



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

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

POLICY COMMITTEE

**Hall County Government Center
2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30504
Draft Minutes for November 14, 2017 Meeting**

Voting Members Present:

Mayor Lamar Scroggs, City of Oakwood, Chair
Benny Bagwell, Hall County
Bryan Lackey, City of Gainesville
Commissioner Ralph Richardson, Jr., Jackson
County
Charles Robinson, GDOT

Voting Members Absent:

Mayor Mike Miller, City of Flowery Branch

Others Present:

Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Sam Baker, GHMPO
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO
Emily Vioglavich, Hall County
Adam Ivory, CDM Smith
Gina Roy, Jackson County
Quinton Spann, GDOT
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
BR White, City of Oakwood
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville
Matt Tarver, City of Gainesville

BJ Williams, WDUN
Connie Propes, CAC Member
Wayne Stradley, Citizen
Darlene Long, Citizen
Gina Pilcher, Citizen
Pam Puckett, Citizen
Jim McIntyre, Citizen
Denise Farr, Hall County
Ken Rearden, Hall County
Nick Bowman, Gainesville Times
Phillippa Lewis Moss, HAT

1. Welcome

Mayor Scroggs called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. Approval of August 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2017 Policy Committee Meeting, with a second from Mr. Richardson, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Report from the Technical Coordinating Committee

There was no report from the Technical Coordinating Committee.

4. Report from the Citizens Advisory Committee

Connie Propes spoke on behalf of Renee Gerrell, the Chairperson of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). Ms. Propes stated that the CAC would like the Policy Committee to revisit its decision made at the August 8, 2017 meeting regarding the CAC bylaws. Ms. Propes stated that the CAC would like to amend the bylaws to change the number of absences granted to CAC members per fiscal year from three to two. Ms. Propes, in addition, stated that the CAC would like the Policy Committee to revisit the request for a North Hall Parkway Study to be conducted by FY 2019.

5. Approval of the Resolutions Amending the FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Baker presented a draft amendment of the FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program adding the four studies listed below and \$570,000 to the budget which were approved after the adoption of the FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program:

- Dawsonville Highway-McEver Road Connectivity Study: \$200,000
- Gainesville Trail Study: \$120,000
- South Hall Trail Study: \$150,000
- Oakwood Citywide Traffic Improvement Study: \$100,000

Mr. Baker also presented a resolution showing a revised dollar amount for the PL funded Oakwood Citywide Traffic Improvement Study.

MOTION: Mr. Lackey made a motion to approve the Resolution Amending the FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program, with a second from Mr. Bagwell, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

MOTION: Mr. Bagwell made a motion to approve a new resolution that reflects an updated funding amount for the Oakwood Citywide Traffic Improvement Study, with a second from Mr. Richardson, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Approval of a Resolution Requesting Additional PL Funds for Jackson County Transportation Plan

Mr. Baker presented a draft resolution requesting additional PL funds for Jackson County in order to update its Transportation Master Plan by 2019 to coincide with the update of the Jackson County Comprehensive Plan in 2020. Mr. Baker stated that GHMPO would like to submit an application requesting additional planning funds totaling \$140,000 to fund the Jackson County Transportation Master Plan Update with a 20% cash local match from Jackson County.

MOTION: *Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve a Resolution Requesting Additional PL Funds for Jackson County Transportation Plan, with a second from Mr. Lackey, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

7. Gainesville-Hall Regional Freight Study Update

Mr. Ivory presented an update in order to obtain feedback from Policy Committee members on the following tasks that have been accomplished so far:

- Developed goals and objectives for a regional freight mobility plan
- Developed performance measures to assess our freight network
- Assessed freight trends, opportunities and needs
- Formed freight policies
- Prepared a draft list of short-term, mid-term, and long-term freight projects for the region

Mr. Baker stated that the plan was on schedule to be completed by December 2017 and stated that the plan would be voted on for adoption by the PC at the March 13, 2018 meeting.

8. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives shared the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Chris Rotalsky for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Stan Brown for the City of Oakwood, Ms. Denise Farr for Hall County, and Ms. Gina Roy for Jackson County.

9. Public Comments

Wayne Stradley, 3307 Marina View Way, Gainesville, spoke regarding the CAC bylaws concerning the number of allowed absences per year. Mr. Stradley stated that he is in agreement with Mr. Lackey's previous suggestion that any CAC member who has two unexplained absences per year be reported to the jurisdiction which appointed him/her. Mr. Stradley commented that he feels the issue should be amended by the Policy Committee. Mr. Stradley also stated that he feels the Policy Committee should request planning funds for the North Hall Parkway study to be added for FY 2019. Quinton Spann, GDOT, commented that any additional projects would be determined by available GDOT funds but the Policy Committee could make a request to have it added. Mr. Stradley's final comment concerned the freight study. Mr. Stradley commented that there are multiple studies going on by both Pond Engineering, CDM Smith, and Arcadis but there is no coordination between the groups regarding their studies. Mr. Stradley stated that he believes there needs to be more coordination among the different studies and asked if GDOT was involved in the studies. Mr. Spann stated that GDOT is not involved in the studies being conducted by POND and CDM Smith, which are being conducted at the direction of GHMPO and the City of Gainesville.

10. Other

There were no other items presented to the Committee.

11. Upcoming Meeting Date: March 13, 2018

The next Policy Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Hall County Government Center.

12. Adjourn

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Mayor Lamar Scroggs, Chairman

Emily Vioglavich, Secretary