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POLICY COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting Due to State & Federal COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations Minutes of May 12, 2020 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Chairman Tom Crow, Jackson County, Chair
Chairman Richard Higgins, Hall County, Vice-Chair
Mayor Danny Dunagan, City of Gainesville
Mayor Lamar Scroggs, City of Oakwood
Mayor Mike Miller, City of Flowery Branch
Commissioner Jeff Stowe, Hall County
Commissioner Kathy Cooper, Hall County
Charles Robinson, GDOT

Voting Members Absent:

Others Present:

Sarah McQuade, GHMPO
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO
Laura Ogletree, Hall County
Kevin McInturff, Hall County
Srikanth Yamala, Hall County
Jock Connell, Hall County
Phillippa Lewis Moss, HAT

Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch
Bryan Lackey, City of Gainesville
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville
Matt Tarver, City of Gainesville
Gina Roy, Jackson County
Steve Cote, RS&H
Jeff Gill, The Times

1. Welcome

Chairman Higgins opened the meeting at 10:04 AM.

2. Approval of March 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting, with a second from Mayor Scroggs, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Report from the Technical Coordinating Committee

Mr. Boyd, on behalf of the TCC Chair Adam Hazell, presented a summary of the Technical Coordinating Committee meeting on April 15, 2020.

4. Report from the Citizens Advisory Committee

Mr. Boyd, on behalf of the CAC Chair Renee Gerrell, presented a summary of the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on April 23, 2020.

5. Approval of the Draft FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Boyd presented the second and final 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 was reviewed by the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration and adhered to the required 30-day public comment period. No major comments were received.

MOTION: Mayor Scroggs made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program, with a second from Mayor Miller, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Approval of the Draft Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update

Mr. Boyd presented the final draft of the Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update which highlights the projects planned within the GHMPO planning area between 2020 and 2050. A 30-day public comment period was observed and no comments were received.

MOTION: Commissioner Stowe made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update, with a second from Mayor Miller, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

7. 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. McInturff for Hall County, Ms. Roy for Jackson County, and Mr. Robinson for GDOT.

8. Upcoming Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2020

9. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

10. Other

Mayor Scroggs and Mayor Dunagan asked for an update on the US 129/Athens Highway widening project (PI 122150, GH 008) and asked for a response from GDOT as to why the project has been delayed. Mr. Robinson said he would check in with the GDOT District 1 office and follow back up with the Policy Committee members shortly.

11. Adjourn

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 AM.



Chairman Richard Higgins, Hall County, Chair



Laura Ogletree, Clerk