



# *Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization*

**GHMPO**

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

## **TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Hall County Government Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Minutes of April 15, 2015 Meeting

### **Voting Members Present:**

Jody Woodall, Hall County  
John McHenry, City of Flowery Branch  
Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville  
Rhonda Brady, City of Gainesville  
Julia Billings, GDOT  
Brandon Kirby, GDOT  
Jennifer Dees, Town of Braselton  
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO  
Sam Baker, GHMPO

### **Voting Members Absent:**

Ken Rearden, Hall County  
Kevin McInturff, Hall County  
Kevin Poe, Jackson County  
David Dockery, City of Gainesville  
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood  
Kim Coley, GDOT  
Adam Hazell, GMRC  
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Gainesville-Hall  
Community Service Center

### **Others Present:**

Chairman Richard Mecum, Hall County  
Eric Lusher, Pond & Company  
Richard Fangmann, Pond & Company  
Mayor James Nix, City of Clermont  
Stan Aiken, City of Gainesville  
Philip Bonelli, Vision 2030 Greenspace  
Committee

Kaycee Mertz, GDOT  
David Fee, GHMPO  
Connie Daniels, Hall County  
Gina Roy, Jackson County  
Jeff Gill, The Times

### **1. Welcome**

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

### **2. Approval of January 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** *Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2015, meeting with a second from Mr. McHenry, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

### **3. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**4. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Adopting the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): 2015 Update, Associated FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Related Conformity Determination Report (CDR)**

Mr. Baker suggested that the TCC recommend adoption of the Gainesville-Hall RTP: 2015 Update, associated FY 2016–2019 TIP, and related CDR to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Fangmann and Mr. Lusher presented an overview of the steps taken to develop the financially constrained project list presented in the Gainesville-Hall RTP update.

***MOTION:*** Mr. Woodall made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution adopting the Gainesville-Hall RTP: 2015 Update, associated FY 2016–2019 TIP and related CDR with a second from Mr. McHenry, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**5. Recommend Approval of the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Mr. Baker explained the UPWP highlights the work the MPO accomplished in FY 2015 and outlines the tasks it plans to undertake in the upcoming fiscal year.

***MOTION:*** Mr. McHenry made a motion to recommend approval of the FY 2016 UPWP with a second from Mr. Woodall, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**6. Recommend Approval of an Amendment to the Title VI Program and Environmental Justice (EJ) Analysis**

Mr. Fee relayed that this amendment was made to conform to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) guidelines. Changes include the bilingual language added to public notices and the complaint form written in both English and Spanish.

***MOTION:*** Mr. Woodall made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the Title VI Program and EJ Analysis with a second from Ms. Dees, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**7. Recommend Approval of Complete Streets Policy for the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO)**

Mr. Baker stated that this policy puts the GHMPO on the record that it values multiple modes of transportation and will consider the needs of all users including bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users, not only drivers in the planning, design, and construction of transportation infrastructure in the MPO region.

***MOTION:*** Mr. Yamala made a motion to recommend approval of the Complete Streets Policy for the GHMPO with a second from Ms. Billings, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

## 8. Transportation Funding Act

Mr. Yamala briefed the committee on HB 170, which was passed by the Georgia legislators on March 31 and goes into effect on July 1, 2015. Potentially, this will provide \$900 million in additional funds annually that will be allocated throughout the State.

## 9. 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, Ms. Dees for the Town of Braselton, Mr. Kirby for GDOT, Mr. Woodall for Hall County, and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

## 10. Upcoming Meeting Date

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

## 11. Other

Mr. Bonelli presented three potential names ("Highlands to Islands", "Foothills Greenway" or "Foothills Trail") and two logos to the committee for its consideration in naming the Hall County trail system.


## 12. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 11:28 a.m.



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Rusty Ligon, Vice Chairman



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Connie Daniels, Secretary