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# **Technical Coordinating Committee**

Virtual Meeting Due To State & Federal COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations
Minutes of April 21, 2021 Meeting

## **Voting Members Present:**

Adam Hazell, Chair
Rhonda Brady, Vice-Chair
Jennifer Scott, Town of Braselton
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville
Matt Tarver, City of Gainesville
Bill Nash, Hall County
Gina Roy, Jackson County
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Hall Area Transit
SueAnne Decker, GDOT
Phillip Peevy, GDOT
Sarah McQuade, GHMPO
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO

# Voting Members Absent:

Angela Sheppard, City of Gainesville Frank Miller, Hall County Srikanth Yamala, Hall County Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch BR White, City of Oakwood Kelvin Mullins, GDOT

### **Others Present:**

Tamara Christion, FHA Elizabeth Davis, GDOT Jeff Gill, Gainesville Times Tricia Terrell, Citizen Laura Ogletree, GHMPO Michael Haire, GHMPO

#### 1. Welcome

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

# 2. Approval of February 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION**: Ms. Roy made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2021 meeting, with a second from Mr. Rotalsky, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### 3. Recommend Approval of Draft FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Boyd introduced the newest draft of the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Boyd stated that the only change in this draft was an added potential sidewalk inventory study that was proposed at the previous CAC meeting. This Sidewalk Gap and Inventory Study is anticipated to cost approximately \$75,000 and is tentatively slated for FY 2022. Mr. Hazell suggested that the GHMPO compile a map of existing sidewalk inventory prior to the study, to which Mr. Boyd agreed.

<u>MOTION</u>: Ms. Roy made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program, which was seconded by Ms. Scott. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### 4. Other

Mr. Boyd updated the committee on recent developments from the two active TCC Subcommittees, the Trails Subcommittee and the McEver Road Subcommittee. The Trails Subcommittee is currently updating proposed trail routes and conducting the preliminary planning work, while also having discussions on funding, including exploring SPLOST availability as well as potential grant opportunities. Additionally, the Trails Subcommittee is finalizing the trail maintenance agreement and working through a draft of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that will govern the inter-jurisdictional trail network.

The McEver Road Subcommittee is currently exploring options for alleviating congestion near key intersections along McEver Road south of Mundy Mill Road.

Mr. Boyd also provided an update on the Braselton Trail Study, stating that GHMPO and Town of Braselton staff have selected a consultant but have not yet issued the contract. The study should start in May and is anticipated to be completed by the end of the summer.

A discussion was had regarding whom would be Chair and Vice-Chair of the TCC for FY 2022. Mr. Hazell volunteered to serve another term as Chair and Ms. Brady another term as Vice-Chair.

<u>MOTION</u>: Mr. Rotalsky made a motion to approve of Mr. Hazell and Ms. Brady's continued service in the role of Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, which was seconded by Ms. Roy. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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#### 5. 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, Mr. Hazell for the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, Ms. Roy for Jackson County, and Ms. Decker for the Georgia Department of Transportation.

#### 6. Public Comment

Ms. Terrell asked the committee if it was possible to include bicycle and pedestrian plans in the current Park Hill Corridor plans for Gainesville. Mr. Hazell responded that these things were typically included based on priority ranking from GDOT, and Mr. Peevy said that he would forward the question to the right department at GDOT in order to get a better response as this is a state route.

Further, Ms. Terrell asked if it was expected that the widening project of State Route 129/Cleveland Highway, south of Nopone Road, could be adjusted to accommodate bicycles. Mr. Peevy responded that he would also forward this question to the appropriate official at GDOT and would follow back up with a response to Ms. Terrell as well as the committee.

# 7. Upcoming Meeting Date: July 21, 2021

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

# 8. Adjourn

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.

Adam Hazell, GMRC, Chair

Laura Ogletree, Clerk

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