

Technical Coordinating Committee

**Banquet Hall, 4th Floor, Hall County Government Center
Draft Minutes of April 29, 2026 Meeting**

Voting Members Present:

Adam Hazell, *GMRC - Chair*
Matt Tarver, *City of Gainesville*
Dan Schultz, *City of Oakwood*
Dani Nash, *City of Flowery Branch*
Ron Bennett, *Town of Braselton*
Jennifer Kidd-Harrison, *City of Hoschton*
Brent Cook, *Hall County*
Jamie Dove, *Jackson County*
Carol Flaute, *NEGRC*
Jomar Pastorelle, *GDOT*

Voting Members Absent:

Phillippa Lewis Moss, *Hall Area Transit*
Dan Branch, *City of Buford*

Others Present:

Corey Jones, *City of Gainesville*
John Nagy, *City of Flowery Branch*
Sandy Weinel, *Town of Braselton*
Vamsee Polamarasetty, *Hall County*
Justin Lott, *GDOT*
Elizabeth Johnson, *GDOT*
Jeff Gill, *Gainesville Times*
Joseph Boyd, *GHMPO*

1. Welcome

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

2. Approval of January 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Tarver made a motion to approve the January 28, 2026 meeting minutes, which received a second from Ms. Weinel, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Recommend Approval of Amendment #7 to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) / Amendment #1 to the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Mr. Boyd introduced Draft Amendment #7 to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Draft Amendment #1 to the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). This

update includes the addition of the following project:

- New Project: GH-157 / PI 0021600: Flowery Branch Trail Phase II: Spring Street to Phil Niekro Blvd
 - Pre-Engineering (PE) funding added for FY 2026 in the amount of \$500,000.

MOTION: Ms. Weinel made a motion to recommend approval of Draft Amendment #7 to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Draft Amendment #1 to the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which received a second from Ms. Nash, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Recommend Approval of the Highlands to Islands Trail Study: UNG to McEver Road

Mr. Boyd presented the final draft of the Highlands to Islands Trail Study: UNG to McEver Road, which explored all possible routes for expanding the Highlands to Islands Trail from its current terminus on the campus of UNG to downtown Flowery Branch. Mr. Boyd briefly mentioned the project background and presented the three preferred routing alignments for the trail expansion. Mr. Boyd mentioned that SPLOST IX will have approximately \$14 million in funding for assisting with this connection.

Mr. Cook mentioned that Hall County was interested in placing the project for the proposed pedestrian bridge over Mundy Mill Road / State Route 53 into the TIP as a locally funded project so that Hall County could potentially apply for grants to assist with construction.

MOTION: Mr. Cook made a motion to recommend approval of the Highlands to Islands Trail Study: UNG to McEver Road, which received a second from Mr. Tarver, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. Recommend Approval of the Hoschton Master Transportation Plan

Mr. Boyd presented the final draft of the Hoschton Master Transportation Plan, a first for the City of Hoschton. This plan provides the City with both potential short and long-term transportation solutions to locally maintained roadways that could help increase safety and provide more connections for residents to access retail centers and downtown.

Ms. Kidd-Harrison stated that the City was excited to have this Study in place for future TSPLOST and grant opportunities and thanked the project team at Keck & Wood and GHMPO for their partnership.

MOTION: Ms. Kidd-Harrison made a motion to recommend approval of the Hoschton Master Transportation Plan, which received a second from Ms. Dove, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. Other

There were no other items brought up for discussion.

7. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives shared the status of projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Ms. Nash for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Tarver for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Schultz for the City of Oakwood, Ms. Kidd-Harrison for the City of Hoschton, Ms. Weinel for the Town of Braselton, Mr. Lott for the Georgia Department of Transportation, Mr. Hazell for the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, Ms. Flaute for the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission, Ms. Dove for Jackson County, and Mr. Cook for Hall County.

8. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

9. Upcoming Meeting Date: July 29, 2026

Mr. Hazell reminded the TCC that their next meeting would be on July 29, 2026.

10. Adjourn

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

Adam Hazell, Chair

Joseph Boyd, GHMPO