

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 January 21, 2015 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

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

Voting Members Absent:

Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville
David Dockery, City of Gainesville
Jennifer Dees, Town of Braselton
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Gainesville-Hall
Community Service Center

Others Present:

Eric Lusher, Pond & Company
Mayor James Nix, City of Clermont
Stan Aiken, City of Gainesville
Josh Stephens, GHCC
David Fee, GHMPO

Kaycee Mertz, GDOT
Eileen Schwartz-Washington, GDOT
Matthew Fowler, GDOT
Jeff Gill, The Times
Connie Daniels, Hall County

1. Welcome

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

2. Approval of October 30, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Rearden made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 30, 2014, with a second by Mr. McInturff, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Review of Draft FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Baker explained the UPWP highlights the work the MPO accomplished in FY 2015,, the tasks for the upcoming fiscal year, and the budget amount for each sub-work element. This document is for review only; it will be presented again at the next meeting for TCC's recommendation for approval. The amount of planning funds could change based on the

actual amount received from the federal government due to the upcoming lapse of funding at the end of May.

4. Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan 2015 Update

Mr. Lusher gave an overview of the progress made on the transportation plan update and presented a financially-constrained project list. This project list has been sent to GDOT and ARC for modeling and air quality conformity analysis. After the required public review and comment period, they expect to present the finalized plan to the committees for adoption in May.

5. Hall County Trails Initiative Status Update

Mr. Brown announced that the Vision 2030 Green Space Committee (a community project sponsored by the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce) volunteered to lead the Hall County Trails Initiative. The MPO will continue to advise them as they move the project forward. Vision 2030 representatives will give a presentation on the initiative to local governments and the Policy Committee in the near future.

6. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives shared the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. McHenry for the City of Flowery Branch, Ms. Brady for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Brown for the City of Oakwood, Ms. Coley for GDOT, Mr. Hazell for GMRC, Mr. Woodall for Hall County, and Mr. Poe for Jackson County.

7. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next TCC meeting will be on April 15, 2015.


8. Other

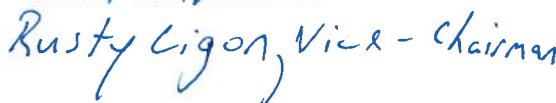
Mr. Stephens announced the Annual Transportation Forum will be on March 12, 2015, at the University of North Georgia, Gainesville Campus. Representatives from GDOT and the GHMPO will be speaking.

Mr. Baker relayed that Federal Railroad Administration and GDOT have been researching high speed passenger rail routes from Atlanta to Charlotte to improve intercity travel and mobility. This would be an extension of the Southeast High-Speed Rail Corridor which is under development from Charlotte to Washington, D.C.

9. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m. by the Chairman.



Stan Brown, Chairman

Rusty Ligon, Vice-Chairman



Connie Daniels, Secretary