



Gainesville - Hall

Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Braselton-Flowery Branch-Gainesville-Oakwood
Hall County-Jackson County

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Hall County Government Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Minutes of July 16, 2014 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Ken Rearden, Hall County
Kevin McInturff, Hall County
Jody Woodall, Hall County
Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville
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:

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

Others Present:

Richard Fangmann, Pond & Company
Brian Bolick, Pond & Company
Caleb Davidson, GMRC
Stan Aiken, City of Gainesville
Mayor James Nix, City of Clermont
Jennifer Dees, Town of Braselton
Jeff Gill, Gainesville Times
David Fee, GHMPO
Connie Daniels, Hall County

Kaycee Mertz, GDOT
Kim Coley, GDOT
Quinton Spann, GDOT
Bessie Reina, GDOT
Brandon Kirby, GDOT
Joshua Stephens, GHCC
Kevin Keller, Town of Braselton
Kevin Poe, Jackson County

1. Welcome

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

2. Approval of April 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Woodall made a motion to approve the April 16, 2014, minutes with a second by Mr. McInturff, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Bolick and Mr. Fangmann discussed the response they have received from meetings with staff, stakeholders, elected officials, and the public. There would be several more community workshops and public meetings before they present a final plan with prioritized recommendations to the MPO committees.

5. Recommend Approval of a Resolution Adopting Amendments to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the 2012–2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Baker recommended that the bridge projects, SR 369/Browns Bridge Rd. at Chattahoochee River (GH-57) and SR 53/Dawsonville Highway at Chestatee River (GH-063), be amended to reflect increased funding for right-of-way (ROW) phase for GH-057 and construction (CST) and preliminary engineering (PE) phase funding for GH-063 both in 2015. He announced that the City of Flowery Branch plans to use city funds and had obtained a grant/loan from the Georgia Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) to move the PE, ROW and CST phases of the Lights Ferry Connector from Snelling Ave./Church St. to Lights Ferry Rd./Mitchell St. (GH-065) to 2015. Lastly, Mr. Baker recommended amending the increase in funding the ROW in 2015 for SR 347/Lanier Islands Parkway from McEver Rd. to Lake Lanier Islands and move CST and utility (UTL) phases to 2015. A legal ad was published, and no public comments were received.

MOTION: *Mr. Yamala made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution adopting amendments to the 2040 MTP and the 2012-2017 TIP. The motion received a second from Mr. Rearden and passed by a unanimous vote.*

6. Recommend Approval of Functional Classification Changes to Hall County Road Network

Mr. Baker explained that every 10 years the U. S. census results define the urbanized areas and GDOT uses this data to review the roads in these areas to determine if their functional classifications need to be changed based upon how they operate at present.

TCC members formed a subcommittee to review the roads and classifications. This subcommittee devised a list of twelve roads providing justification as to why they should be reclassified. The proposed changes would be submitted to GDOT for review and consideration for reclassification by the FHWA.

MOTION: *Mr. Woodall made a motion to recommend approval of the functional classification changes to the Hall County road network with a second from Mr. Ligon, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

7. Recommend Approval of a Resolution of GHMPO 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and 2012 - 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in Conformance with the State Implementation Plan (SIP)

Mr. Baker explained that due to Hall County being part of the Atlanta air quality nonattainment area, the EPA asked GHMPO to draft a resolution acknowledging Atlanta's amendment of its TIP. No changes have been made to the GHMPO TIP and projects.

MOTION: *Mr. Yamala made a motion to recommend approval of a resolution of GHMPO 2040 MTP and 2012-2017 TIP in conformance with the SIP. The motion received a second from Mr. Woodall and passed by a unanimous vote.*

8. Recommend Approval of a Resolution Delegating Authority to the GHMPO Director to Sign Resolutions on Behalf of GHMPO Regarding GHMPO's Acknowledgement of TIP Amendments for other MPO's in the Atlanta Air Quality Nonattainment Area

Per Mr. Yamala, the approval of this resolution would simplify the processing of items such as stated in the previous resolution. It would delegate authority to the GHMPO Director to sign future resolutions in cases when a conformity analysis has been performed for the Atlanta nonattainment area, there have been no changes to the GHMPO TIP, and GHMPO programming documents are consistent with the new conformity analysis.

