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April 13, 2011

TO: Citizens and Technical Advisory Committees (CAC & TAC)

FROM: Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning

SUBJECT: Meeting Announcement and Agenda

On Wednesday, April 20th, the TAC will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the *Charles F. Justice Conference Room, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council*. Also on Wednesday, April 20th, the CAC will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Grace Knight Conference Room, Alachua County Administration Building 12 SE 1st Street. Times shown on this agenda are for the CAC meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

6:30 P.M.
CAC ONLY

Orientation for New CAC Members

Also in the Grace Knight Conference Room, an orientation presentation for new CAC members will be made (however, current members are also invited to attend)

REMINDER TO NEW CAC MEMBERS-

Please bring the enclosed CAC Orientation Materials Document

7:00 p.m.

I. Introductions (if needed)*

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda

APPROVE AGENDA

Page #3
7:05 p.m.

III. Approval of Committee Minutes

APPROVE MINUTES

Page #11
7:10 p.m.

IV. Upcoming Meetings

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

A. Next MTPO meeting- May 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

B. Next set of Committee Meetings- May 18th (if needed)

Page #13
7:15 p.m.

V. Unified Planning Work Program Amendment

APPROVE AMENDMENT

The Regional Transit System has received \$425,000 of Federal Transit Administration funds to help pay of the Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis

- Page #25
7:20 p.m.
- VI. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) APPROVE AMENDMENTS
- The MTPO is being asked to approve three amendments to its adopted TIP
- Page #29
7:30 p.m.
- VII. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) APPROVE TIP
- The MTPO must approve all transportation projects in the TIP that contain federal funds (other projects are included for information only)
- Page #33
7:30 p.m.
CAC ONLY
- VIII. Unfunded Project Priorities APPROVE TAC PRIORITIES
- The MTPO needs to approve priority lists of needed projects that are eligible to be funded with federal and/or state funds
- Page #35
8:00 p.m.
- IX. Depot Rail Trail/Waldo Road Trail Bicycle/Pedestrian Connection APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS
- The MTPO has requested recommendations for how to improve the bicycle and pedestrian connection for these two trails
- Page #45
8:30 p.m.
CAC ONLY
- X. Committee Officer Elections ELECT CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR
- The Committee needs to elect officers for 2011
- XI. Information Items
- The following materials are for your information only and are not scheduled to be discussed unless otherwise requested
- Page #47
- A. CAC and TAC Attendance Records
- *No handout included with the enclosed agenda material.

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MINUTES

GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Gainesville Regional Utilities General Purpose Meeting Room
301 SE 4th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
March 2, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Robinson, Chair
Dekova Batey
Linda Dixon
Steve Dopp
John Gifford
Jeff Hays
Debbie Leistner
Dean Mimms

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ron Fuller
Harrell Harrison
Richard Hedrick
Michael Iguina
Steve Kabat
Karen Taulbee

OTHERS PRESENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doug Robinson, Regional Transit System (RTS) Chief Transit Planner, called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Robinson noted that only TAC members and MTPO staff were present and skipped introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Robinson asked for approval of the agenda.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the meeting agenda. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the December 1, 2010 minutes are ready for approval.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the December 1, 2010 TAC minutes. Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for April 4th at 3:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the TAC's next meeting, if needed, is scheduled for March 23rd.

V. UNFUNDED PROJECT PRIORITIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that, each year, the MTPO develops priorities for unfunded projects. He said that these priorities are used by the Florida Department of Transportation to develop its Tentative Work Program. He added that this year's draft List of Priority Projects includes projects from the recently adopted Year 2035 Livable Community Reinvestment Plan and from local agency recommendations. He noted that he would discuss tables that may have changes due to review comments that MTPO staff received. He discussed proposed changes and answered questions to Table 1A- Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities- Enhancement Funds, Table 1B- Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities- Alachua County-Maintained Facilities, and Table 1C- Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities- City of Gainesville-Maintained Facilities.

