

Technical Coordinating Committee

Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting Minutes of October 20, 2021 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Adam Hazell, Chair
Matt Tarver, City of Gainesville
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville
Rich Atkinson, City of Flowery Branch
Dan Schultz, City of Oakwood
Srikanth Yamala, Hall County
Bill Nash, Hall County
Frank Miller, Hall County
Gina Roy, Jackson County
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Hall Area Transit
Jennifer Scott, Town of Braselton
David Thompson, GDOT
Phillip Peevy, GDOT
Beth Davis, GDOT
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO

Others Present:

Tamara Christion, GDOT
SueAnne Decker, GDOT
Jeramy Durrence, GDOT
Bryan Kerlin, City of Buford
Dennis Bergin, City of Lula

Voting Members Absent:

Rhonda Brady, City of Gainesville
Angela Sheppard, City of Gainesville
Kelvin Mullins, GDOT
Sarah McQuade, GHMPO

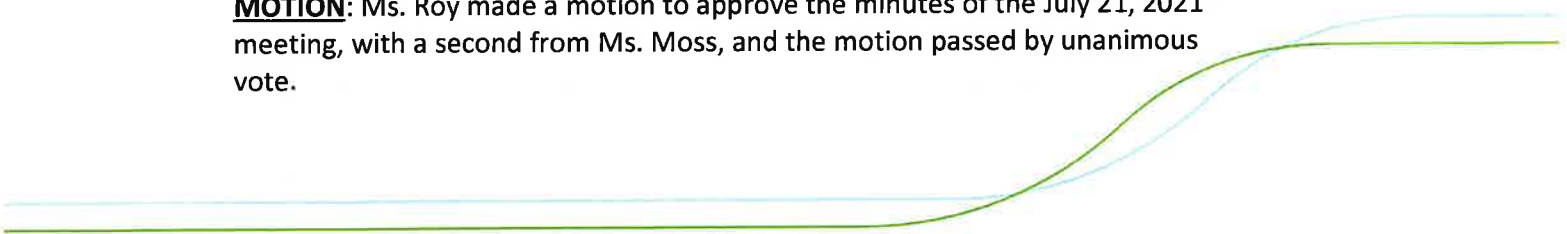
Roy Turpin, City of Gillsville
Tricia Terrell, Citizen
Jeff Gill, Gainesville Times
Michael Haire, GHMPO

1. Welcome

Mr. Boyd, on behalf of Mr. Hazell, opened the meeting at 10:33 AM.

2. Approval of July 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Roy made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2021 meeting, with a second from Ms. Moss, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.



3. Review of the Draft FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Haire introduced the Draft FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program, providing a broad overview of the draft document for the committee. The Draft FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the planning projects, studies, and activities the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO) will undertake in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The FY 2023 UPWP is expected to be adopted in March 2022 by the Policy Committee, which is earlier than the usual May adoption, at GDOT's request. Mr. Haire explained that in Work Element 4.5 - "Special Transportation Studies", a potential Bike and Pedestrian Plan has been included for completion in FY 2023. Additionally, Mr. Haire explained that the funding amounts included in this draft of the UPWP are not final and will be updated for the Committee's second review of the draft document at the winter round of MPO meetings.

4. WeGo Microtransit Service Update from Hall Area Transit

Ms. Moss provided an update on the WeGo Microtransit service that was launched in December of 2020 by Hall County. The update provided a brief overview of the WeGo service, the processes through which users can request a ride, the fleet of vehicles being used, and ridership data collected since December 2020. Ms. Moss encouraged everyone to download the WeGo Powered By Via app on their phones and check out the service.

5. Update from the Trails Subcommittee on the Highlands to Islands Trail Network

Mr. Boyd provided a brief update from the TCC Trails Subcommittee. This update gave a broad overview of the Highlands to Islands Trail in Hall County and included information on open trails, planned trails, and trails under construction in the network, as well as mileage counts and projected funding for the trail system. Additionally, Mr. Boyd provided brief updates on the trails that are currently undergoing construction or design work, including the University of North Georgia Connector Trail, the Gainesville Airport Connector Trail, and the Spout Springs Sidepath. Lastly, Mr. Boyd provided an overview of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), which seeks to establish maintenance and design guidelines for all jurisdiction within the Highlands to Islands Trail Network.

6. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives shared the status of projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Atkinson for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Tarver for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Schultz for the City of Oakwood, Ms. Scott for the Town of Braselton, Mr. Hazell for the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, Ms. Moss for Hall Area Transit, Mr. Miller for Hall County,

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Ms. Roy for Jackson County, and Mr. Thompson and Ms. Davis for the Georgia Department of Transportation.

7. Other

Mr. Boyd shared with the Committee the MPO's intent to conduct a Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Update in 2022 once the 2020 Census data is finalized. Additionally, Mr. Boyd shared that the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) applications are currently open and encouraged any interested jurisdictions to reach out to GHMPO staff for assistance.

8. Public Comment

The Committee received a comment from Ms. Terrell, who stated that there are several potentially hazardous potholes appearing on the Industrial Boulevard that make bicycling difficult, to which Mr. Tarver responded that Gainesville would look into the issue. Ms. Decker and Mr. Miller also commented that the public can reach out to the District 1 office or Hall County Public Works if potholes are appearing on any state or county roadways.

9. Upcoming Meeting Date: February 16, 2022

10. Adjourn

With no other items on the agenda, the Committee adjourned the meeting.

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Adam Hazell, GMRC, Chair

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Michael Haire, Transportation Planner, GHMPO

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