



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 14, 2015 Meeting**

Voting Members Present:

Gina Roy, Jackson County
John McHenry, City of Flowery Branch
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
Jennifer Dees, Town of Braselton
Kim Coley, GDOT
Julia Billings, GDOT
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Sam Baker, GHMPO

Voting Members Absent:

Kevin McInturff, Hall County
Ken Rearden, Hall County
Jody Woodall, Hall County
Rhonda Brady, City of Gainesville
David Dockery, City of Gainesville
Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville
Adam Hazell, GMRC
Stu Ballenger, HAT

Others Present:

Teri Pope, GDOT
Tamara Christian, FHWA
Jeff Gill, The Times
David Fee, GHMPO

Kaycee Mertz, GDOT
Wayne Stradley, GHMPO CAC
Brian Stewart, WDUN
Connie Daniels, Hall County

1. Welcome

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

2. Approval of July 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2015 meeting, with a second from Ms. Dees, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Drive Alert Arrive Alive Campaign

Ms. Pope spoke passionately about the Drive Alert Arrive Alive campaign's focus on reducing fatalities on Georgia roadways. Georgia has had an epidemic of crashes this year with fatalities up 13%. Distracted driving due to drugs, alcohol, drowsiness, phones and other devices is a major issue. The message from GDOT is to discipline oneself to prevent accidents.

5. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Amending FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Baker reported that there was approximately \$116,000 carried over from FY 2015 and added to the FY 2016 budget. The MPO staff recommends the allocation of \$158,000 for a corridor study of Green Street.

MOTION: *Mr. Yamala made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution amending the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program, with a second from Mr. Brown, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

6. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Amending the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Update and the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Fee discussed the six projects that have been changed. Mr. Baker explained that four bridge projects were being added to the financially constrained RTP that were not in the plan. GDOT identified bridge bond funds that had not been previously available. Because of this change, the RTP and the TIP were being amended revising dollar amounts. GHMPO staff recommended approval of the amendment.

MOTION: *Mr. Brown made a motion to recommend approval of the Resolution amending the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan update and the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program, with a second from Ms. Dees, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

7. Recommend Approval of an Update to Title VI Program and Environmental Justice Analysis

Mr. Baker explained that due to the inclusion of part of Jackson County into the GHMPO, Ms. Shi, the MPO intern, had updated the Title VI Program and Environment Justice Analysis to meet federal guidelines and ensure funds are being used for the benefit of everyone, not just a select few. The document was presented to the FTA, FHWA and GDOT for comments, and there was a 30-day public comment period. Modifications were made based on those comments and suggestions, and the staff recommended approval of the updated document.

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

8. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives shared the status of transportation projects underway by their jurisdictions: Mr. McHenry for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Brown for the City of Oakwood, Ms. Dees for the Town of Braselton, Ms. Coley for GDOT, and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

9. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next TCC meeting will be on February 17, 2016.

10. Other

Mr. Fee announced that this will be his last MPO meeting as he accepted a planning position in San Angelo, Texas.

Mr. Stradley stated the CAC by-laws call for a liaison between the CAC and TCC. Mr. Yamala explained that Mr. Baker or himself assumes that responsibility and relays the information to the CAC.

11. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m. with a second from Ms. Dees and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.



John McHenry, Chairman



Connie Daniels, Secretary