It was a consensus to:

- 1. delete the ADA compliance text from Table 1A- Priority #9;**
- 2. note that Table 1B- Priority #1 is in the Tentative Work Program; and**
- 3. note that the Table 1C project is partially funded.**

Mr. Sanderson noted that appropriate tables were corrected for the limits of the Waldo Road Multiway Project. He asked if there were any questions regarding:

- Table 2A- Capacity/Multimodal Priorities- State Highway System;
- Table 2B- Capacity/Multimodal Priorities- Alachua County-Maintained Facilities;
- Table 2C- Capacity/Multimodal Priorities- City of Gainesville-Maintained Facilities.
- Table 3- Intelligent Transportation System Priorities.
- Table 4- Landscaping Priorities
- Table 5A- Project, Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Priorities;
- Table 5B- PD&E Study Priorities- Alachua County-Maintained Facilities; and
- Table 5C- PD&E Study Priorities- City of Gainesville-Maintained Facilities.

There were no questions.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the new Table 6- Public Transportation Priorities handout and answered questions. He pointed out the Regional Transit System staff-requested changes. He asked if there were any questions regarding:

- Table 7A- Right-Of-Way (ROW) Priorities- State Highway System;
- Table 7B- ROW Priorities- Alachua County-Maintained Facilities;
- Table 7C- ROW Priorities- City of Gainesville-Maintained Facilities;
- Table 8- Safe Routes to School Priorities;
- Table 9- Safety Priorities;
- Table 10- Strategic Intermodal System Priorities; and
- Table 11- Surface Transportation Program (STP) Fund Priorities.

There were no questions.

Mr. Sanderson discussed and answered questions regarding Table 12A- Traffic Operations Priorities- State Highway System and Table 12B- Traffic Operations Priorities- Local Facilities.

Ms. Debbie Leistner noted that NE 39 Avenue project could be deleted.

Ms. Linda Dixon, University of Florida Assistant Director for Facilities Planning and Construction, discussed an additional project for SW 34 Street at Hull Road.

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Senior Planner, noted that the SW 34 Street turn lane project could be placed in Table 9- Safety Priorities.

ACTION: Jeff Hays moved to revise Table 12A- Traffic Operations Priorities- State Highway System to:

- 1. show priority #7 as Campus Development Agreement-partially funded;**
- 2. add as new Priority #8, SW 34 Street at Hull Road:**
 - extend southbound left turnlane; and
 - install northbound exclusive right turnlane variable message board;
- 3. show new Priority #10 location to be at Center Drive/VA entrance; and**
- 4. delete draft Priority #11.**

Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed 7 to 1.

It was a consensus of the TAC to add to Table 9- Safety Priorities a new Priority #7, SW 34 Street at Hull Road, extend southbound left turnlane.

Mr. Sanderson asked if there were any questions regarding:

- Table 13- Transit Corridor Development Priorities;
- Table 14- Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund;
- Table 15- Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Capital Funding/Equipment Program;
- Table 16- Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Programs;
- Table 17- Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program;
- Table 18- Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5317 New Freedom Program; and
- Table 19- Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities.

There were no questions.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the List of Priority Projects, incorporating the TAC-recommended revisions. Jeff Hays seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT APPLICATIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that enhancement applications are due to the Florida Department of Transportation on March 18, 2011. He said that there are two applications that implement the Archer Braid for consideration. He discussed the applications and answered questions.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the submission of the two enhancement applications. John Gifford seconded, motion passed unanimously.

VII. COMMITTEE OFFICER ELECTIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that it was time to elect new TAC officers. He said that currently Doug Robinson was the Chair and Jonathan Paul was the Vice Chair.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to elect Ha Nguyen as Chair and Debbie Leistner as Vice Chair. There was no second.

ACTION: Debbie Leistner moved to elect Doug Robinson as Chair and Ha Nguyen as Vice Chair. There was no second.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to elect Ha Nguyen as Chair. Dean Mimms seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to elect Doug Robinson as Vice Chair. John Gifford seconded, motion passed unanimously.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

Ms. Debbie Leistner, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager,
Mr. Jonathan Paul, Alachua County Impact Fee Manager,

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Date

Ha Nguyen, Chair

MINUTES

GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO) CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

Grace Knight Conference Room
12 SE 1st Street
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
December 1, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jan Frentzen, Chair
Rob Brinkman, Vice Chair
Holly Blumenthal
Harvey Budd
Nelle Bullock
Mary Ann DeMatas
Roderick Gonzalez
Chandler Otis
James Samec
Ruth Steiner
Ewen Thomson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Valerie Rosenkrantz

OTHERS PRESENT

David Anderson
Karen Taulbee
Doreen Howard
Bill Henderson
Daniel Sibol

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Rob Brinkman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Brinkman introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Vice Chair Brinkman asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, recommended approval of the agenda.

