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March 25, 2024

**TO:** Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area  
**FROM:** Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Chair  
**SUBJECT: Meeting Announcement**

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area will meet on **April 1, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.** This meeting will be held in the **John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium, Alachua County Administration Building,** Gainesville, Florida.

Attached are copies of the meeting agenda.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Scott Koons, AICP, Executive Director, at 352.955.2200, extension 101.

Attachments

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**AGENDA**  
**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA**

**John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium**  
**Alachua County Administration Building**  
**Gainesville, Florida**

**3:00 p.m.**  
**April 1, 2024**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Page #3**            **I. Approval of Meeting Agenda and Consent Agenda Items**            **APPROVE BOTH AGENDAS**

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to approve the meeting agenda and the consent agenda items.

**Page #143**            **II. Florida Department of Transportation - Concerns and Recommendations Letter**            **APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The Florida Department of Transportation has issued a concerns and recommendations letter. The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to submit a response to the Department addressing the concerns and recommendations.

**Page #155**            **III. Unified Planning Work Program Process - Meeting Calendar Revision**            **APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

As a transportation management area, the Unified Planning Work Program process for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization now includes performing an amendment to the current document (Unified Planning Work Program Fiscal Years 2022-23 and 2023-24) prior to approval of the new document (Unified Planning Work Program Fiscal Years 2024-25 and 2025-26) and necessitates an additional meeting on May 13, 2024 in order to meet federal deadlines.

**Page #159**            **IV. Resolution No. 2024-02 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment - Fiscal Year 2022-23 Actual Expenditures and Fiscal Year 2023-24 Estimated Expenditures ; and Amendment to Metropolitan Planning Agreement and Resolution No. 2024-03**            **APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION**

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to amend its Unified Planning Work Program Fiscal Years 2022-23 and 2023-24 to reflect actual Fiscal Year 2022-23 and estimated Fiscal Year 2023-24 expenditures.

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**V. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment -  
Regional Transit System Operating Assistance**

**APPROVE STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION**

The Florida Department of Transportation has requested the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization amend its Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2023-24 to 2027-28 to add City of Gainesville Regional Transit System Operating Assistance funding in Fiscal Year 2023-24. This amendment is needed in order for the City of Gainesville Regional Transit System to receive these federal grant funds.

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**VI. State Road 26 (University Avenue)/ State Road 25  
(SW 13th Street/Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard) Study -Status Report**

**RECEIVE PRESENTATION**

The City of Gainesville was awarded a federal grant for a multimodal project on State Road 26 (University Avenue). The City will make a presentation to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization concerning the status of this project.

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**VII. Next Meeting**

**NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

**VIII. Comments**

- A. Florida Department of Transportation Report\*
- B. Public Comment\*

This agenda item provides an opportunity for the public to address the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area on any matter not included on the agenda. The comment period is limited to three minutes for each individual.

- C. Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Members\*
- D. Chair's Report\*

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\*No backup material included with the attached agenda material.



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**CONSENT AGENDA  
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA**

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Gainesville, Florida

3:00 p.m.  
April 1, 2024

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

- Page #7 CA. 1 Minutes - December 4, 2023 **APPROVE MINUTES**  
This set of Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization minutes is ready for review.
- Page #19 CA. 2 Continuity of Operations Plan **APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**  
This plan is reviewed each year and revisions are made as needed.
- Page #61 CA. 3 Certification - Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process - Kickoff **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
Each year, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization and the Florida Department of Transportation are required by federal law and regulation to jointly certify the transportation planning process.
- Page #65 CA. 4 Certification - Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification Statement **AUTHORIZE CHAIR SIGNATURE**  
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- Page #91 CA. 5 Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council - 2024 Weekend Institute Update **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
The Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council will be conducting its next Weekend Institute on May 17 and 18, 2024 in Tampa.
- Page #95 CA. 6 Title VI/Nondiscrimination Policy Statement **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
On April 2, 2012, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization authorized the Chief Staff Official to sign this policy statement each year.
- Page #99 CA. 7 Transit Ridership Status Report **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization requested ridership reports to monitor ridership recovery amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.

Page #107 CA. 8 Transit Route Restoration Study -Status Report FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The City of Gainesville Regional Transit System is conducting a federally-funded transit route restoration study. Information from this study will be incorporated into its Transit Development Plan update. The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization incorporates Transit Development Plan projects into its Long-Range Transportation Plan.

Page #111 CA. 9 Florida Department of Transportation Performance Measures - April 2024 - Carbon Reduction Strategy/Greenhouse Gas FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Florida Department of Transportation has informed the Federal Highway Administration that it will not be providing statewide performance measures and targets for greenhouse gasses. The impact of this situation on Florida metropolitan planning organization Carbon Reduction Strategy/Greenhouse Gas performance measures and targets setting timeline is still under review.

Page #117 CA. 10 State Road 26 (West Newberry Road) Bikelanes - Status Report FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Florida Department of Transportation has responded to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization request to fill the bikelane gaps on State Road 26.

Page #123 CA. 11 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Fiscal Year 2023-24 Planning Grant Program Agreement Resolution APPROVE RESOLUTION

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to annually adopt a resolution authorizing the Chair to sign the Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant Agreement.

Page #129 CA. 12 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Board Coordinating Board Membership Certification AUTHORIZE CHAIR SIGNATURE

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization is required to annually certify the membership composition of the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

Page #133 CA. 13 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Board Reappointment REAPPOINT SPENCER MORTON

Spencer Morton has reapplied to serve as the voting Persons with Disabilities Representative.

Page #135 CA. 14 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Status Report FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization has requested regular status reports concerning this program.