



TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting Due To State & Federal COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations Minutes of July 15, 2020 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Rhonda Brady, City of Gainesville, Vice Chair
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville
Matt Tarver, City of Gainesville
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch
Sandy Weinel, City of Oakwood
Srikanth Yamala, Hall County
Kevin McInturff, Hall County
Frank Miller, Hall County
Gina Roy, Jackson County
SueAnne Decker, GDOT
Johnathan McLoyd, GDOT
Sarah McQuade, GHMPO
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO

Voting Members Absent:

Adam Hazell, GMRC, Chair
Angela Sheppard, City of Gainesville
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Hall Area Transit
Jennifer Scott, Town of Braselton

Others Present:

Michael Haire, GHMPO
Laura Ogletree, Hall County
Dan Branch, City of Buford

Ryan Walker, GDOT
Tamara Christian, FHWA

1. Welcome

Mr. Boyd opened the meeting at 10:32 AM.

2. Approval of April 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Yamala made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2020 meeting, with a second from Mr. Andrew, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Recommend Approval of the Draft FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Boyd presented the draft FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program which includes updates within the current 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by developing a new TIP for fiscal years (FY) 2021 to 2024. This draft TIP programs transportation projects for funding and implementation over the identified four-year period.

A question was asked regarding whether or not the new design of Price Road Bridge would include pedestrian walkways as well as bike lanes. Another question was asked about the Tumbling Creek Road Project and if it was complete, why it still needed to be listed in the TIP. Mr. Boyd addressed both questions and stated that he would follow up on this.

MOTION: Ms. Weinel made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program, with a second from Mr. Miller, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. 2020 Crash Profiles for Hall County & Jackson County

Mr. Haire presented the 2020 Crash Profiles created by GHMPO which include reports for both Hall and Jackson counties that analyze crash data during calendar year 2019.

Mr. Miller asked where he could locate more information about how the profiles are broken down and organized. Mr. Haire stated that he could send Mr. Miller that information.

5. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives shared the status of projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Andrew for the City of Flowery Branch, Ms. Weinel for the City of Oakwood, Mr. Tarver for the City of Gainesville, Ms. Decker for the Georgia Department of Transportation, Mr. Miller for Hall County, and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

6. Other

Election of TCC Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2021

Adam Hazell was voted to be TCC Chair and Rhonda Brady was voted to be Vice Chair.

MOTION: Mr. Branch made a motion, with a second from Mr. Yamala, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

TCC Subcommittee Updates

Mr. Boyd updated the committee on the two subcommittees which recently kicked off: the McEver Road Subcommittee and the Trails Subcommittee. Other ideas for future subcommittees were discussed, including topics dedicated to bicycle/pedestrian projects and issues, utility coordination, and transit. Mr. Boyd stated that more information regarding future subcommittees would be shared soon.

Requested Updates from Citizens Advisory Committee

Members of the Citizens Advisory Committee requested four updates from the TCC regarding various issues. The first was regarding the Flat Creek Bridge pedestrian crossing issue along State Route 13/Atlanta Highway. GDOT responded that they are still analyzing the issue and working through various options to improve pedestrian safety with various state offices to come up with a feasible solution. They will follow up again with more detail soon.

Second, GDOT provided an update on the signal warrant request for the intersection of Gaines Mill Road and US 129/Athens Highway. It was stated that a signal warrant analysis was recently conducted and that the current traffic levels do not meet the requirements for a signal at this time. Mr. Yamala requested the traffic count data be provided to Hall County before the next GHMPO Policy Committee Meeting on August 11, 2020.

Third, the City of Gainesville provided an update on the Old Flowery Branch Road and Memorial Park Road intersection. The City stated that they were working through several concepts to help alleviate congestion through the intersection and would be reaching out to Hall County shortly to coordinate on this effort.

Lastly, the question was asked to GDOT if the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program had any plans to extend coverage up I-985. GDOT responded that at this time, there was no known plan to extend HERO coverage but that I-985 was already covered by the Coordinated Highway Assistance & Maintenance Program (CHAMP), which provided similar services.

7. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

8. Upcoming Meeting Date: October 14, 2020

9. Adjourn

There being no other items of business, the meeting concluded at 11:17 AM.


Adam Hazell, Chair


Laura Ogletree, Clerk