultant's first priority will be to prepare a detailed schedule for the next eighteen months as the plan must be adopted by August 2011.

8. Recommendation to Adopt the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Process

Mr. Fee mentioned that to ensure a consistent and equitable process is followed for project changes statewide, GDOT agreed with FHWA to amend the current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Process for the state and the MPOs. He further highlighted certain differences with the previous amendment process.

MOTION: Mr. Heath made a motion to adopt the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Process with a second by Mr. Taylor and passed by a unanimous vote.

9. Amendments to the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Fee stated there were no specific amendments to consider at this time.

10. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

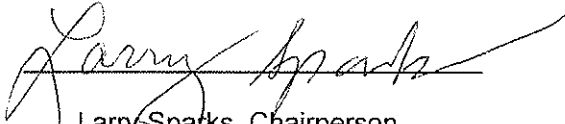
Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Woodall for Hall County, Mr. Taylor for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Riker for the City of Flowery Branch; Mr. Sparks for the City of Oakwood and Mr. Mahoney for GDOT.


11. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next TCC meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2010.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 2:07 p.m.


Larry Sparks, Chairperson



Connie Daniels, Secretary