MOTION: Rob Brinkman moved to approve the meeting agenda. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Vice Chair Brinkman asked for approval of the CAC meeting minutes.

MOTION: Ruth Steiner moved to approve the September 22, 2010 CAC minutes. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 13th at 4:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the TAC's next meeting, if needed, is scheduled for January 26th.

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP) AMENDMENTS

A. DEPOT AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW)

Mr. Sanderson stated that in order to fund a new Depot Avenue Right-Of-Way Acquisition Phase Project, the City of Gainesville will receive a \$1,709,402 Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) allocation of additional Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) HPP funding and will provide a local match of \$2,091,022. He said that this TIP amendment will add \$1,550,402 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2010/2011 and \$2,260,022 in FY 2011/2012 to fund this Depot Avenue ROW Project [4263201] in the FY 2010/2011 – 2014/2015 TIP.

MOTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO amend the TIP to add the Depot Avenue ROW Project [4263201]. James Samec seconded, motion passed unanimously.

B. REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (RTS) MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Mr. Sanderson stated that in order to fund Phase 1 of the Maintenance Facility expansion and replace 42 fareboxes, RTS has been awarded a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Grant for \$10,666,846 and will provide a local match of \$2,666,712. He said that this TIP amendment will add \$13,333,558 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2010/2011 to fund this RTS Phase 1 of 4 Maintenance Facility and 42 Farebox Replacements Project [4299271] in the FY 2010/2011 – 2014/2015 TIP.

MOTION: Rob Brinkman moved to recommend that the MTPO amend the TIP to add the RTS Phase 1 of 4 Maintenance Facility and 42 Farebox Replacements Project [4299271]. Nelle Bullock seconded, motion passed unanimously.

VI. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has submitted the Tentative Work Program to the MTPO for review and comment. He and Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist discussed the Tentative Work Program and answered questions.

MOTION: James Samec moved to recommend that the MTPO send a letter to FDOT thanking it for the opportunity to review the tentative Work Program. Ruth Steiner seconded, motion passed unanimously.

VII. STATE ROAD 226 (SE 16TH AVENUE) ALTERNATIVES- SCOPING REVIEW

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested an opportunity to present the State Road 226 4-laning Project scoping alternatives.

Mr. David Anderson, FDOT Project Manager, discussed the State Road 226 4-laning Project scoping alternatives and answered questions.

MOTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Transportation System Management Alternative and petition the Florida Department of Transportation to relocate State Road 24 anyway.” Harvey Budd seconded, motion passed unanimously.

IX. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Sanderson stated that, each year, the MTPO’s Public Involvement Plan is reviewed, and revised if necessary, in order to ensure that the MTPO’s planning program provides for a proactive public involvement process. He discussed proposed revisions in the draft Plan and answered questions.

MOTION: Harvey Budd moved to recommend that the MTPO revise the Public Involvement Plan to:

- 1. delete references to the Gainesville Voice publication;**
- 2. approve the proposed revisions in the attached Exhibit 1; and**
- 3. check into televising Coordinating Board, CAC and BPAB meetings that are held in the Grace Knight Conference Room on Channel 12.**

Nelle Bullock seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. DR. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD

Mr. Sanderson discussed the annual Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award and asked the CAC to select someone for the award. He also suggested Ms. Rae Marie Gilbert as a recipient due to her involvement in MTPO and Alachua County transportation issues.

The CAC discussed possible candidates.

MOTION: Harvey Budd moved to select Mark Goldstein as the recipient of the 2010 Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Nelle Bullock moved to adjourn the meeting. Harvey Budd seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Date

Jan Frentzen, Chair

SCHEDULED 2011 MTPO AND COMMITTEE MEETING DATES AND TIMES

PLEASE NOTE: All of the dates and times shown in this table are subject to being changed during the year.

