

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Hall County Government Center, HR Training Room
Minutes of January 16, 2019 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

BR White, City of Oakwood
Brandon Kirby, GDOT
Phil Peevy, GDOT
Kevin McInturff, Hall County
Denise Farr, Hall County
Sam Baker, GHMPO
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch
Rhonda Brady, City of Gainesville
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville
Angela Sheppard, City of Gainesville
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Justin Crighton, Jackson County

Voting Members Absent:

Ken Rearden, Hall County
Adam Hazell, GMRC
Phillippa Lewis Moss, HAT
Jennifer Scott, Town of Braselton


Others Present:

Joseph Boyd, GHMPO
Emily Foote, Hall County
Sarah McQuade, Hall County
Johnathan McLoyd, GDOT
Scott Frederick, GDOT
Kim Coley, GDOT
Judy Prince, GDOT
Tony Herdener, Green Space Committee
Amy Bradford, Elachee
Zhang Huang, Atkins
Brian Whalen, SWFG
Matt Horton, Citizen
Donna Horton, Citizen

Kenneth Farris, Citizen
Sylvia Farris, Citizen
Johnete Marie Jones, Citizen
Marjorie Cooper, Citizen
Oliver McClellan, Citizen
Lorine Morris, Citizen
Arthur W. Cooper, Citizen
Susan Barcus, Citizen
Micky Dutton, Citizen
Merce Bolling, Citizen
Jim Bolling, Citizen
Lyne Agnes, Citizen

1. Welcome

Mr. White opened the meeting at 10:32 AM.



2. Approval of October 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Yamala made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2018 meeting, with a second from Mr. Andrew, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Supporting the 2019 State Targets for Safety Performance Management

Mr. Baker stated that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has established new state performance targets for safety performance management. The Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO) is now presented with the option to either adopt the same state targets for our MPO region or set our own performance targets, and do so by executing a resolution by February 27, 2019, per requirement from the Federal Highway Administration.

Mr. Andrew added that the City of Flowery Branch would be interested in hosting other area police departments to discuss how to handle speed enforcement and how it impacts regional safety.

MOTION: Mr. Yamala made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution supporting the 2019 state targets for safety performance management, with a second from Mr. Rotalsky, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Supporting the 2019-2022 State Performance Targets for Transit Asset Management

Mr. Baker informed that the Georgia Department of Transportation has established state performance targets for transit asset management (TAM) for the small urban areas' transit providers. GHMPO has incorporated such TAM targets into its planning documents. He suggested that the Committee recommend approval of a resolution adopting the state TAM performance targets for the GHMPO region.

MOTION: Ms. Brady made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution supporting the 2019-2022 state performance targets for transit asset management, with a second from Mr. McInturff, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. Recommend Approval of an Amendment to the FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Boyd stated that the Unified Planning Work Program for the current fiscal year is being amended to show that additional federal funds have been received and added to GHMPO's budget to undertake the update of the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan. In addition, GHMPO would conduct a Sign and Speed Study, in coordination with the City of Flowery Branch, and would share the study cost from its current fiscal year budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Lynne Agnes of 6706 Birch Bark Way expressed concern about drivers not stopping at the four-way stop sign located at Capitola Farm Road, Lake Sterling Boulevard, and Rivergreen Road and asked if the study would look into this. Mr. Andrew

responded that the City of Flowery Branch, as part of the Sign and Speed Study, would look at all the signage in the city, and make recommendations on what need to be done.

MOTION: Ms. Sheppard made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program, with a second from Mr. Baker, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Review the First Draft of the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Baker presented the first draft of the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for review and comment. In FY 2020, GHMPO would complete a federally-required update of the regional transportation plan, develop a new 2021-2024 transportation improvement program, and update GHMPO's website following a rebranding initiative. This UPWP has been sent to the Georgia Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration for review and comment. It would go through a 30-day public comment period and be presented again at the next round of MPO committee meetings before it is scheduled to be adopted in May 2019.

