



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

GHMPO

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Conference Room, Development Services Center
Minutes of April 15, 2009 Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Larry Sparks, City of Oakwood
Jason Crane, GDOT
Robert Mahoney, GDOT
Rusty Ligon, City of Gainesville
David Dockery, City of Gainesville
Scott Puckett, Hall County
Kevin McInturff, Hall County
James Riker, City of Flowery Branch
Janice Crow, Hall Area Transit
Stephanie Harmon, GMRDC
Randy Knighton, GHMPO
Srikanth Yamala, GHMPO

Voting Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

David Fee, GHMPO
Jody Woodall, Hall County
Connie Daniels, Hall County
John Wisdom, Wilbur Smith Associates

Kelly Wade, FHWA
Shelley Davis, Greater Hall Chamber
Denise Deal, Vision 2030

1. Welcome

Mr. Sparks called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made as there were several new people in attendance.

2. Approval of February 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Puckett made a motion to recommend approval of the February 18, 2009, Minutes with a second by Mr. Ligon and passed by a unanimous vote.*

3. Recommendation to Approve the Draft FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Yamala reported that FHWA requested a draft resolution be included with the draft FY 2010 UPWP. Mr. Yamala directed the attention of the committee to the Major Transportation Studies work element and provided a handout on previous and ongoing studies. Mr. Riker commented on the letter the City of Flowery Branch had sent to the GHMPO Policy Committee requesting funding assistance to conduct a transportation study and agreed to provide a letter of commitment in terms of the local match to GHMPO as soon as their City Council approves the FY 2010 budget.

MOTION: Mr. Crane made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program with a second by Mr. Mahoney and passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Northern Connector Study - Data Layers and Ranking

Mr. Wisdom explained the preliminary data layers and rankings associated with the study. Different scenarios of the proposed alignments will be presented at the next TCC meeting. Mr. Yamala informed the committee that the second stakeholders meeting for the northern Connector Study will be on April 21, 2009.

5. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program - Transportation

Mr. Yamala explained this is a new grant to assist state, local and tribal governments in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions, reduce total energy use and improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building and other sectors and to spur economic growth and create/retain jobs. He noted Hall County alone is eligible as a direct grant recipient for \$726,600 dollars and that the grant covers a wide variety of activities. No local funding match is required and the application deadline is June 25, 2009.

Mr. Yamala invited members to attend the audio conference on April 23, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. to learn more about this program.

6. Administrative Modifications and Amendments to the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement (TIP) Program

Mr. Fee presented four administrative modifications and seven amendments to the 2008-2013 TIP. Mr. Yamala stated that GHMPO staff met with Steve Farrow, GDOT Board Member and Russell McMurray, GDOT District Engineer to get an update on both projects and budget issues.

MOTION: Mr. Crane made a motion to approve the administrative modifications and amendments to the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program with a second by Mr. Riker and passed by a unanimous vote.

7. Update on the 2009 Georgia Legislative Session

Mr. Fee reported that the 1% sales tax for transportation projects had not passed in the General Assembly. Senate Bill 200 did pass creating a GDOT Director of Planning position. The Legislature would choose 20% of all funding projects and nearly all the new projects from a list provided by the Governor. The current Transportation Board would select repair and repaving projects. There are changes being made throughout GDOT and all the details have not been worked out at this time.

8. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports


Representatives discussed the status of transportation projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Mr. Mahoney for GDOT, Mr. Woodall for Hall County, Mr. Ligon and Mr. Dockery for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Riker for the City of Flowery Branch, Ms. Crow for HAT, and Mr. Sparks for the City of Oakwood.

9. Upcoming Meeting Date

July 15, 2009

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 3:25 p.m.



Larry Sparks, Chairperson



Connie Daniels, Secretary