MTPO MEETING MONTH	TAC [At 2:00 p.m.] CAC [At 7:00 p.m.]	B/PAB [At 7:00 p.m.]	MTPO MEETING
JANUARY	-	-	<i>CANCELLED</i>
FEBRUARY	<i>CANCELLED</i>	January 27	<i>CANCELLED</i>
MARCH	<i>CAC CANCELLED</i> March 2	March 3	<i>CANCELLED</i>
APRIL	<i>CANCELLED</i>	<i>CANCELLED</i>	<i>CANCELLED</i>
MAY	TAC @ NCFRPC CAC Orientation @ 6:30 pm April 20	April 21	May 2 at 5:00 p.m.
JUNE	May 18	May 19	June 6 at 5:00 p.m.
JULY	June 29	June 30	July 11 at 3:00 p.m.
AUGUST	July 20	July 21	August 1 at 3:00 p.m.
SEPTEMBER	August 17	August 18	September 12 at 3:00 p.m.
OCTOBER	September 21	September 22	October 3 at 3:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER	October 26	October 27	November 7 at 3:00 p.m.
DECEMBER	November 30	December 1	December 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Note, unless otherwise scheduled:

1. Shaded boxes indicate the months that we may be able to cancel MTPO meetings if agenda items do not require a meeting. Corresponding Advisory Committee meeting may also be cancelled;
2. TAC meetings are conducted at the Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) Administration general purpose meeting room;
3. CAC meetings are conducted in the Grace Knight conference room of the County Administration Building; and
4. MTPO meetings are conducted at the Jack Durrance Auditorium of the County Administration Building unless noted.

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April 13, 2011

TO: Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO)
FROM: Marlie Sanderson, AICP, Director of Transportation Planning
SUBJECT: Unified Planning Work Program Amendment

MTPO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the MTPO approve the Unified Planning Work Program amendment in Exhibit 1.

BACKGROUND

According to the attached email dated March 4, 2011 (Exhibit 2), the City of Gainesville Regional Transit System has received \$425,000 for a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Alternatives Analysis. In order to receive these funds, the MTPO must amend the Unified Planning Work Program to include this Study and these funds. Exhibit 1 contains UPWP amendment materials prepared by Regional Transit System staff.

Exhibit 3 is an excerpt from the Federal Register, dated March 1, 2011, that shows the BRT study funding.

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EXHIBIT 1

UPWP-FY 2010/11 AND 2011/12

UPWP TASK NUMBER:

3.9

TASK TITLE:

Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis Project

PURPOSE:

The objective of this project is to continue the work performed in the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Feasibility Study. Projects seeking Federal New Starts funding must be based upon the results of an Alternatives Analysis (AA) and later preliminary engineering (49 USC 5309(e)(1)(A)). The AA will identify and compare the costs, benefits, and impacts of a range of transportation alternatives as a means of providing local decision makers with the information necessary to implement the most appropriate transportation solutions in priority corridors.

The AA process should enhance the project's likelihood for success by: (1) selecting an alternative whose scope and cost address the defined problem and whose costs are consistent with expected benefits; (2) developing a realistic financial plan; (3) advancing the development of supportive land use and other policies; and (4) providing analysis and information critical to reaching decisions on the investment strategy to pursue in a particular corridor.

PREVIOUS WORK COMPLETED:

A Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Feasibility Study was completed in March 2010. The results of the study were a priority ranking of the study corridors and the development of a preferred service alignment for an initial BRT project based on the studied corridors.

METHODOLOGY:

The AA should be a collaborative process. According to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) the "AA is the process for reaching a broad consensus on exactly what type of improvement(s) best meet locally defined goals and objectives for a specified corridor." An effective AA answers the critical project development questions:

- What are the problems in a corridor?
- What are their underlying causes?
- What are viable options for addressing these problems?
- What are their costs?
- What are their benefits?

The AA will evaluate viable options for addressing identified problems with a multi-modal approach to offer the greatest improvements in mobility and to alleviate traffic congestion. At a minimum, the Alternatives Analysis will test a no-build scenario, a transportation systems management (TSM) approach, and a BRT scenario. The City of Gainesville Regional Transit System staff will work closely with regional local transportation planning agencies to complete the work.

END PRODUCTS:

The result of the AA will be a report of the alternatives studied with the following types of information: (1) Executive Summary; (2) Introduction; (3) Detailed Definition of Alternatives; (4) Public Involvement; (5) Travel Demand Forecasts and Benefits; (6) Engineering Concepts and Cost Estimates; (7) Transportation Impacts; (8) Environmental Analysis and Impacts; (9) Cost and Financial Analysis; (10) Evaluation of Alternatives; and (11) Conclusions.

The project is set to begin in summer 2011 and anticipated to take twelve (12) to eighteen (18) months to complete. Once the AA is complete, the results will be submitted to the FTA for evaluation and approval to enter project Preliminary Engineering process.

