

## **Technical Coordinating Committee**

**HR Training Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hall County Government Center  
Draft Minutes of July 24, 2024 Meeting**

### **Voting Members Present:**

Gina Roy, Jackson County, Vice Chair  
Matt Tarver, City of Gainesville  
Corey Jones, City of Gainesville  
Chris Rotalsky, City of Gainesville  
Angela Sheppard, City of Gainesville  
Tonya Parrish, City of Flowery Branch  
Anna Peng, City of Flowery Branch  
Dan Schultz, City of Oakwood  
Jennifer Scott, Town of Braselton  
Debbie Martin, Mayor, City of Hoschton  
Jennifer Kidd-Harrison, City of Hoschton  
Tom Wilson, City of Buford  
Jorge Gomez, Hall County  
William King, Hall County  
Gina Roy, Jackson County  
Shannon Young, GDOT

### **Others Present:**

Carol Flaute, NEGRC  
Elizabeth Johnson, GDOT  
Steve Cote, RS&H  
Erin Musiol, RS&H

### **Voting Members Absent:**

Adam Hazell, GMRC, Chair  
Phillippa Lewis Moss, Hall Area Transit

Jared Lombard, FHWA  
Jeff Gill, Gainesville Times  
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO  
Michael Haire, GHMPO

## **1. Welcome – Gina Roy, Vice Chair**

Ms. Roy opened the meeting at 10:33 AM.

## **2. Approval of April 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Ms. Scott made a motion to approve of the April 24, 2024 meeting minutes, which received a second from Mr. Tarver, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

### 3. Recommend Approval of Draft GHMPO Bylaws

Mr. Boyd introduced a routine update to the GHMPO Bylaws, which govern how the three MPO committees are to be organized. The changes made in this update to the TCC Bylaws include the following:

- Updated list of voting members (*per GDOT*)
- First meeting of the year has been moved from the *third Wednesday of February* to the *fourth Wednesday of January*
- Updated quorum to five (5) voting members
- Added text permitting voting via teleconference or phone

The GHMPO Bylaw updates are anticipated to be adopted at the upcoming Policy Committee meeting on August 13, 2024.

**MOTION:** Ms. Scott made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft TCC Bylaws, which received a second from Ms. Kidd-Harrison, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

### 4. Recommend Approval of Draft Amendment #3 to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Haire introduced Draft Amendment #3 to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which will adjust funding amounts for one project included in the TIP, add a new roadway project, add two new non-roadway projects, and adjust project mileage for two more projects. The updates being made to the Transportation Improvement Program are listed below:

- Project Update: GH-130 / PI 0013762: Widening of State Route 60/Thompson Bridge Road from State Route 400 in Lumpkin County to Yellow Creek Road in Hall County.
  - Pre-Engineering (PE) funding updated from \$2,392,739.00 to \$2,153,465.10.
- New Road Project: GH-147 / PI 0016089: Widening of State Route 211 from Pinot Noir Drive to State Route 347 / Friendship Road.
  - Added to TIP program years due to 1% of the project being within the GHMPO planning area. Project costs reflect 1% of total funding.
  - Utilities (UTL) funding of \$3,454.00 added for Program Year 2027.
  - Construction (CST) funding of \$237,308.00 added for Program Year 2027.
- New Non-Road Project: GH-148 / PI 0020370: NEVI – Charging Stations. Four EV charging stations to be added along I-985 corridor, location TBD.
  - Utilities (UTL) funding of \$1,250,000.00 added for Program Year 2025.
- New Non-Road Project: GH-149 / NRT 24(04): Chicopee Area Woods Park Commission
  - Construction (CST) funding of \$286,303.00 added to Program Year 2025.

Mr. Haire received a comment from Mr. Lombard, who pointed out that GH-149 erroneously listed the funding source as HB 170, when it should have been the National Recreational Trails Program. This has since been corrected in the amendment documents and project worksheet.

