



# *Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization*

## **GHMPO**

Braselton - Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Oakwood - Hall County - Jackson County

### **TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Hall County Government Center, Commissioners Meeting Room

Minutes of January 16, 2018 Meeting

#### **Voting Members Present:**

Rhonda Brady, City of Gainesville  
BR White, City of Oakwood  
Brandon Kirby, GDOT  
Kevin McInturff, Hall County  
Gina Roy, Jackson County  
Jennifer Scott, Town of Braselton  
Phil Peevy, GDOT  
Sam Baker, GHMPO  
Denise Farr, Hall County  
Phillippa Lewis Moss, HAT  
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO  
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville  
Angela Sheppard, City of Gainesville

#### **Voting Members Absent:**

Rich Atkinson, City of Flowery Branch  
Adam Hazell, GMRC  
Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville  
Ken Rearden, Hall County

#### **Others Present:**

Joseph Boyd, GHMPO  
Emily Vioglavich, Hall County  
Matt Tarver, City of Gainesville  
Richard Fangman, Pond  
Andrew Antweiler, Pond  
Eric Lusher, Pond

Roshni Lawrence, GDOT  
Gary McClung, Citizen  
Darlene Long, Citizen  
Kaela Smith, Citizen  
B.J. Williams, WDUN  
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch

#### **1. Welcome**

Mr. McInturff opened the meeting at 10:32 AM, and introductions were made.

#### **2. Approval of October 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Mr. Yamala made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2017 meeting, with a second from Mr. White, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **3. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Supporting the State Targets for Safety Performance Management**

Mr. Baker stated that the current transportation legislation called the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) directs the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), all state Departments of Transportation (DOT), and all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to establish performance measures and performance targets for various aspects of transportation. They include safety, infrastructure condition, congestion, system reliability, emissions, and freight movement. This is being called "Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP)". The goal of PBPP is to be able to quantify the results of transportation investments.

For safety, the Georgia DOT has set a number of performance measures and performance targets. GHMPO is presented with the option to either establish these state targets for the GHMPO region or set its own targets. USDOT requires that GHMPO establish targets for safety performance by executing a resolution and do so by February 27, 2018. Staff recommended that GHMPO set the same state targets for the GHMPO region similar to the other Georgia MPOs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. McClung asked for clarity on what would happen at the local level if the state targets are not met. Mr. Baker explained that there is no adverse consequence or penalty imposed by the federal government upon GHMPO if the targets are not met; however, setting performance measures and targets will likely make the MPO, the elected officials, and the citizens more aware of the safety aspect of transportation and may lead to further actions to improve safety.

**MOTION:** Ms. Lewis Moss made a motion to recommend approval of the Resolution Supporting the State Targets for Safety Performance Management, with a second from Ms. Roy, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **4. Recommend Approval of a Resolution Adopting the Gainesville-Hall Regional Freight Study Report**

Mr. Baker stated that the regional freight study conducted by CDM Smith has been completed, and a study report has been prepared. The report has the following:

- Goals and objectives for a regional freight mobility plan
- Performance measures to assess our freight network
- Assessment of freight trends, opportunities, and needs
- Freight policies
- List of short-term, mid-term, and long-term freight project recommendations for the region

**MOTION:** Ms. Scott made a motion to recommend approval of a Resolution Adopting the Gainesville-Hall Regional Freight Study Report, with a second from Ms. Brady, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **5. Green Street Corridor Study, Phase II**

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Mr. Fangmann and Mr. Antweiler of Pond and Company presented a study of Green Street. The purpose of this study was to explore ways to alleviate traffic congestion on Green Street and facilitate better traffic movement. In the first phase of the study completed in 2016, the study team analyzed existing conditions and surveyed what lies underneath Green Street including utilities and drainage. With the help of the information gathered in the first phase, the second phase of the study explored various alternatives to improve congestion on Green Street and came up with recommendations for consideration.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**: Mr. McClung asked if the traffic lights on Green Street will be eliminated. Mr. Fangmann and Mr. Antweiler answered that the light at Ridgewood Avenue will remain. Mr. McClung commented that eliminating the light would improve traffic flow.

## **6. Review of Draft FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Boyd presented the Draft FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program document, which describes the planning projects, studies, and activities that the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization will undertake in FY 2019 from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. In FY 2019, GHMPO and its planning partners intend to complete the following four planning studies:

1. Dawsonville Highway-McEver Road Connectivity Study
2. Gainesville Trail Connectivity Study
3. South Hall Trail Study
4. Oakwood Citywide Traffic Improvement Study

In addition, GHMPO will assist Jackson County with an update of the Jackson County Transportation Master Plan if the application for funding is approved by the PL Funds Review Committee at GDOT in March 2018. GHMPO will undertake an update of the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan in late 2018 to be completed by June 2020.

The draft FY19 UPWP document has been submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration for their review and comment. This is the first of two rounds of MPO review and 30-day public comment period this draft UPWP will go through before it is adopted on May 8, 2018.

## **7. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports**

Representatives shared the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Andrew for the City of Flowery Branch, Ms. Brady for the City of Gainesville, Mr. White for the City of Oakwood, Ms. Scott for the Town of Braselton, Mr. Kirby for GDOT, Ms. Lewis Moss for Hall Area Transit, Ms. Farr for Hall County, and Ms. Roy for Jackson County.

## **8. Upcoming Meeting Date: April 17, 2018**

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## 9. Public Comments

Mr. McClung requested that the MPO utilize microphones at future meetings to assist those in the audience who have difficulty hearing.

## 10. Other

There were no other items of business presented.

## 11. Adjourn

**MOTION**: Mr. Rotalsky made a motion to adjourn at 11:17 a.m., with a second from Ms. Lewis Moss, and the meeting was adjourned.