



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Hall County Government Center, Finance Training Room
Minutes of February 27, 2020 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Renee Gerrell, Hall County, Chair
Tony Millwood, City of Oakwood, Vice-Chair
Doug Aiken, Hall County
Patrick O'Rourke, Hall County
Heather Taylor, Hall County
Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Joe Kennedy, Hall County
Mary Jardine, City of Gainesville
Beverly Nordholtz, City of Gainesville
Connie Propes, City of Gainesville
Sammy Smith, City of Gainesville
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville
Chip McCallum, City of Flowery Branch
Pat Jones, City of Oakwood

Voting Members Absent:

Nick Allen, Hall County
Trey Bell, Hall County
Tabitha Gooch, Jackson County
Jennifer Kidd-Harrison, Town of
Braselton
David Jones, City of Flowery Branch

Others Present:

Sarah McQuade, GHMPO
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO

Laura Ogletree, GHMPO
Vanessa Foster, Hall County

1. Welcome

Mr. Millwood opened the meeting at 4:05 PM.

2. Approval of September 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2019 meeting, with a second from Ms. Jardine, 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. Smith 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. Lipscomb, 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.

A discussion was had about obtaining the target numbers for just within the GHMPO planning area. Mr. Boyd stated he would reach out to GDOT to see if those numbers were available and reiterated that these were statewide adopted targets that were required from the federal government.

A question was raised regarding Appendix B: Bridge Replacement Performance Management Targets, specifically how often bridges are inspected and scored across the state. Mr. Boyd stated he would follow up with GDOT to see if there was a specific timeframe in which bridges must be inspected and would follow back up.

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

Mr. Boyd presented in Mr. Cote's absence. Mr. Boyd 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. U.S. Census 2020 Update

Ms. Foster presented an update on the upcoming 2020 Census to the committee, which included the timeline of the census, questions being asked of each household, and what the census data is used for throughout the community.

7. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

A report summarizing the jurisdiction and agency reports presented to the Technical Coordinating Committee on February 19, 2020 was provided to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

8. Upcoming Meeting Date: April 23, 2020

9. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

10. Other


Mr. Smith raised a safety concern along Atlanta Highway/State Route 13 at the bridge over Flat Creek. Currently there is no sidewalk or pedestrian access over the river so often time's pedestrians are forced to enter travel lanes or walk outside the guardrails over the creek in order to cross. Ms. McQuade responded that her office had sent out an inspector to do a site visit and that the concern would be brought up to GDOT before the Policy Committee at their next meeting on March 10, 2020.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM.



Renee Gerrell, Chair



Laura Ogletree, Clerk