**MOTION:** Ms. Parrish made a motion to recommend approval of Draft Amendment #3 to the FY 24-27 Transportation Improvement Program, which received a second from Ms. Scott, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **5. Recommend Approval of Draft Application for Additional PL Funds for the Hoschton Transportation Plan**

Mr. Haire presented a draft application for additional PL funds to conduct a Hoschton Transportation Plan in partnership with the City of Hoschton. This plan will provide the City with a complete look at all roadways within the city limits, and will have a list of short and long term projects to improve mobility and increase safety for motorists and pedestrians. This application is for \$120,000 of PL funds with a \$30,000 local cash match by the City of Hoschton. If approved, GHMPO staff will submit the application for consideration at the September PL Funds Review Committee meeting.

**MOTION:** Ms. Kidd-Harrison made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft PL Application for the Hoschton Transportation Plan, which received a second from Ms. Parrish, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **6. Recommend Approval of Draft Flowery Branch Parking and Mobility Study**

Ms. Parrish provided a brief presentation on the Draft Flowery Branch Parking and Mobility Study, completed this month by Flowery Branch and Stantec. The project team performed several counts of parking occupancy on normal weekdays, weekends, and during special events. It was determined that while additional parking would be beneficial, the community may be better served in the short term by street upgrades and improvements rather than the construction of a new parking deck or surface lot. Additionally, much of the informal parking could be formalized, and the study recommended that the City explore parking management systems.

**MOTION:** Ms. Parrish made a motion to recommend approval of Draft Flowery Branch Parking and Mobility Study, which received a second from Ms. Scott, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **7. First Review of GHMPO MTP Project List**

Mr. Haire briefly discussed the draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) project lists, which were discussed more in-depth at the MTP Steering Committee meeting earlier in the day. The following project lists were discussed:

1. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects** – Projects currently funded in our short-range plan, listed for informational purposes.

2. **Federal and State Funded Projects** – Funded using federal and state funding available in the planning area.
3. **TSPLOST Projects** – Projects that would be included in the plan if either Hall or Jackson County’s TSPLOST initiatives pass in the November referendums. Some projects deemed necessary based on the needs assessment will be moved into the main project list if TSPLOST is not approved.
4. **Potential Projects (Not TSPLOST)** – Potential new projects that were identified by GHMPO or RS&H based on the needs assessment. This list is not a part of the main financially constrained project list, but are listed here for future consideration by jurisdictions.
5. **Questionable Projects** – These projects have been identified previously, but the project team is seeking input from local jurisdictions regarding whether or not they are seen as necessary or a priority.

After discussion, Mr. Haire will send out the project lists for comments and feedback, with all final feedback due by mid-August.

## 8. Other

GHMPO staff provided updates on various ongoing projects.

Mr. Boyd discussed the Hall County Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan, which is scheduled to have its first open house on August 22, 2024, alongside the Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Mr. Haire discussed the State Route 13 / Atlanta Highway Corridor Study. The study will begin soon and should be completed by Summer 2025.

Mr. Boyd also discussed scheduling a meeting soon to discuss the use of Carbon Reduction (Y606) funds.

## 9. Jurisdiction and Agency Reports

Representatives shared the status of projects being completed by their jurisdictions: Ms. Parrish for the City of Flowery Branch, Mr. Tarver for the City of Gainesville, Mr. Schultz for the City of Oakwood, Mayor Martin and Ms. Kidd-Harrison for the City of Hoschton, Mr. Lombard for the Federal Highway Administration, Mr. Young and Ms. Johnson for the Georgia Department of Transportation, Ms. Flaute for the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission, Ms. Roy for Jackson County, and Mr. Gomez for Hall County.

## 10. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

## 11. Upcoming Meeting Date: TBD

The Committee discussed moving the next meeting to December in order to accommodate a delay in adopting the MTP project list due to complications from the November TSPLOST referendums. A new meeting date will be sent out the committee in August.

## 12. Adjourn

There being no other items of business, the meeting adjourned.

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Adam Hazell, Chair

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Michael Haire, GHMPO

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