



Technical Coordinating Committee

**HR Training Room, 2nd Floor, Hall County Government Center
Minutes of April 19, 2023 Meeting**

Voting Members Present:

Gina Roy, Jackson County, Vice-Chair
Matt Tarver, City of Gainesville
Corey Jones, City of Gainesville
Angela Sheppard, City of Gainesville
Ana Peng, City of Flowery Branch
Jennifer Scott, Town of Braselton
Frank Miller, Hall County
Jorge Gomez, Hall County
Bill Nash, Hall County
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Hall Area Transit
Gina Roy, Jackson County
Jomar Pastorelle, GDOT
Michael Haire, GHMPO

Voting Members Absent:

Dan Branch, City of Buford
Tonya Parish, City of Flowery Branch
Rich Atkinson, City of Flowery Branch
B.R. White, City of Oakwood
Dan Schultz, City of Oakwood
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO

Others Present:

Jeff Gill, Gainesville Times

1. Welcome – Gina Roy, Vice-Chair

Ms. Roy opened the meeting at 10:35 AM.

2. Approval of February 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Moss made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2023 meeting, with a second from Ms. Scott, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Recommend Approval of Draft Amendment #1 to the FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Haire introduced Draft Amendment #1 to the FY 2024 Unified Planning Work

Program. This Amendment was requested by Hall Area Transit and the Georgia Department of Transportation, and adds language to two sections of the document. The first is in Sub-Element 5.1 – Program Support & Administration – and states that GHMPO will work alongside Hall Area Transit (HAT) to develop an indirect-cost analysis to enable HAT to claim indirect cost reimbursements in the future. The second update is in Sub-Element 5.2 – Long Range Transportation Planning – and states the intent of GHMPO to provide support to Hall County in managing the Safe Streets For All Grant (SS4A) to whatever extent is needed. Mr. Haire received a question from Mr. Nash regarding who would be managing the grant, to which he replied that it would technically be Hall County, and GHMPO is still discussing with Hall County Finance whose name should be the primary contact on the grant agreement.

MOTION: Ms. Sheppard made a motion to recommend approval of Draft Amendment #1 to the FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), with a second from Mr. Nash, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. First Review of Draft FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Haire introduced the first draft of the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is scheduled for adoption at the August 8, 2023 Policy Committee meeting. This new Transportation Improvement Program includes all federally and state funded projects in the GHMPO planning area scheduled from fiscal years 2024 to 2027. Included in the new TIP is the new GHMPO System Performance Report, which has been published on the GHMPO website, as well as the new PM1, PM2, and PM3 performance measures that were adopted in February 2023. GHMPO is currently working with Hall Area Transit to collect new funding amounts for the new TIP's program years in order to finalize Appendix B.

This is the first round of review for the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, and local jurisdiction staff have the opportunity to comment on the document prior to the summer round of meetings.

5. Other

Mr. Haire discussed a question that recently arose during a Citizens Advisory Committee, where a committee member asked who had maintenance responsibility for the concrete surrounding railroad crossings. Local jurisdiction staff unanimously agreed that would be the responsibility of the railroad companies, but Ms. Decker explained that there were some ways that GDOT would be able to assist. Ms. Decker passed along the contact information for Jill Franks, Utilities Railroad Liaison Manager at GDOT.

Mr. Gomez provided a brief update on the Tumbling Creek Trail, for which Phase II was put on pause due to weather conditions that caused unfavorable soil conditions. As the weather has begun to trend warmer and the soil is becoming more suitable, the project has been resumed and the contractor has continued work on the trail segment. It is anticipated that the trail segment will be completed in the summer. Ms. Sheppard provided a brief update on the Gainesville Airport

Connector Trail, which is currently under design. The City of Gainesville is currently working on addressing comments received from GDOT.

Mr. Miller provided an updated on the Lights Ferry roundabout. The design has been completed and has been put out for bid, with the County proceeding with utilities and construction. Mr. Miller also mentioned that to their knowledge the City of Flowery Branch was working on design for the Gaines Ferry roundabout.

Lastly, Mr. Haire provided an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update. The RFP is completed and will be posted by Hall County Finance on April 26th, and advertised for four weeks. Mr. Haire will reach out in the near future to establish a selection committee for the consultant, and they will have almost two weeks after the RFP closes to select a consultant before the June 5th deadline for the June 22nd Board of Commissioners meeting.

6. Jurisdiction and Agency Updates

Representatives shared the status of projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Tarver for the City of Gainesville, Ms. Scott for the Town of Braselton, Mr. Miller and Mr. Nash for Hall County, Ms. Roy for Jackson County, Ms. Moss for Hall Area Transit, and Ms. Decker for the Georgia Department of Transportation.

7. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

8. Upcoming Meeting Date: July 19, 2023

Ms. Roy reminded the Committee of the upcoming meeting date on July 19, 2023.

9. Adjourn

There being no other items of business, the meeting adjourned.


Adam Hazell, Chair


Michael Haire, GHMPO