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Policy Committee

Commission Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Hall County Government Center
Draft Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2026

Voting Members Present:
Mayor Zack Thompson, *City of Gainesville* – **Chair**
Mayor Lamar Scroggs, *City of Oakwood* – **Vice-Chair**
Mayor Oliver McClellan, *City of Flowery Branch*
Chairman David Gibbs, *Hall County*
Commissioner Jeff Stowe, *Hall County*
Chairman Marty Clark, *Jackson County*
Megan Weiss, *GDOT*

Voting Members Absent:
Commissioner Kathy Cooper, *Hall County*

Others Present:
Chris Rotalsky, *City of Gainesville*
Corey Jones, *City of Gainesville*
Dan Schultz, *City of Oakwood*
John Nagy, *City of Flowery Branch*
Dani Nash, *City of Flowery Branch*
Christopher Hulsey, *City of Flowery Branch*
Jamie Jackson, *Jackson County*
Mark Turner, *Hall County*
John Gentry, *Hall County*
Casey Ramsey, *Hall County*
Jorge Gomez, *Hall County*
Brent Cook, *Hall County*
Justin Lott, *GDOT*
Joseph Boyd, *GHMPO*

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1. Welcome

Mayor Thompson opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

2. Approval of August 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Stowe made a motion to approve the August 11, 2026, meeting minutes, which received a second from Chairman Clark, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of the Draft FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Boyd presented the final draft of the FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This is the short-range implementation plan for the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and covers fiscal years 2027-2030. Mr. Boyd highlighted the overall fiscal constraint and walked the Committee through the listed projects. Additional projects utilizing state and local funding sources

are also expected to be added in once the TIP is formally approved by the Federal Highway Administration. The TIP observed a thirty-day public comment period ending on October 29, 2026, where no public moments were received. Mayor McClellan asked for clarity on how the public comment period was conducted, to which Mr. Boyd responded that a legal advertisement was placed in the local newspaper and then the draft document was available for review and comment on the MPO website. All MPO committee meetings are also open to the public where comments may be submitted.

MOTION: Mayor Scroggs made a motion to adopt the FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, which received a second from Commissioner Stowe, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Ongoing Planning Studies Update

Mr. Boyd provided updates on the State Route 124 Planning Study in western Jackson County, which kicked off on October 19, 2026, and the Hall County Master Transportation Plan, which is scheduled to kick off in January 2027.

5. Other

Mr. Boyd commented that the latest federal transportation bill had recently expired and that the MPO would be watching closely in 2027 as a new transportation bill is expected, and what impact that will have on the MPO and all member jurisdictions.

6. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives shared the status of projects being completed by their jurisdictions and agencies: Mr. Jones for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Schultz for the City of Oakwood, Mr. Nagy for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Lott for the Georgia Department of Transportation, Mr. Cook for Hall County, and Ms. Jackson for Jackson County.

7. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

8. Upcoming Meeting Date: February 9, 2027

Mayor Thompson reminded the Policy Committee that their next meeting would be on February 9, 2027.

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9. Adjourn

There being no other items of business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

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Mayor Zack Thompson, Chair

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Joseph Boyd, GHMPO

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