Gainesville - Hall
Metropolitan Planning Organization
GHMPO
Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

POLICY COMMITTEE

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM

10 AM MAY 11, 2004

AGENDA

1. WELCOME

2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 29th MEETING MINUTES - *Attachment*

3. APPROVAL OF FINAL FY 2005 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM – *Attachment*

   - Bringing back the FINAL UPWP that was brought forward last time.
   - Document details activities to be completed by the MPO in the next fiscal year starting July 1st.
   - All three of the Gainesville-Hall MPO Committees were briefed and solicited for comments on the draft document.
   - The principal nature of GDOT's comments were inclusion in the document of purchase of Geographic Information System software, website development for public outreach, the collection of socioeconomic data for modeling purposes and an increase in transit spending.
   - Hall County's Department of Public Works had a correction to the sidewalk data task amongst other comments.
   - The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) requested that additional language be added to the introduction on coordination between GHMPO and ARC on upcoming air quality non attainment designation.
   - We are looking for you to approve this final document. Recently received approval to recommend to from TCC and CAC.
   - Upon your approval, the Final UPWP will go to GDOT to meet the May 15th deadline.

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4. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN GHMPO, ARC, GDOT AND EPD – *Attachment*

- An initial MOA between the GHMPO and ARC was developed to define the roles and responsibilities for transportation planning for the two adjoining MPOs and since the Atlanta Urbanized Area extends into southern Hall County.
- This portion of Hall County in the Atlanta Urbanized Area requires that a federally required Congestion Management System be in place. The MOA describes how they will coordinate on this effort.
- Under advisement from GDOT and per federal regulation in areas where there is more than one MPO in a non attainment area, GDOT needs to be a party to this document.
- As the document also defines how the two MPOs will coordinate on federal requirements in a non-attainment area for air quality, it was recommended that the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources also participate.
- An update to the most recent memo, is that all three agencies have subsequently signed off on the MOA.
- Received approval from TCC and CAC, looking for your approval for adoption.

5. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN FOR GHMPO – *Attachment*

- One of the key initial functions of the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO) is to adopt a Public Involvement Plan that details the vision and procedures of the MPO's public participation strategy.
- Meaningful, timely and inclusive public participation is essential for the GHMPO in its transportation planning activities, and will be a critical component to its recurring role of adopting a Transportation Improvement Program and a Long Range Transportation Plan.
- The Public Involvement Plan is not a prescriptive document, but rather defines a number of different methods for garnering productive input from the public. Such as public meetings, stakeholder groups, focus groups, visioning exercises, websites and outreach at community events.
- A strong public participation strategy will be tailored to the needs and magnitude of the project or plan.
- There will be specific emphasis on considering the impact on those disadvantaged communities typically underrepresented in the planning process and ensuring their involvement.
- We emphasize that this is not static document, but one that will be revised as we learn what techniques and methods are successful.
- After your approval, there will be a 45-day public comment period before official adoption of the Public Involvement Plan.
- We are looking for your recommendation to approve this document. Again we have received approval from TCC and CAC.

6. UPDATE ON HALL AREA TRANSIT
   Report by Phillippa Lewis Moss, HAT

7. UPDATE ON QUEEN CITY PARKWAY BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT
   Report by Teri Pope, GDOT

8. UPCOMING MEETING DATE

   - Tuesday, August 10th at 10 am

9. OTHER

   - Designation of alternate elected officials
   - Multi-County Stakeholder Meeting on May 25th 5:30-7:30 at Blackshear Library.

10. ADJOURN