



## **Technical Coordinating COMMITTEE**

### **Virtual Meeting Due To State & Federal COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations Minutes of February 17, 2021 Meeting**

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

Adam Hazell, Chair  
Jennifer Scott, Town of Braselton  
Angela Sheppard, City of Gainesville  
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville  
Matt Tarver, City of Gainesville  
Srikanth Yamala, Hall County  
Gina Roy, Jackson County  
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Hall Area Transit  
Kelvin Mullins, GDOT  
Johnathan McLoyd, GDOT  
Sarah McQuade, GHMPO  
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO

#### **Others Present:**

Tamara Christion, FHA  
Sue Ann Decker, GDOT  
Ansley Grantham, GDOT  
Eric Lusher, POND

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

Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch  
Sandy Weinel, City of Oakwood  
Bill Nash, Hall County  
Frank Miller, Hall County

Madison Hopkins, GHCC  
Jeff Gill, Gainesville Times  
Marc Eggers, Access WDUN  
Michael Haire, GHMPO

#### **1. Welcome**

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

#### **2. Approval of October 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Mr. Rotalsky made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2020 meeting, with a second from Ms. Roy, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **3. Recommend Approval of Draft Amendment #6 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Haire introduced the sixth amendment to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, explaining that until the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program is formally adopted at a state level, the FY 2018-2021 TIP is still considered active and must be amended with the same changes as the FY 2021-2024 TIP. For this amendment, the Georgia Department of Transportation has requested that \$800,000 of local (LOC) funds provided by the City of Gainesville be added to the PE phase for FY 2021 for the Green Street median project (GH-121). As this project previously did not have funding during the TIP program years, this amendment is allocating FY 2021 PE funding to the project as well as adding this project to the TIP.

**MOTION:** Ms. Scott made a motion to recommend approval of Draft Amendment #6 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, which was seconded by Ms. Roy. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Mr. Haire presented the first amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program, which, like Amendment #6 to the FY 2018-2021 TIP, adds \$800,000 of funding for the PE phase in 2021 for the Green Street Median Project (GH-121), adding this item to the TIP's program years.

**MOTION:** Ms. Sheppard made a motion to recommend approval of Draft Amendment #1 to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program, which was seconded by Ms. Scott. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **5. Recommend approval of the State Route 365/Jesse Jewell Traffic Impact Study**

Ms. Sheppard introduced Eric Lusher from POND, noting the development of the area and how the inland port will continue to impact the traffic along the corridor, leading the City and MPO to conduct the SR 365/Jesse Jewell Traffic Impact Study.

Mr. Lusher walked the committee through the SR 365/Jesse Jewell Traffic Impact Study, showing primary intersection priorities as well as their recommended improvements.

**MOTION:** Mr. Rotalsky made a motion to recommend approval of the SR 365/Jesse Jewell Traffic Impact Study, which was seconded by Ms. Moss. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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## **6. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports**

Representatives shared the status of projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Tarver for the City of Gainesville, Ms. Scott for the City of Braselton, Ms. Moss for Hall Area Transit, Mr. Yamala for Hall County, Ms. Roy for Jackson County, and Ms. Decker for the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Both Ms. Roy and Ms. Scott spoke of the possibility of working with the MPO later in 2021 to apply for additional PL funds to conduct a Braselton/Hoschton Bypass study in order to look at all possible routes to take State Route 53 around downtown Braselton and Hoschton. This study would be a partnership between Braselton, Hoschton, Jackson County and Barrow County, which is located within the Atlanta Regional Commission. Only a small portion of the study would likely be conducted outside of the GHMPO planning area within Barrow County. Both Ms. Scott and Ms. Roy have discussed this possibility with Barrow County representatives.

## **7. Other**

Mr. Boyd provided brief updates on TCC subcommittees, explaining that the Trails Subcommittee is currently in the process of deciding exact routes to move forward with and having discussions on funding. The subcommittee will meet again in March to finalize segment priorities. The City of Gainesville has also applied for a state grant to connect the Midtown Greenway to the Chicopee Trail via a trail around the Gainesville Airport.

Additionally, Mr. Boyd provided updates on the McEver Road Subcommittee, which is currently meeting to discuss intersection priorities and potential improvements.

## **8. Public Comment**

Ms. Terrell asked the committee if it is true that the planned roundabout at the intersection of Academy Street, EE Butler Parkway, and Green Street was being cancelled. Ms. Decker clarified that this roundabout project was indeed intended to be scrapped and that it will continued to be maintained as a traffic signal. This roundabout project is still in the GHMPO Regional Transportation Plan until it is formally requested to be removed by GDOT.

Further, Ms. Terrell asked if it was possible to make the Green Street sidewalk wider during the current median project in order to provide a safer location for bicycles to travel. Ms. Sheppard responded that it was a possibility and that it was something they were considering, but the plans were still in the design phase.

Mr. Hazell recommended researching the statewide bike safety plan.

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**9. Upcoming Meeting Date: April 21, 2021**

Mr. Hazell reminded the committee of the next meeting date on April 21, 2021.

**10. Adjourn**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM.

  
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Adam Hazell, GMRC, Chair

  
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Laura Ogletree, Clerk