

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Hall County Government Center, HR Training Room
Minutes of April 18, 2019 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

BR White, City of Oakwood
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
Matt Tarver, City of Gainesville
Justin Crighton, Jackson County
Adam Hazell, GMRC
Phillippa Lewis Moss, HAT
Jennifer Scott, Town of Braselton

Voting Members Absent:

Ken Rearden, Hall County
Brandon Kirby, GDOT
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville
Angela Sheppard, City of Gainesville
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO

Others Present:

Joseph Boyd, GHMPO
Emily Foote, Hall County
Sarah McQuade, Hall County
Sandy Weinel, Town of Braselton

Zhang Huang, Atkins
Jeff Gill, The Times

1. Welcome

Mr. White opened the meeting at 10:34 AM.

2. Approval of January 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Brady made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting, with a second from Mr. Hazell, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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

Mr. Boyd stated that an application requesting federal transportation planning funds for the State Route 365/Jesse Jewell Parkway Traffic Impact Study was approved. He added that the Federal Highway Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation require that the budget be updated in the current UPWP showing the addition of the \$160,000 federal grant.

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

4. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Adopting the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Boyd stated that the Draft FY 2020 UPWP describes the planning projects, studies and activities GHMPO will undertake in FY 2020. He added that this is the second of two reviews of the draft document by the Technical Coordinating Committee after it was sent to the Georgia Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration for review and comment, and their comments have been incorporated. Mr. Boyd stated that the required 30-day public comment period was conducted from March 3 through April 2, 2019, and no public comments were received.

MOTION: Mr. Baker made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution adopting the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program, with a second from Ms. Lewis Moss, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Adopting the Dawsonville Highway-McEver Road Connectivity Study Report

Mr. Baker stated that RS&H presented the results of the Dawsonville Highway-McEver Road Connectivity Study at the last meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee in January 2019. Following that presentation, the consultant has prepared a report summarizing the study findings. Mr. Baker suggested that the Committee recommend approval of the resolution adopting the study report.

MOTION: Ms. Brady made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution adopting the Dawsonville Highway-McEver Road Connectivity Study Report, with a second from Ms. Lewis Moss, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update

Mr. Cote with RS&H reported on the federally-required update of the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan. The update was undertaken in January 2019. The project team has since collected various data, prepared 2015 base year socio-economic data, started an online survey to be open until June 9th, and engaged in several citizen engagement events. The team is preparing an existing conditions report and developing

2050 future year socio-economic data for submission to Georgia DOT. The team is also planning additional public engagement activities. The most important element of this plan update will be the development of a financially-constrained project list by September 30, 2019. The update is scheduled for adoption by June 2020.

7. Micro-Transit Feasibility Study

Ms. Lewis Moss presented the results of the Micro-Transit Feasibility Study, completed in February 2019, which explored the feasibility of ride-share services, such as Uber and Lyft, to provide transit service in Hall County in light of the expected reclassification of Gainesville as a “large urbanized area” after the 2020 Census and the potential cut in federal transit operations funding as a result. The Study recommended replacing the existing Dial-A-Ride demand response service and three underperforming fixed route services of the Gainesville Connection with ride-share service.

8. New or Additional Requirement for PL Funds Application Process

Mr. Baker informed that the Federal Highway Administration has added a new or additional requirement to future MPO applications for additional federal transportation planning (PL) funds. This new or additional requirement is that any proposed PL-funded studies be discussed at least twice on two separate occasions and provide documentation of such discussions with future applications. He added that GHMPO already meets or exceeds this two-discussion minimum requirement.

9. 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, Ms. Scott for the Town of Braselton, Mr. Hazell for GMRC, Ms. Lewis Moss for Hall Area Transit, Ms. Farr for Hall County, and Mr. Crighton for Jackson County.

10. Upcoming Meeting Date: July 10, 2019

11. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

12. Other: Election of TCC Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2020

MOTION: Ms. Moss made a motion to nominate Mr. Hazell for Chair and Ms. Scott for Vice Chair of the TCC for FY 2020, with a second from Mr. McInturff and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

13. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Hazell made a motion to conclude the meeting at 11:41 AM, with a second from Ms. Lewis Moss, and the meeting was concluded.


Adam Hazell, Chairman


Joseph Boyd, Transportation Planning Director