

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Hall County Government Center, HR Training Room
Minutes of July 10, 2019 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Brandon Kirby, GDOT
Jonathan McLoyd, GDOT
Ken Rearden, Hall County
Kevin McInturff, Hall County
Frank Miller, Hall County
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch
Angela Sheppard, City of Gainesville
Matt Tarver, City of Gainesville
Gina Roy, Jackson County
Adam Hazell, GMRC
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO

Voting Members Absent:

Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville
Jennifer Scott, Town of Braselton
BR White, City of Oakwood
Phillippa Lewis Moss, HAT

Others Present:

Sam Baker, GHMPO
Laura Ogletree, Hall County
Sarah McQuade, Hall County
Scott Puckett, Hall County
Rich Atkinson, City of Flowery Branch
Megan Reed, The Times

Steve Cote, RS&H
Rich Edinger, CPL
Habte Kassa, GDOT
Sarah Lamothe, GDOT
Sue Anne Decker, GDOT

1. Welcome

Mr. Hazell opened the meeting at 10:32 AM. The attendees went through a round of introductions.

2. Approval of April 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Rearden made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2019 meeting, with a second from Mr. Andrew, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Recommend Approval of an Amendment to the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan: 2015 Update

Mr. Boyd stated that, at the request of GDOT, the proposed Amendment #6 would split the widening of Cleveland Highway/SR 11/US 129(project no. GH-020) into three phases:

- Phase I: Cleveland Highway from Lakeview Street to south of Nopone Road (GH-020A)
- Phase II: Cleveland Highway from Brittany Court to south of Lakeview Street (GH-020B)
- Phase III: Cleveland Highway from Limestone Parkway to north of Brittany Court (GH-020C)

In addition, the three phases listed above be moved from the long-term phase (2033-2040) of the plan to the mid-term phase (2024-2032) for implementation.

Mr. Kirby asked whether Phase II and III could be combined into one since they would be funded at the same time between 2025 and 2029. Mr. McLoyd responded that the GDOT Planning Office would look into this and follow up. While GDOT looks into whether Phase II and Phase III could be merged into one phase, Mr. Hazell suggested that the Committee make a recommendation on the three phases being proposed.

MOTION: Mr. Yamala made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan, with a second from Mr. Rearden, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Recommend Approval of an Amendment to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Boyd stated that if the amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan above is approved, this amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) would need to be approved as well. He added that the proposed amendment would drop the widening of Cleveland Highway (GH-020) from the current 2018-2021 TIP for implementation beyond the current TIP's period.

MOTION: Mr. Andrew made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, with a second from Ms. Roy, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. Recommend Approval of an Amendment to the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program to Conduct a Jackson County Transit Feasibility Study

Mr. Boyd stated that GHMPO and Jackson County intend to team up to hire a consultant to conduct a Jackson County transit feasibility study in FY 2020 to explore what type of transit service is feasible in the County in light of the County's potential loss of federal transit funds for rural areas following the 2020 Census as a result of Jackson County becoming more urbanized. The proposed study, if approved, would be funded 80% with the MPO's Section 5303 grant, 10% match from GDOT, and another 10% local match in cash from Jackson County. The proposed amendment will add this activity, as an additional line item, to the

MPO's work program for the current fiscal year.

MOTION: Ms. Roy made a motion to recommend approval of an amendment to the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program, with a second from Mr. Andrew, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Approving the Outputs of the GHMPO Travel Demand Models Developed by GDOT

Mr. Kassa presented the outputs of two travel demand models: the 2015 base-year model and 2050 no-build model. These two models were computer simulations of the road network in Hall County and Jackson County, showing travel demand, traffic volumes, levels of congestion, and levels of service in the region. The model results showed what the traffic condition is at present (2015) and what such condition is projected to be like in the future (2050) if no new transportation projects were implemented other than what is already underway. The model outputs were based upon socioeconomic data developed and submitted to GDOT by GHMPO.

MOTION: Mr. Yamala made a motion to recommend approval for the resolution approving the outputs of the GHMPO travel demand models, with a second from Ms. Sheppard, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

7. Flowery Branch Sign & Speed Study

Mr. Edinger presented the results of the study CPL conducted for the City of Flowery Branch. In this study, the consultant conducted an inventory of the City's traffic signs and their condition. It then came up with a seven-year plan to replace the City's degraded signs. In addition, the study investigated traffic speed on four roads to determine whether the posted speed limits were appropriate. The study recommended raising the posted speed limit on Gainesville Street from 35 to 45 miles per hour and leaving the speed limit unchanged on Church Street, Lights Ferry Road, and East Main Street.

8. Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update

Mr. Cote provided a status update of the ongoing project to update the Regional Transportation Plan. The project team has developed a draft inventory of transportation projects to be considered for inclusion in the upcoming transportation plan along with a method to prioritize such projects. He shared the results of an online survey. The team is developing financial projection of how much funds are projected to be available for transportation projects through year 2050 along with the level of potential additional funds if the region approves a Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST). There are two public open houses planned for August 19th and 20th to seek public input on which particular transportation projects to implement based upon revenue projection. A financially-constrained project list is to be developed and finalized by September 30, 2019.

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, Mr. Tarver for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Kirby for GDOT, Mr. McInturff for Hall County, and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

10. Upcoming Meeting Date: September 4, 2019

11. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

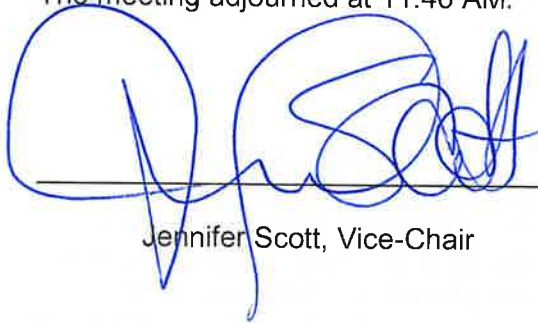
12. Other

Mr. Boyd presented a memorandum from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division stating its removal of certain Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) from Georgia's State Implementation Plan (SIP).

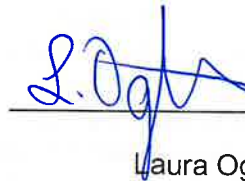
Mr. Hazell posed a question to the committee about formatting of meeting packets in the future, stating that his opinion would be to provide all documentation in full, via email, before the meeting. Printed packets would then be provided at each meeting so that all supporting documents (such as for the UPWP amendment agenda item) show only the affected pages within the document instead of printing said document in full. Mr. Hazell asked that any other suggestions for future meetings be sent to Joseph Boyd at jboyd@hallcounty.org.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 AM.



Jennifer Scott, Vice-Chair



Laura Ogletree, Secretary