

Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Development Services Center Conference Room
Minutes of February 16, 2011 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Larry Sparks, City of Oakwood
Kevin McInturff, Hall County
Andrew Heath, GDOT
Robert Mahoney, GDOT
David Dockery, City of Gainesville
Randy Knighton, GHMPO
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Chip Wright, GMRC
Richard Ticehurst, Hall Area Transit

Voting Members Absent:

Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville
Ken Rearden, Hall County
James Riker, City of Flowery Branch

Others Present:

Jessica Tullar, City of Gainesville
Brian P. Kelly, City of Gainesville
Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville
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Tom McQueen, GDOT
Tyrhonda Edwards, GDOT
Habte Kassa, GDOT
Phil Peevy, GDOT
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Gainesville-Hall CSC

Jeff Gill, The Times
Jody Woodall, Hall County
Connie Daniels, Hall County
Jeff Carroll, Wilbur Smith Associates
David Fee, GHMPO
Annette Forster, LLCPA
Carlos Gonzalez, FHWA
Talya Trudell, ARC
Steve Lewandowski, ARC
David D'Onofrio, ARC

1. Welcome

Mr. Sparks called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

2. Approval of October 13, 2010 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Heath made a motion to recommend approval of the October 13, 2010 Minutes with a second by Mr. McInturff and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Review Draft FY2012 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Yamala presented a draft of the FY2012 Unified Planning Work Program for review. This document is federally mandated and prepared annually to show tasks accomplished from the previous year and the activities the MPO has planned for the next fiscal year. Studies to be conducted next fiscal year include a Freight Study of the GHMPO planning

area and a Commuter Feasibility Study using Hall Area Transit funds. The TCC will need to make a recommendation on this document to the Policy Committee at their April meeting.

4. Update on the City of Gainesville Midtown Development

Ms. Tullar discussed the City of Gainesville's Midtown Development project of approximately 300 acres that they are redeveloping and revitalizing with the Midtown Greenway being the key focal point. They hope to link the Midtown Greenway to the Central Hall Multiuse Trail and to eventually create a countywide master trail plan. The Greenway should be open to traffic in 18-24 months.

5. Update on the Central Hall Multiuse Trail

Mr. Woodall discussed the Central Hall Multiuse Trail project which when completed will connect the downtown Gainesville to Gainesville State College, approximately a 15 mile loop. Two miles of the project are currently completed or in construction and another 2.5 miles are currently being designed. Surrounding communities have expressed an interest in tying in to the trail. The County should begin construction on phases I & II by December 2011.

6. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mr. Kassa gave an update of the Regional Travel Demand Model used to assist in the development of the 2040 MTP. Model updated inputs included socio-economic data, roadway improvements, and reconfigured Traffic Analysis Zones. He also presented maps indicating the Level of Service (LOS) on roads within the MPO boundary for base year 2008 and the 2040 forecast. He noted LOS F (heavily congested) major roads would become commonplace under a no-build scenario.

Mr. Carroll highlighted the completed steps of updating the 2008 base year to the 2040 population and employment forecasts with the Travel Demand Model (TDM). The next steps include finishing up the TDM, coordinating with FHWA, ARC and GDOT on the Financial Plan to match future revenue assumptions with projected project costs for TIP year projects and inflation rates outside the TIP years.

Mr. Yamala briefly discussed the draft project list and relayed that they had received requests for three new projects to be added. He said only the Tier I projects had funding but anticipates no major changes in projects because most of them have been on the list for years but have been pushed back due to lack of funding. The second public meeting is scheduled for March 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Georgia Mountains Center. Mr. Yamala mentioned that the project list has to be delivered to ARC by April 20 for inclusion in the 20-county air quality model and reminded that the 2040 MTP is scheduled to be adopted by August 9, 2011.

7. HB 277 Project List

Mr. Yamala showed the committee a letter from City of Gainesville Mayor Bruner to Hall County Commission Chairman Oliver listing the projects endorsed by the Hall County Joint Municipal Association. The projects submitted for consideration were developed by the MPO, Hall County Joint Municipal Association and Hall County Engineering. This list is not prioritized and has not yet been presented to the Hall County Commission.

Ms. Lewis-Moss mentioned that HAT would like the committee's support in adding additional funding for Para-transit Services for consideration to the unconstrained project list under HB 277. This service has high demand and primarily provides transportation for the elderly, disabled and financially challenged to travel to medical appointments, jobs and senior centers.

8. Amendment to the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Fee presented a TIP Amendment for the widening of US 129 from Talmo to SR 323 in Hall County. The ROW phase has been moved up from 2017 to 2011. He mentioned that State funds are being utilized, so for transparency reasons GDOT requested this change as an amendment.

MOTION: Mr. Yamala made a motion to approve the GHMPO 2008--2013 TIP Amendment with a second by Mr. Mahoney and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

9. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

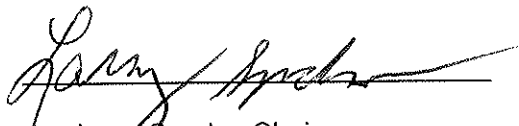
Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Dockery and Mr. Taylor for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Woodall for Hall County, Mr. Sparks for the City of Oakwood, Mr. Yamala for the City of Flowery Branch and Mr. Mahoney for GDOT.


10. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next TCC meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2011.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 12:10 p.m.


Larry Sparks, Chairman


Connie Daniels, Secretary