

GHMPO

Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Hall County Government Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Minutes of February 19, 2014 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Ken Rearden, Hall County
Kevin McInturff, Hall County
Jody Woodall, Hall County
David Dockery, City of Gainesville
John McHenry, City of Flowery Branch
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
Julia Billings, GDOT
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Sam Baker, GHMPO

Voting Members Absent:

Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville
Brent Cook, GDOT
Adam Hazell, GMRC
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Gainesville-Hall
Community Service Center

Others Present:

Chairman Richard Mecum, Hall County
Connie Daniels, Hall County
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville
Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville
Jim Von Essen, City of Gainesville
Tamara Christion, FHWA
Steve Cote, RS& H, Inc.
Jeff Gill, Gainesville Times

Richard Fangmann, Pond & Company
Joshua Stephens, GHCC
Kaycee Mertz, GDOT
Kim Coley, GDOT
Justin Lott, GDOT
Brandon Kirby, GDOT
David Fee, GHMPO

1. Welcome

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and introductions were made.

2. Approval of October 16, 2013 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the October 16, 2013, minutes with a second by Mr. McHenry, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. GHMPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Update

Mr. Fangmann reminded that the partial update will focus on expanding the multi-use trail network to existing or planned projects where possible while addressing plan goals. He suggested improvement strategies such as branding the trail network and a multi-jurisdictional implementation/maintenance plan. Recommendations will be considered for inclusion in the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update.

4. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Baker explained federal requirements mandate that metropolitan areas with nonattainment for air quality standards must update long-range transportation plans every four years. Technical staff representing member jurisdictions interviewed consultants for the 2040 MTP and will forward their findings to the Board of Commissioners at the February 27, 2014 meeting.

5. Recommendation to Approve GHMPO Planning Area Expansion

Mr. Baker presented a map depicting the proposed new planning boundary for the GHMPO. The 2010 Census showed urbanized areas growing within the Gainesville Urbanized Area (UZA) and expanding into neighboring Forsyth, Jackson and Gwinnett Counties. A portion of the Gainesville UZA in Forsyth County and Gwinnett County will fall under Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). The western portion of Jackson County is seeking approval to join the GHMPO. If approved, the GHMPO would have one new voting member, likely from the Town of Braselton, on the Technical Coordinating Committee, the Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Policy Committee.

MOTION: *Mr. Rearden made a motion to recommend approval of the GHMPO Planning Area Expansion with a second by Mr. Taylor, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

6. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. McHenry for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Taylor for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Brown for the City of Oakwood, Ms. Coley for GDOT and Mr. Woodall for Hall County.

7. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next TCC meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2014.

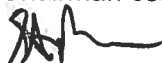
8. Other

The Annual Transportation Forum is Thursday, March 13, at the University of North Georgia, Gainesville Campus, Continuing Education Auditorium, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Speakers will include officials from the GDOT as well as representatives from the GHMPO.

This will be Mr. Taylor's last TCC meeting as a representative of the City of Gainesville as he is leaving to take a position as a transportation consultant.

9. Adjourn

The Chairman concluded the meeting at 11:34 a.m.



Stan Brown, Chairman



Connie Daniels, Secretary