7. Recommend Approval of the Resolutions Adopting the Gainesville Trail Study and the South Hall Trail Study Reports

Mr. Boyd presented the Gainesville Trail Study report and its recommendations for alignment to connect existing trails in Gainesville.

Motion: Ms. Sheppard made a motion to recommend approval of the Gainesville Trail Study, with a second from Mr. Yamala, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Next, Mr. Boyd presented the South Hall Trail Study report and its recommendations for alignment to connect existing trails in southern Hall County. There were comments made by several area residents, and a discussion followed on a trail proposed along Bragg Road within public right-of-way. The following individuals spoke in opposition to the Bragg Road Trail segment within the South Hall Trail Study: Susan Barcus, Jim Bolling, Oliver McLellan, Marie Jones, and Merce Bolling. The following individuals spoke in favor of the South Hall Trail Study: Brian Whalen, Phil Benalli, and Tony Herdener. Matt Horton spoke in opposition to the proposed Blackjack Rd. trailhead. Lynn Agnes spoke regarding safety concerns along Capitola Farms Rd.

Motion: Mr. Yamala made a motion to recommend approval of the South Hall Trail Study, with a second from Mr. Andrew, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

8. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Requesting PL Funds for the State Route 365/Jesse Jewell Parkway Traffic Impact Study

Mr. Rotalsky proposed conducting a study to assess the future impacts of the new campus for Lanier Technical College, the future development of a 104-acre inland port to be constructed in northern Hall County along State Route 365 as well as various other developments in the area. The proposed study would recommend what transportation infrastructure improvements need to be made to mitigate the impacts of these new

developments. Mr. Baker added that GHMPO has the opportunity to submit an application to GDOT requesting federal transportation planning funds for such a study in March. To submit an application, a resolution from our Policy Committee along with commitment to provide 20% local cash match is required. The City of Gainesville has indicated that it has the necessary funds and will provide the required local match.

MOTION: Mr. Baker made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution requesting PL funds for the State Route 365/Jesse Jewell Parkway Traffic Impact Study, with a second from Ms. Sheppard, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

9. Dawsonville Highway-McEver Road Connectivity Study Results & Recommendations

Mr. Cote, consultant with RS&H contracted to conduct the study, presented the results of the study, the various alternatives considered to alleviate traffic congestion at the Dawsonville Highway-McEver Road intersection and in its vicinity, and the study's recommendations.

10. Review & Selection of a Potential New Logo for the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

Mr. Yamala discussed the background of the rebranding initiative for GHMPO and presented the result of a recent poll sent to the TCC voting members (one per local jurisdiction) to rank their preference among three potential new logos. He stated that this poll result would be shared with the Policy Committee who would make the final decision on the new logo at its February 12, 2019 meeting.

Mr. McInturff stated for the record that he liked the logo of top polled choice but the font of the second choice. Mr. Crighton stated that the third choice logo should change its color to match the colors used in the other two logo options.

11. Jurisdiction & Agency Reports

Due to time constraints, the following representatives stated they would send their reports to GHMPO staff after the meeting: Rhonda Brady for the City of Gainesville, Denise Farr for Hall County, Justin Crighton for Jackson County, Bill Andrew for the City of Flowery Branch, and Kim Coley for GDOT.

These jurisdiction and agency reports will be provided to the Citizens Advisory Committee at its January 31, 2019 meeting.

12. Upcoming Meeting Date: April 18, 2019

13. Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

14. Other

Mr. Baker commented that the kickoff meeting for the Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update was at 1 PM on January 16, 2019. He also commented that he had sent out an email with information regarding a trail and streetscape improvement funding opportunity through GDOT.

Mr. McLoyd informed that GHMPO has until March 29, 2019 to submit 2015 base year socioeconomic data for Hall County to GDOT for its review and concurrence.

15. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Rotalsky made a motion to conclude the meeting at 12:06 PM, with a second from Mr. McInturff, and the meeting was concluded.



B.R. White, Chairman



Emily Foote, Secretary