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TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting Minutes of February 16, 2022 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Adam Hazell, Chair
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville
Corey Jones, City of Gainesville
Rich Atkinson, City of Flowery Branch
Dan Schultz, City of Oakwood
Dan Branch, City of Buford
Jennifer Scott, Town of Braselton
Frank Miller, Hall County
Gina Roy, Jackson County
Megan Weiss, GDOT
Benjamin Kane, GDOT
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO

Voting Members Absent:

Angela Sheppard, City of Gainesville Matt Tarver, City of Gainesville Rhonda Brady, City of Gainesville Srikanth Yamala, Hall County Bill Nash, Hall County Phillippa Lewis Moss, Hall Area Transit

Others Present:

Ann-Marie Day, FHWA Melodii Peoples, GDOT Jeff Gill, Gainesville Times Colson Rivers, Indigo Energy Tricia Terrell, Citizen Michael Haire, GHMPO

1. Welcome – Adam Hazell, Chair

Mr. Hazell opened the meeting at 10:30 AM.

2. Approval of October 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Roy made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2021 meeting, with a second from Ms. Scott, and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

3. Recommend Approval of the Draft FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Haire introduced the final draft of the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program, providing an overview of the changes that were made since the previous round of GHMPO committee meetings. 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. Notable changes to this draft of the FY 2023 UPWP include an increase focus on Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) and updated PL funding amounts. Additionally, Work Element 4.5 – "Special Transportation Studies", has been updated to focus on the Bike and Pedestrian Plan as a main funding item.

MOTION: Ms. Roy made a motion to recommend approval of the FY 2023 UPWP, with a second from Ms. Scott, and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

4. Recommend Approval of Draft Amendment #2 to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Haire provided an overview of Draft Amendment #2 to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which adds two new projects to the FY 2021-2024 TIP program years. The first project is the State Route 53 Mobility Study, which has been labeled GH-140, and the second project is a bridge improvement on State Route 283 over Flat Creek, which has been labeled GH-141.

MOTION: Ms. Roy made a motion to recommend approval of Draft Amendment #2 to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program, with a second from Ms. Scott, and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

5. Recommend Approval of the Braselton Trail Study Final Document

Mr. Boyd provided an overview of the Braselton Trail Study, which included the background, potential routes, final route recommendations, and cost estimates.

MOTION: Ms. Scott made a motion to recommend approval of the Braselton Trail Study, which received a second from Mr. Miller, and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

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. Rotalsky 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, Mr. Miller for Hall County, and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

7. Other

Mr. Boyd provided brief updates from the TCC Trails Subcommittee, recapping the work that the subcommittee has done in recent meetings to plan out the Highlands to Islands trail system. Mr. Boyd also stated that the McEver Road Subcommittee would hopefully be meeting again soon to further discussion on the corridor.

8. Public Comment

Ms. Terrell raised concerns about hazardous potholes for bicyclists on Industrial Boulevard near Queen City Parkway, to which Mr. Miller responded by sharing his phone number so that they could discuss it further to see which jurisdiction was responsible and what could be done to address the issue.

9. Upcoming Meeting Date: April 20, 2022

Mr. Hazell reminded the committee of their next meeting on April 20, 2022.

10. Adjourn

There being no other items of business, the committee adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Adam Hazell, GMRC, Chair

Michael Haire, Transportation Planner, GHMPO