



**TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
Hall County Government Center, Finance Training Room  
Draft Minutes of February 19, 2020 Meeting

**Voting Members Present:**

Adam Hazell, GMRC, Chair  
Kevin McInturff, Hall County  
Frank Miller, Hall County  
Srikanth Yamala, Hall County  
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch  
BR White, City of Oakwood  
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville  
Rhonda Brady, City of Gainesville  
Matt Tarver, City of Gainesville  
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Hall Area Transit  
Gina Roy, Jackson County  
Sandy Weinel, Town of Braselton  
SueAnne Decker, GDOT  
Johnathan McLoyd, GDOT  
Sarah McQuade, GHMPO  
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO

**Voting Members Absent:**

**Others Present:**

Andrew Antweiler, KCI  
Brian Bulick, Atkins  
Steve Cote, RS&H

Kim Coley, GDOT  
Judy Prince, GDOT  
Vanessa Foster, Hall County

**1. Welcome**

Mr. Hazell opened the meeting at 10:35 AM.

**2. Approval of September 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Mr. Rotalsky made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2019 meeting, with a second from Ms. Brady, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **3. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Adopting Amendment #4 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Boyd presented a draft of Amendment #4 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which is being requested by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). This amendment would shift funds for construction of the following project into fiscal year 2020:

- GH-109 / PI 0013545 – I-85 Widening from North of SR 53 to North of SR 11 / US 129

**MOTION:** Mr. White made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution adopting Amendment #4 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, with a second from Ms. Roy, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **4. Review of the Draft FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Boyd presented the first draft of the Fiscal Year 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which highlights all MPO activities and budget occurring between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. This draft is currently under review by the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. Comments regarding this draft will be accepted until May, when the GHMPO Policy Committee is scheduled to adopt the FY 2021 UPWP on May 12, 2020.

Mr. Andrew mentioned the growing development and traffic being seen along McEver Road near Flowery Branch and Oakwood and stated that he believes a more detailed traffic analysis may be needed in the near future, especially with the widening of portions of McEver Road not scheduled to occur until the 2040's. Mr. Boyd stated that he would add in a "McEver Road Traffic Study" on page 24 of the UPWP under the Anticipated Products section of the document and that further conversations about a potential study would be had in the near future.

Mr. Yamala asked Mr. McLoyd of the Georgia Department of Transportation about the Safety Performance Management Targets for 2020 listed on page 30 of the draft UPWP; specifically if GDOT could provide the safety performance numbers for the area inside the GHMPO planning boundary for reference. Mr. McLoyd responded that he would look into this and provide the numbers if available.

### **5. Review of the Draft Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update**

Mr. Cote provided the final update on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): 2020 Update. Since the previous meeting in September, the project team has worked to conclude the first draft of the plan, which includes recommendations regarding bicycle, pedestrian, and transit projects within the GHMPO planning area. The first draft of the RTP document is now available for review and comment on the GHMPO website. The RTP is scheduled for adoption by the GHMPO Policy Committee on May 12, 2020.

## 6. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives shared the status of projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Andrew for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Tarver for the City of Gainesville, Mr. White for the City of Oakwood, Ms. Weinel for the Town of Braselton, Ms. Decker for the Georgia Department of Transportation, Mr. Hazell for the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, Ms. Lewis Moss for Hall Area Transit, Mr. McInturff and Mr. Miller for Hall County, and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

## 7. Upcoming Meeting Date: April 15, 2020

## 8. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

## 9. Other

Mr. Boyd presented the idea of holding periodic focus group meetings outside of the scheduled MPO committee meetings to discuss specialized topics within the community such as bicycle/pedestrian projects, transit, utilities, etc. These groups could meet biannually or quarterly to discuss local issues pertaining to its particular theme and could provide a less formal setting to discuss various topics amongst jurisdiction staff and interest group members. Mr. Boyd stated that he would draft more information pertaining to these potential groups and send out an invite to gauge interest in the near future.

Ms. Decker stated that the Georgia Department of Transportation District 1 Office would be holding preconstruction meetings with various jurisdictions on March 17, 2020 and would follow up with the committee on further details shortly.

## 10. Adjourn

There being no other items of business, the meeting concluded at 11:24 AM.

Adam Hazell (04/15/2020)

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Adam Hazell, Chairman



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Laura Ogletree, Clerk