FUNDING SOURCES:

FEDERAL: \$425,000 (FTA Section 5339 funds)
STATE: \$250,000 (FDOT Planning funds)
LOCAL INKIND: \$35,000 (estimated staff time for project)

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES											
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
YEAR ONE- FISCAL YEAR 2010/11											
2010						2011					
									✓	✓	✓
YEAR ONE- FISCAL YEAR 2011/12											
2011						2012					
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY	FUNDING SOURCES					
	FEDERAL (PL)	STATE CASH	STATE IN-KIND	LOCAL CASH	LOCAL IN-KIND	TOTAL
YEAR ONE- FISCAL YEAR 2010/11						
MTPO						
FDOT						
Alachua County						
City of Gainesville	\$425,000	\$250,000			\$35,000	\$710,000
University of Florida						
TOTAL						
YEAR TWO- FISCAL YEAR 2011/12[#]						
MTPO						
FDOT						
Alachua County						
City of Gainesville						
University of Florida						
TOTAL						

*Lead Agency; [#]PL Budget for Year Two is illustrative until approved by the Florida Legislature

Marlie Sanderson

From: Elizabeth.Orr@dot.gov
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Subject: FR Publication - Alternative Analysis Program Announcement of Project Selections

Dear Colleague –

Please see the link to the latest Federal Register Notice (FRN) for the recent AA awards: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-03-01/pdf/2011-4454.pdf>. It is our understanding that the AA study must be shown in your MPO's adopted/amended UPWP. Further, it is our understanding that grantees have pre-award authority for the AA work as of December 21, 2010, as published in the March 1, 2011 FRN -- *if the AA is in the UPWP*.

Please let me know if you have any questions as your FTA TEAM grant applications are developed.

Thank you,

Parris

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Kuehn, 202-493-3414, Office of Corporate Research, Technology, and Innovation Management, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Exploratory Advanced Research (EAR) Program sponsored project titled "Effects of Automated Transit and Pedestrian/Bicycling Facilities on Urban Travel Patterns."

Type of request: New information collection requirement.

Background: The Exploratory Advanced Research (EAR) Program was established to conduct longer term, higher risk research that will result in a potentially dramatic breakthrough for improving the durability, efficiency, environmental impact, productivity, and safety of highway and intermodal transportation systems. FHWA awarded a research project titled "Effects of Automated Transit and Pedestrian/Bicycling Facilities on Urban Travel Patterns" that was submitted in response to a solicitation in 2009 and supports the EAR Program focus area of new technology and advanced policies for energy and resource conservation. The project conducted by the University of Michigan with support from the University of Illinois at Chicago has the potential to lead to applications for evidence-based policies and approaches that could substantially reduce the percentage and total number of short trips using private vehicles and increase the percentage and number of trips using current and future transit technology and non-motorized trips, which would reduce use and dependence on fossil fuels and associated pollution impacts.

The research project is attempting to gauge potential travel-behavior response to far-reaching improvements in the pedestrian, cycling, and transit environments of neighborhoods. The transit improvements are inspired by the frequency and quality of service that might be made possibility of future technologies. The project is studying the capacity of these improvements to

generate the following kinds of shifts: (1) Modal shift of neighborhood trips from auto to other modes; (2) Increased use of regional public transit based on improved station access; and (3) Shift of more remote non-work destinations to destinations within the neighborhood.

To explore these issues, the research team is building a model that integrates activity-based and agent-based components. The models in turn will be based on a survey of residents in four neighborhoods of metropolitan Chicago. As part of the survey, respondents will be presented with images representing potential improvements to the pedestrian, cycling, and transit environments of their neighborhoods and will respond to scenarios regarding their travel under these altered conditions.

We will mail 7,700 invitations with an expectation of 1,400 residents responding. From that pool, 800 will be selected for the study, which includes a survey packet, travel diary and phone interview.

Respondents: We estimate that 1,400 residents will respond to the initial invitation and 800 residents will participate in the study.

Frequency: This is a one-time collection.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: The invitation portion takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. 1400 residents × 15 minutes = 350 hours.

The research study takes approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes (30 minutes for the survey packet and travel diary and 1 hour for the phone interview).

800 residents × 90 minutes = 1,200 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: The total burden for this one-time information collection would be approximately 1,550 hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the U.S. DOT's performance, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the U.S. DOT's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request

for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: February 24, 2011.

