



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Development Services Center Minutes of February 20, 2008 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Larry Sparks, City of Oakwood
James Riker, City of Flowery Branch
Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville
Billy Cantrell, GDOT
Jason Crane, GDOT Office of Planning
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO
Randy Knighton, GHMPO
Kevin McInturff, Hall County
Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit
Carolynn Segers, GMRDC

Voting Members Absent:

Adrian Niles, City of Gainesville

Others Present:

Reuben Woods, GDOT
Chip Burger, URS
David Cassell, GRTA

Dee Taylor, City of Gainesville
David Fee, GHMPO
Connie Daniels, Hall County

1. Welcome

Mr. Sparks called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of October 17, 2007 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Puckett made a motion to approve the October 17, 2007 Minutes. The motion was received and seconded by Ms. Crow and passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Review of Draft FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Yamala presented the draft FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describing the organizations planning goals and activities, cost estimates for each activity, funding sources and work schedule for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. He mentioned that the MPO is considering adding a new staff member.

Mr. Knighton stated the need to expand MPO staff to meet workload and schedules of various ongoing activities.

4. Report on Transit Development Plan Study

Mr. Yamala explained the Transit Development Plan (TDP) was initiated in July 2007 to assist Hall Area Transit (HAT) in developing a strategic plan for the next five years. Mr. Burger used a PowerPoint presentation to relay the findings of the study including the maps of proposed routes and the recommendations for each phase in the five year plan. Committee members noticed minor errors on street names in some of the maps in the document. The mistakes were noted and the maps will be corrected prior to the TDP public meeting on February 26th.

5. 2008 Georgia Legislative Update on Transportation Funding

Mr. Fee informed the committee of current legislative actions considered by the Georgia General Assembly. Both the House and Senate are considering using a one percent increase in the sales/use tax to finance transportation projects. The House and Senate are divided on how much of the revenues raised should be available for local projects and what percentage would be available for projects in other parts of state. The Senate would allow counties to vote to decide whether they opted for the sales tax or not.

6. Administrative Change to 2008 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Fee brought three administrative changes to projects in the 2008-2013 TIP to the attention of the committee: Central Hall Recreation and Multi-Use Trail (GH-051), the Intersection Improvement at Old Cornelia and Joe Chandler (GH-075) and the Sidewalk on SR 60/Thompson Bridge Road (GH-076). The changes consist of moving the Construction phases from FY 2008 to FY 2009 ; however, in the case of the project at Old Cornelia and Joe Chandler, the Right-of-Way and Pre-Engineering phases will go from FY 2008 to FY 2009. Mr. Taylor inquired whether the Traffic Signal Retiming-SR11/11 Business/SR 60 and SR 369 (GH-077) would also be delayed. Mr. Crane said he would look into the matter.

7. Election of TCC Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Nominations were asked for election of TCC officers.

MOTION: *Mr. Yamala made a motion to re-nominate Larry Sparks for TCC Chairperson and Kevin McInturff for TCC Vice-Chairperson with a second by Mr. Puckett and passed by a unanimous vote.*

8. JURISDICTION AND AGENCY REPORTS

Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed in their jurisdictions: Mr. Cantrell for GDOT; Mr. Sparks for Oakwood; Mr. Taylor for Gainesville; Mr. McInturff for Hall County and Mr. Riker for Flowery Branch.

9. UPCOMING MEETING DATE

The next TCC meeting will be April 16, 2008.

10. OTHER

Committee members were given information flyers on the following upcoming public meetings: the TDP meeting on February 26th and the open house meeting for SR 365 corridor study on March 4th.

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 2:54 p.m.

Larry Sparks, Chairperson

Connie Daniels, Secretary