

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

### **Virtual Meeting Due To State & Federal COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations Minutes of August 11, 2020 Meeting**

#### **Voting Members Present:**

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

#### **Voting Members Absent:**

#### **Others Present:**

Jock Connell, Hall County  
Kevin McInturff, Hall County  
Srikanth Yamala, Hall County  
Bill Nash, Hall County  
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch  
Bryan Lackey, City of Gainesville  
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville

Phillippa Lewis Moss, Hall Area Transit  
Kelvin Mullins, GDOT  
Johnathan McLoyd, GDOT  
Tamara Christian, FHWA  
Sarah McQuade, GHMPO  
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO  
Michael Haire, GHMPO  
Laura Ogletree, GHMPO


## **AGENDA**

### **1. Welcome**

Chairman Higgins opened the meeting at 10:04 AM.

### **2. Approval of May 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 meeting, with a second from Mayor Miller, and the motion passed by 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 July 15, 2020.

### **4. Report from the Citizens Advisory Committee**

Mr. Boyd, on behalf of the CAC Chair Tony Millwood, presented a summary of the Citizen Advisory Committee meeting on July 30, 2020.

### **5. Approval of the Draft FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

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. Chairman Higgins asked if the full document was available online, to which Mr. Boyd responded that it was.

**MOTION:** Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), with a second by Ms. Roy, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **6. 2020 Crash Profiles for Hall and Jackson Counties**

Mr. Haire introduced the 2020 Crash Profiles for Hall and Jackson Counties, and recommended that listeners view the full report online to see additional statistics and data. Commissioner Stowe asked about high accident locations, to which Mr. Boyd responded stating that high accident location data is normally accessible in the Georgia Electronic Accident Reporting System, but that the data was currently unavailable and GDOT was currently working on making it accessible. Mr. Boyd clarified that the crash profiles will be updated when the data is available.

Commissioner Stowe requested information regarding the signal warrant analysis at US 129 and Gaines Mill Road to provide to the public, and Mr. Mullins responded that a recent traffic study was conducted and that a signal does not currently meet required numbers at this time. Mr. Mullins stated that he would share the traffic study and count data with the MPO and committee.

Commissioner Stowe inquired about the status of the letter that was sent to GDOT in the spring of 2020 about pedestrian safety concerns near the Flat Creek Bridge along State Route 13/Atlanta Highway. Mr. Mullins responded that the district office is still exploring possibilities and that they're currently exploring funding sources.

## **7. Update on Microtransit Services from Hall Area Transit**

Ms. Moss presented the background of Hall Area Transit and their history of transit programs before announcing WEGO, a new microtransit program, for the fall of 2020. Ms. Moss explained that WEGO will be powered by Via, and will provide transportation to a requester within 15 minutes. The microtransit service will initially operate only within the City of Gainesville during FY 2021 but is expected to expand to all of Hall County by FY 2022.

Chairman Higgins asked how many vehicles will be operated for the program, to which Ms. Moss explained that they'll start with a fleet of 6 and increase to 15 vehicles by the time the program is in full operation.

## **8. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports**

Representatives shared the status of transportation projects being completed in their jurisdictions: Mr. Andrew for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Rotalsky for the City of Gainesville, Mr. White for the City of Oakwood, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Mullins for the Georgia Department of Transportation, Mr. McInturff for Hall County, and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

## **9. Upcoming Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

## **10. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

## **11. Other**

There were no other updates or comments.

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**12. Adjourn**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.

  
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Chairman Richard Higgins, Hall County, Chair

  
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Laura Ogletree, Clerk