MOTION: *Mr. Rearden made a motion to recommend approval of a resolution delegating authority to the GHMPO Director to sign resolutions on behalf of the GHMPO regarding GHMPO's acknowledgement of TIP amendments for other MPOs in the Atlanta air quality nonattainment area. The motion received a second from Mr. McInturff and passed by a unanimous vote.*

9. Recommend Approval of Amendments to the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Bylaws

Mr. Fee explained that these recommended changes are due to a self-certification review performed by the FHWA and GDOT Planning and the GHMPO's expansion into western Jackson County. Representatives for the Town of Braselton and Jackson County have been added as voting members. The mayors of Clermont, Gillsville, Lula and Buford along with representatives of the police departments of Braselton and Buford have been added as non-voting members. FHWA also remarked that we needed detailed Emergency Committee Meeting procedures outlined in the bylaws.

Mr. Baker suggested a change to Article VI, item 4, 2nd sentence to read "Therefore, all **voting** members should designate alternates..." instead of "Therefore, all members should designate alternates..." Also, let Mr. Baker know who has been designated as alternates.

MOTION: *Mr. McInturff made a motion to recommend approval of the amendments to the TCC bylaws with the change to add "voting" members to Article VI, item 4, sentence 2. The motion received a second from Mr. Ligon and passed by a unanimous vote.*

10. Review of Amendments to the Public Participation Plan

Mr. Fee explained that these amendments are also a result of the self-certification review with FHWA and the expansion of boundaries into Jackson County. Representatives from Jackson County and the Town of Braselton have been added to the committees. FHWA had other comments that were quite extensive that are not reflected in this publication. Mr. Yamala stated they would bring back the updated document to the next meeting for review.

11. Complete Streets Policy for GHMPO

Mr. Brown expressed that he believes it is important for the TCC to adopt a resolution in the near future so they can make a recommendation to the Policy Committee to adopt a Complete Streets Policy. There was a consensus from the committee to move forward with this.

12. Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Implementation Study

Mr. Brown commented that the GHMPO partially updated its Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan but that plan is now sitting on a shelf with no funding allocated to it. He suggested that a sub-committee be formed to come up with strategies to identify and implement priority projects. There was a consensus from the members to form a sub-committee. Mr. Baker will schedule a meeting.

13. Discussion of Spout Springs Road Widening Project

Due to comments that were made at the last Policy Committee meeting, Mr. Brown expressed that all the projects on the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) are important; they are not in competition with other projects. He stressed that the TCC members need to make sure they are communicating with the PC members and providing them up-to-date technical information. Mr. Kirby reported that he can provide an updated report of all ongoing projects in the area. This information is also provided on GDOT's website.

14. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for FY 2015

MOTION: *Mr. Poe made a motion to nominate Stan Brown as chairman and Rusty Ligon as vice chairman with a second by Mr. Dockery, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

15. 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. Aiken for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Brown for the City of Oakwood, Ms. Dees for the Town of Braselton, Ms. Coley for GDOT, Mr. Davidson for GMRC, Mr. Woodall for Hall County, and Mr. Poe for Jackson County.

16. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next TCC meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2014.

17. Other

Mr. Yamala announced that the next Policy Committee would be held in Clermont at 10:30 a.m. on August 12. RSVPs for lunch are needed by July 25th.

Mr. Brown relayed that GDOT has a pavement management software program available on its website to provide assistance to the jurisdictions and agencies.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 12:02 p.m.



Stan Brown, Chairman



~~Connie Daniels, Secretary~~
David Fee Acting