

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Virtual/Public Meeting Due To State & Federal COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations Minutes of November 5, 2020 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Tony Millwood, City of Oakwood, Chair
Patrick O'Rourke, Hall County, Vice-Chair
William Bush, City of Gainesville
Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Pat Jones, City of Oakwood
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville
Chip McCallum, City of Flowery Branch
Beverly Nordholtz, City of Gainesville
Michele Price, Jackson County
Connie Propes, City of Gainesville
Sammy Smith, City of Gainesville
Heather Taylor, Hall County

Voting Members Absent:

Nick Allen, Hall County
Trey Bell, Hall County
Renee Gerrell, Hall County
David Jones, City of Flowery Branch
Joe Kennedy, Hall County
Jennifer Kidd-Harrison, Town of Braselton
Greg Simpson, Hall County

Others Present:

Joseph Boyd, GHMPO
Sarah McQuade, GHMPO
Steve Cote, RS&H

Michael Haire, GHMPO
Laura Ogletree, Hall County
Eric Lusher, Pond
Patricia Terrell, Citizen

1. Welcome

Mr. Millwood opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.

2. Approval of July 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2020 meeting, with a second from Ms. Lipscomb, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Recommend Approval of Draft Amendment #1 to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Haire introduced the first amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program, explaining that the Georgia Department of Transportation had moved the construction phase (CST) of the SR 60/Thompson Bridge Road project from 2022 to 2026. This update moves that phase of the project out of the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program timeframe, which the amendment reflects in the updated funding allocation.

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a motion to recommend approval of Draft Amendment #1 to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program, with a second from Ms. Jones, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Recommend Approval of Draft Jackson County Transit Feasibility Study

Mr. Cote of RS&H presented the draft of the Jackson County Transit Feasibility Study, giving an overview of several different possible scenarios for future transit plans, as well as scenario costs. Mr. Cote received a question from Mr. Smith regarding whether or not there was a prohibition on Jackson County transit reaching beyond county borders, specifically inquiring about the medical center in Braselton. Mr. Cote responded that there are no plans by the County to stop servicing crucial medical care facilities in neighboring Hall and Clarke counties.

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the draft, which was seconded by Ms. Jones, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. Updates from State Route 365/Jesse Jewell Traffic Impact Study

Mr. Lusher of Pond updated the committee on the progress of the State Route 365/Jesse Jewell Traffic Impact Study, which is scheduled for completion by December 2020. A full draft will be made available to the committee as well as for the general public before its scheduled adoption in March 2021.

6. TCC Agency Reports

Mr. Boyd provided a brief summation of the agency reports given at the October 14th Technical Coordinating Committee meeting.

7. Other

Mr. Haire briefly introduced some minor updates to the 2019 Crash Profiles for Hall and Jackson Counties. These documents were updated to include high accident location charts, detailing intersections across Hall and Jackson counties with the most collisions in 2019. Mr. Haire recommended that they download the full report online for further review if any committee members were interested.

8. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

9. Upcoming Meeting Date: February 25, 2021

10. Adjourn

MOTION: Ms. Propes made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second from Mr. Bush, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.



Tony Millwood, Chair



Laura Ogletree, Clerk