



GHMPO

Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

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

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Hall County Government Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Minutes of February 17, 2016 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Gina Roy, Jackson County
John McHenry, City of Flowery Branch
Rhonda Brady, City of Gainesville
Jessica Tullar, City of Gainesville
Julia Billings, GDOT
Brandon Kirby, GDOT
Adam Hazell, GMRC
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Sam Baker, GHMPO

Voting Members Absent:

Kevin McInturff, Hall County
Ken Rearden, Hall County
Jennifer Dees, City of Braselton
David Dockery, City of Gainesville
Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
Stu Ballenger, HAT

Others Present:

Kaycee Mertz, GDOT
Tamara Christion, FHWA
Dean Staples, City of Gainesville
Brian Bolick, Atkins
Jeff Gill, The Times

Anne Chenault, Citizen
Wayne Stradley, GHMPO CAC
Tommy McElroy, City of Gainesville
Jennie Agerton, SEI
Connie Daniels, Hall County

1. Welcome

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

2. Approval of October 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Yamala made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2015, meeting with a second from Ms. Brady, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Public Comments

Anne Chenault spoke regarding the proposed realignment of Enota Avenue (project # GH-101). She cited reasons the neighborhood is opposed to this project and presented other scenarios that they believe would be more suitable routes.

4. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Amending the Participation Plan

Mr. Baker relayed that the MPO had received a request from GDOT stating the Federal Transit Administration had requested wording be added to the Participation Plan detailing the public involvement process for the Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION: Mrs. Tullar made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution amending the Participation Plan with a second from Mr. Yamala, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Amending FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Baker explained GDOT Office of Planning had requested the amendment of right-of-way cost from \$750,000 to \$1.2 million for the bridge project on SR 11 at the Chattahoochee River.

Ms. Billings added that the utility cost of Atlanta Highway widening (PI# 132950, GH-021) would be increasing from \$3.3 million to \$4.95 million. Mr. Yamala noted they will have to advertise this change, but can make it a part of this resolution.

MOTION: Mr. Yamala made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution amending the FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program with a second from Mrs. Brady, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Green Street Corridor Study Status Update

Mr. Bolick announced they are in their third month of the Green Street Corridor study and presented a time table of when and what they hope to accomplish during that time. Their study will include the conditions of the roads, what is under the roads, underground utilities, drainage, soil conditions, trees, and potential historical assets. This study is a joint effort between the City of Gainesville, GDOT, and the MPO.

7. Overview of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act

This is the first major transportation authorization since 2005. Mr. Baker discussed the highlights of the new FAST Act transportation funding act signed into law by the president in December 2015, with spending obligations of \$281 billion for highways, mass transit, and highway and motor carrier safety. As more information and regulations are released, the information will be given to the MPO committees.

There is increased emphasis on freight infrastructure development and improvements and there will be grants available to meet these needs. Mr. Yamala suggested the MPO work on a freight study and devise a list of needed projects throughout Hall and Jackson Counties.

8. Crash Profiles of Hall County & Jackson County

Crash data from 2011 through 2015 of Hall County and Jackson County obtained from the Georgia Electronic Accident Reporting System (GEARS) developed by GDOT was presented by Mr. Baker. GEARS provides extensive information on total number of crashes, fatal crashes, injuries, location, month, day, time, contributing factors, age, gender, etc.

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, Mr. Baker for the City of Oakwood, Mr. Hazell for GMRC, and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

10. Upcoming Meeting Date

The next TCC meeting will be on April 20, 2016.

11. Other

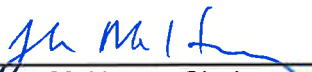
Mr. Stradley summarized the accomplishments of the Citizens Advisory Committee over the last few months.

Mr. Baker explained that MAP-21 and FAST Act require that the MPO develop a Long Range Transportation Plan. As part of this process, the FHWA requires that MPOs set specific goals and objectives that are measurable, track their process and report on the overall results of these performance measures.

Mr. Baker announced that residual planning funds from FHWA can no longer automatically roll over. The MPO will be given a set amount of funds and if additional funds are wanted for studies or analysis the MPO will have to make a case explaining why we need the funds and what they will be used for.

12. Adjourn

MOTION: *Ms. Brady made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. with a second from Mrs. Tullar, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*



John McHenry, Chairman



Connie Daniels, Secretary