Juli Huynh,
Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.

[FR Doc. 2011-4590 Filed 2-28-11; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

**Alternatives Analysis Program
Discretionary Funding Allocations**

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Alternatives Analysis Program Announcement of Project Selections.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects funded with unallocated Section 5339 Alternatives Analysis Program funds in support of DOT's Livability Initiative, which was announced in the Alternatives Analysis Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on May 28, 2010. The Alternatives Analysis Program assists potential sponsors of major transit capital investments ("New Starts" and "Small Starts" projects) in the evaluation of all reasonable modal and multimodal alternatives and general alignment options to address transportation needs in a defined travel corridor. Through these funding awards, FTA will support a limited number of alternatives analyses, or technical work conducted as part of proposed or on-going alternatives analyses, that seek to advance major transit investments that foster the six livability principles of the DOT-HUD-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Successful applicants should contact the appropriate FTA Regional office (Appendix A) for specific information regarding applying for the funds. For general information on the Alternatives Analysis Program, contact Kenneth Cervenka, Office of Planning and Environment, at (202) 493-0512 or Kenneth.Cervenka@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A total of \$25,700,000 was available for FTA's Alternatives Analysis Program. A total of \$73,027,950 was requested for 67 projects, indicating significant demand for funds. Project proposals were

evaluated based on the criteria detailed in the May 28, 2010 NOFA. The alternatives analysis proposals selected and shown in Table I will advance proposed transit investments that would provide more transportation choices, improve economic competitiveness, support existing communities, create partnerships and enhance the value of communities and neighborhoods.

Grantees selected for competitive discretionary funding should work with their FTA regional office to finalize the application in FTA's Transportation Electronic Award Management system (TEAM) so that funds can be obligated

expeditiously. Funds must be used for the purposes specified in the competitive application. A discretionary project identification number has been assigned to each project for tracking purposes and must be used in the TEAM application. Pre-award authority is granted as of December 21, 2010.

Post-award reporting requirements include submission of the Financial Federal Report and Milestone reports in TEAM as appropriate (*see* FTA.C.5010.1D).

The grantee must comply with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, FTA circulars, and

other Federal administrative requirements in carrying out the activities supported by the FTA grant. The grantee must initiate the alternatives analysis within 12 months of grant approval unless activities are already underway. Funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by September 30, 2013.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of February, 2011.

Peter Rogoff,
Administrator.

Appendix A

FTA Regional and Metropolitan Offices

Mary E. Mello, Regional Administrator, Region 1—Boston, Kendall Square, 55 Broadway, Suite 920, Cambridge, MA 02142-1093, Tel. 617-494-2055.

States served: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Brigid Hynes-Cherin, Regional Administrator, Region 2—New York, One Bowling Green, Room 429, New York, NY 10004-1415, Tel. 212-668-2170.

States served: New Jersey, New York
New York Metropolitan Office, Region 2—New York, One Bowling Green, Room 428, New York, NY 10004-1415, Tel. 212-668-2202.

Letitia Thompson, Regional Administrator, Region 3—Philadelphia, 1760 Market Street, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103-4124, Tel. 215-656-7100.

States served: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and District of Columbia.

Philadelphia Metropolitan Office, Region 3—Philadelphia, 1760 Market Street, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103-4124, Tel. 215-656-7070.
Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Office, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 510, Washington, DC 20006, Tel. 202-219-3562.

Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator, Region 4—Atlanta, 230 Peachtree Street, NW., Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30303, Tel. 404-865-5600.

States served: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virgin Islands.

Marisol Simon, Regional Administrator, Region 5—Chicago, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60606, Tel. 312-353-2789.

States served: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Chicago Metropolitan Office, Region 5—Chicago, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60606, Tel. 312-353-2789.

Robert C. Patrick, Regional Administrator, Region 6—Ft. Worth, 819 Taylor Street, Room 8A36, Ft. Worth, TX 76102, Tel. 817-978-0550.

States served: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

Mokhtee Ahmad, Regional Administrator, Region 7—Kansas City, MO, 901 Locust Street, Room 404, Kansas City, MO 64106, Tel. 816-329-3920.

States served: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.

Terry Rosapep, Regional Administrator, Region 8—Denver, 12300 West Dakota Ave., Suite 310, Lakewood, CO 80228-2583, Tel. 720-963-3300.

