



Policy Committee

The Station Meeting Room, City of Gainesville Administrative Building Minutes of May 11, 2021 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
Mayor Lamar Scroggs, City of Oakwood
Gina Roy, on behalf of Chairman Tom Crow,
Jackson County
Charles Robinson, GDOT

Voting Members Absent:

Commissioner Jeff Stowe, Hall County
Commissioner Kathy Cooper, Hall County

Others Present:

Bryan Lackey, City of Gainesville
Angela Sheppard, City of Gainesville
Matt Tarver, City of Gainesville
Jock Connell, Hall County
Srikanth Yamala, Hall County
Bill Nash, Hall County
BR White, City of Oakwood
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch
Philip Peevy, GDOT
Kelvin Mullins, GDOT
Johnathan McLoyd, GDOT

Elizabeth Davis, GDOT
Ansley Grantham, GDOT
Philippa Lewis Moss, Hall Area Transit
Tamara Christian, FHWA
Jeff Gill, Gainesville Times
Tricia Terrell, Citizen
Sarah McQuade, GHMPO
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO
Michael Haire, GHMPO
Laura Ogletree, Hall County

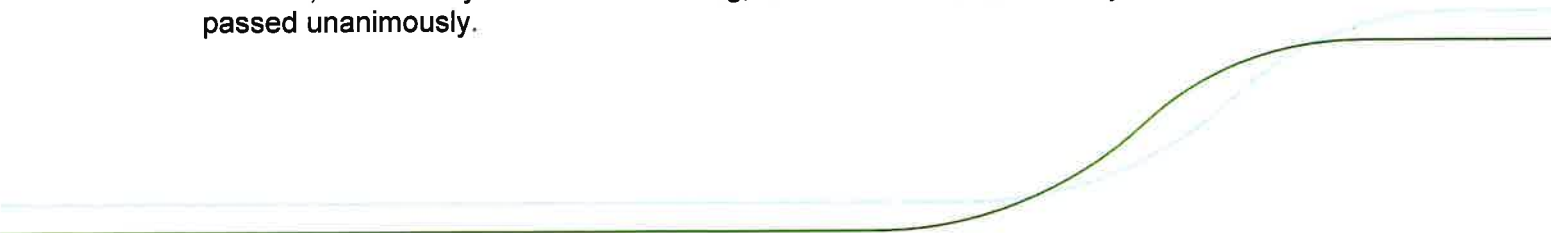
AGENDA

1. Welcome

Chairman Higgins opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

2. Approval of March 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the draft meeting minutes of the March 9, 2021 Policy Committee meeting, with a second from Ms. Roy, and the motion passed unanimously.



3. Approval of Draft FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Boyd gave a brief overview of the final draft of the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program. The primary change in this draft was the inclusion of the Braselton Trail Study, which is expected to be completed during the second quarter of FY 2022, as well as the inclusion of the Sidewalk Gap and Inventory Study, which was proposed by the Citizens Advisory Committee and has been added to the list of potential future studies.

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to approve the Draft FY 2022 UPWP, with a second by Mayor Scroggs, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Other

Mr. Boyd provided brief updates from the Technical Coordinating Committee subcommittees regarding McEver Road and the Highlands to Islands Trail. The McEver Road Subcommittee is continuing to evaluate options for alleviating congestion along the McEver Road corridor south of Mundy Mill Road, while the Trails Subcommittee is continuing to finalize and prioritize future trail routes for the Highlands to Islands Trail.

Additionally, the GHMPO, alongside the Town of Braselton, has officially contracted Alta Planning + Design to conduct the Braselton Trail Study, assessing the feasibility of connecting the current endpoint of the Life Path near the intersection of Friendship Road and State Route 211 to Downtown Braselton.

5. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives shared the status of transportation projects in their jurisdictions: Mr. Andrew for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Tarver for the City of Gainesville, Mr. White for the City of Oakwood, Mr. Mullins for the Georgia Department of Transportation, Ms. Moss for Hall Area Transit, Mr. Yamala for Hall County, and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

Ms. Moss announced that Hall Area Transit would be holding public hearings in June regarding proposed changes to their transit service. These changes include the elimination of the Dial-A-Ride service as well as the Gainesville Connection fixed routes by June 30, 2021. On July 1, all services would then be rolled into the newly launched WeGo microtransit service, which will serve all of Hall County. The in-person public hearings are scheduled for June 2 at 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM, and 12:30 PM. Additionally, virtual public hearings will be held on June 3 at 12:00 PM, 1:30 PM, and 7:00 PM.

6. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

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7. Upcoming Meeting Date: August 10, 2021

Chairman Higgins reminded the committee of the next meeting on August 10, 2021, where Mayor Danny Dunagan will rotate into the Policy Committee Chair position, and Mayor Lamar Scroggs will rotate into the Vice Chair position per the Policy Committee bylaws.

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Mayor Dunagan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Mayor Scroggs, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM.



Mayor Danny Dunagan, City of Gainesville, Chair



Laura Ogletree, Clerk