



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 October 15, 2014 Meeting
11:00 AM

Voting Members Present:

Ken Rearden, Hall County
Kevin McInturff, Hall County
Jody Woodall, Hall County
Kevin Poe, Jackson County
Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville
John McHenry, City of Flowery Branch
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
Julia Billings, GDOT
Kim Coley, GDOT
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Sam Baker, GHMPO

Voting Members Absent:

Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville
David Dockery, City of Gainesville
Jennifer Dees, Town of Braselton
Adam Hazell, GMRC
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Gainesville-Hall
Community Service Center

Others Present:

Richard Fangmann, Pond & Company
Brian Bolick, Pond & Company
Eric Lusher, Pond & Company
Gina Roy, Jackson County
Stan Aiken, City of Gainesville
Rhonda Brady, City of Gainesville
David Fee, GHMPO

Kaycee Mertz, GDOT
Tamara Christian, GDOT
Mayor James Nix, City of Clermont
Joshua Stephens, GHCC
Robert Buckley, FHWA
Jeff Gill, Gainesville Times

1. Welcome

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of July 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. GHMPO Travel Demand Model Update

Mr. Baker relayed that GDOT has been working on the Regional Travel Demand Model, while Pond and Company has been helping develop the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. Federal legislation requires the LRTP be updated every four years and cover a minimum of 20 years. The plan will be adopted by August 2015. Mr. Baker explained how the Travel Demand Model determines the impact and effectiveness of proposed transportation projects.

GHMPO must provide GDOT a financially constrained project list by November 24 for GDOT to build the model. This financially constrained model shows the money GHMPO reasonably expects to be available based on identified funding sources. A similar list must be provided to the Atlanta Regional Commission by February 2015 so they can develop an air quality model for air quality conformity.

5. Recommend Approval of an Update to the Participation Plan

Federal regulations require that the GHMPO update the Participation Plan every five years to ensure the needs of citizens are being addressed. FWHA reviewed the GHMPO Participation Plan and provided beneficial feedback and suggestions. Mr. Fee summarized the major revisions that were made to the Participation Plan with the assistance of GDOT Planning.

MOTION: *Mr. McHenry made a motion to recommend approval of the Participation Plan Update and the motion received a second from Mr. Rearden and passed by a unanimous vote.*

6. Recommend Approval of an Amendment to the 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Baker recommended that this amendment be approved to carry over PL and Section 5303 funds that were left over from the previous fiscal year. The funds will be used to update the LRTP and the transit portion of the LRTP this fiscal year.

MOTION: *Mr. Ligon made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the 2015 UPWP with a second from Mr. Woodall and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

7. Recommend Approval of Hall County Trails Initiative

Mr. Brown explained that the GHMPO had completed a Bike Pedestrian Plan in 2006 and updated it this year. The plan focused on building a network of trails in Hall County and its municipalities to provide mobility for bicyclists and pedestrians. A sub-committee was formed to come up with strategies to identify and implement projects to make this a viable plan. The committees' goals are to develop a vision, mission and an organizational structure. Stakeholders, partners and a group leader are needed to make this successful. Mr. Brown discussed existing trails and the need to link them together into a network. A list of recommendations will be submitted to the Policy Committee for adoption.

Mr. Baker will be attending the Georgia Bikes Summit in Columbus on October 24-25 and give a presentation on Hall County's Trails Initiative.

MOTION: *Mr. Ligon made a motion to recommend approval of the Hall County Trails Initiative with a second from Mr. McInturff and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

8. 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. Coley for GDOT, Mr. Woodall for Hall County and Mr. Poe for Jackson County.

9. Upcoming Meeting Dates

The next regular scheduled meeting of the TCC is January 21, 2015.

The third and fourth Community Meetings for the 2040 RTP Update will be held on November 6 and January 8.

10. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman.



Stan Brown, Chairman



David Fee, Acting Secretary