



# *Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization*

## **GHMPO**

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

### **TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE** Hall County Government Center, HR Training Room Minutes of October 10, 2018 Meeting

#### **Voting Members Present:**

BR White, City of Oakwood  
Brandon Kirby, GDOT  
Phil Peevy, GDOT  
Johnathan McLoyd, GDOT  
Kevin McInturff, Hall County  
Denise Farr, Hall County  
Gina Roy, Jackson County  
Jennifer Scott, Town of Braselton  
Sam Baker, GHMPO  
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch  
Rhonda Brady, City of Gainesville

#### **Voting Members Absent:**

Ken Rearden, Hall County  
Adam Hazell, GMRC  
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville  
Angela Sheppard, City of Gainesville  
Scott Puckett, Hall County  
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO  
Phillippa Lewis Moss, HAT

#### **Others Present:**

Joseph Boyd, GHMPO  
Emily Foote, Hall County  
Britt Storck, Alta Planning + Design  
Scott Frederick, GDOT  
Kim Coley, GDOT  
Judy Prince, GDOT  
Ed Edwards, GHMPO CAC  
Madison Hickey, GHCC

Darlene Long, Citizen  
Gina Pilcher, Citizen  
Robin Terrell, Citizen  
Tricia Terrell, Citizen  
Adam Ivory, CDM Smith  
Mike Crawford, Atkins  
Richard Fangmann, Pond  
Caleb Hutchins, WDUN  
Megan Reed, The Times

#### **1. Welcome**

Mr. McInturff opened the meeting at 10:30 AM, and introductions were made.

#### **2. Election of TCC Chair and Vice Chair**

Mr. White was nominated as Chair, and Ms. Brady was nominated as Vice Chair. Both accepted their nominations.

**MOTION:** Mr. Baker made a motion to elect Mr. White as Chair and Ms. Brady as Vice Chair of the TCC, with a second from Mr. McInturff, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **3. Approval of July 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Ms. Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting, with a second from Ms. Brady, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **4. Recommend Approval of the Draft Resolution Approving Amendment #2 to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Baker stated that the Georgia Department of Transportation has requested the GHMPO to amend its Transportation Improvement Program in order to change the limit of the I-85 widening project GH-109/GDOT PI#0013545. The previous limit was I-85 from north of SR 211/Old Winder Highway to north of US 129/SR11/Lee Street. The new limit will be I-85 from north of SR 53/Winder Highway to north of US 129/SR 11/Lee Street. The change in project limit also required a Conformity Determination Report to be run in order to show the change in scope would not adversely affect the air quality of the region.

**MOTION:** Ms. Brady made a motion to approve the Draft Resolution Recommending Approval of Amendment #2 to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, with a second from Mr. McInturff, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **5. Gainesville Trail Study & South Hall Trail Study Update**

Mr. Boyd introduced Ms. Storck from Alta Planning + Design. Ms. Storck gave an update on the Gainesville Trail and South Hall Trail studies outlining upcoming opportunities for public involvement in the studies, as well as information on the analyses, implementation strategies, and prioritization of potential segments of the two trails and maintenance strategies.

Mr. Terrell asked why the airport connector segment ranked low on the prioritization strategy results when it will link already established sections of the trail together. Ms. Storck answered that the criteria for the prioritization strategy involved looking at if a segment of trail will grant access to certain places such as schools, which result in a higher prioritization ranking. Ms. Storck added that the study team wants to get feedback on what sections the public thinks should be prioritized and that prioritization ranking did not always equal when a segment would get built.

Ms. Long asked if there are any plans to connect to the Mulberry Creek Community Center in South Hall. Ms. Storck answered that this plan is to set the groundwork for a trail system and side connector trails could be added at a later time. Ms. Long asked what safety measures would be put in place on Thurmon Tanner Parkway. Ms. Storck answered that they are looking into intersection improvements to change the turning radius for cars as well as increasing the buffer between the road and the trail.

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## **6. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports**

Representatives shared the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Andrew for the City of Flowery Branch, Ms. Brady for the City of Gainesville, Mr. White for the City of Oakwood, Ms. Scott for the Town of Braselton, Mr. Kirby for the Georgia Department of Transportation, Ms. Farr for Hall County, and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

## **7. Upcoming Meeting Date: February 20, 2019**

## **8. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

## **9. Other**

### Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update

Mr. Baker explained that by federal regulations, GHMPO has to update its Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) by June 2020. He informed the Committee that a Request for Proposals (RFP) has been issued seeking proposals from consultants by October 30<sup>th</sup> to undertake this project. A consultant is expected to be contracted by December 2018 to start work in January 2019. Mr. Baker outlined the breakdown of funding and presented a plan on how each local jurisdiction can meet its required local-match through in-kind hours of staff time spent on the RTP update. If the in-kind hours tracked do not meet the percentage of match required for that particular jurisdiction (which is based upon that jurisdiction's population located within the urbanized area of the MPO), that jurisdiction will be required to make up the difference in a cash payment at the end of the study.

### Micro-Transit Feasibility Study

Mr. Baker informed the Committee that GHMPO has partnered with Hall Area Transit to conduct a Micro-Transit Feasibility Study to explore the feasibility of micro-transit service such as Uber, Lyft, etc. to either replace or supplement Hall Area Transit's current demand response service called Dial-A-Ride and fixed route service called Gainesville Connection in light of potential reduced federal funding for our transit service following the 2020 census.

### GHMPO Rebranding Initiative

Mr. Baker explained that the GHMPO has contracted with Forum Communications to design a new logo and branding. He stated that once a new logo has been drafted, the GHMPO website will be updated to match the new brand. Mr. Baker stated that a number of the voting members of the TCC have already been or will be contacted by Forum Communications to seek input on the new logo.

**10. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Ms. Roy made a motion to conclude the meeting at 11:18 AM, with a second from Ms. Brady, and the meeting was concluded.



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B.R. White, Chairman



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Emily Foote, Secretary