States served: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

Leslie T. Rogers, Regional Administrator, Region 9—San Francisco, 201 Mission Street, Room 1650, San Francisco, CA 94105-1926, Tel. 415-744-3133.

States served: American Samoa, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Los Angeles Metropolitan Office, Region 9—Los Angeles, 888 S. Figueroa Street, Suite 1850, Los Angeles, CA 90017-1850, Tel. 213-202-3952.

Rick Krochalis, Regional Administrator, Region 10—Seattle, Jackson Federal Building, 915 Second Avenue, Suite 3142, Seattle, WA 98174-1002, Tel. 206-220-7954.

States served: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

TABLE I—ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS PROJECT SELECTIONS

State	Project ID	Recipient	Project description	Allocation
CA	D2010-ALTA-06001 (\$1,336,500) and D2010-ALTA-07001 (\$663,500).	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.	Van Nuys Corridor and Other Regional Transit Projects.	\$2,000,000
CO	D2010-ALTA-07002	City and County of Denver	East Colfax Avenue	2,000,000
DC	D2010-ALTA-07003	District Department of Transportation	DC Streetcar Alignment and Vehicle Propulsion Technology.	1,000,000
FL	D2010-ALTA-07004	Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority—LYNX.	Osceola County Corridor	800,000
FL	D2010-ALTA-07005	City of Tallahassee—StarMetro	Future Transit System Development	400,000
FL	D2010-ALTA-07006	Gainesville Regional Transit System	Bus Rapid Transit	425,000
GA	D2010-ALTA-09001	Cobb County Department of Transportation.	Northwest Atlanta Corridor	1,360,000

TABLE I—ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS PROJECT SELECTIONS—Continued

State	Project ID	Recipient	Project description	Allocation
GA	D2010-ALTA-09002	Gwinnett County	I-85 Corridor	600,000
IL	D2010-ALTA-09003	Chicago Transit Authority	Western Corridor	1,600,000
MN	D2010-ALTA-09004	City of Minneapolis	Nicollet-Central Urban Circulator	900,000
MN	D2010-ALTA-09005	Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority.	Robert Street Transitway	1,180,000
MO	D2010-ALTA-09006	Mid-America Regional Council	Jackson County/Kansas City Regional.	1,800,000
NE	D2010-ALTA-09007	Transit Authority of the City of Omaha.	Omaha Downtown/Midtown	700,000
NY	D2010-ALTA-09008	New York City Department of Transportation.	La Guardia Airport Transit Corridor ..	1,250,000
OH	D2010-ALTA-09009	Central Ohio Transit Authority	Northeast Corridor	300,000
OR	D2010-ALTA-001	Portland Area Metropolitan Service District (Metro).	Southwest Corridor	2,000,000
RI	D2010-ALTA-002	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority.	Extension of Providence Core Community Connector AA.	160,000
TN	D2010-ALTA-003	Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority.	Broadway/West End Corridor	1,180,000
TX	D2010-ALTA-004	Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority.	North Central Corridor	1,975,000
TX	D2010-ALTA-005	Dallas Area Rapid Transit	D2 AA/EIS	700,000
TX	D2010-ALTA-006	VIA Metropolitan Transit	VIA Metropolitan Transit—Urban Circulator Program.	900,000
UT	D2010-ALTA-007	Salt Lake City Corporation	Downtown Salt Lake City Streetcar ..	470,000
WA	D2010-ALTA-07007 (\$200,500); D2010-ALTA-09010 (\$121,875); D2010-ALTA-008 (\$1,648,288) and D2010-ALTA-08001 (\$29,337).	Sound Transit	Sound Transit North Corridor	2,000,000
Total				\$25,700,000

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2009-0203]

Pipeline Safety: Meeting of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee and the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC) and the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC). The committees will meet to discuss a proposed rulemaking to expedite the program implementation deadlines for certain control room management requirements and several future regulatory initiatives.

DATES: The THLPSSC will meet on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. EST. The THLPSSC and the TPSSC will meet in joint session on Thursday, March 24, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the TPSSC will meet on Friday, March 25, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. EST. Attendees should register in advance at: <http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=69>. On-site registration will be available starting at noon on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will not be Web cast; however, presentations will be available on the meeting Web site and posted in the E-Gov Web Site: <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number PHMSA-2009-0203 within 30 days following the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Crystal City Marriott near Reagan National Airport, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22022-3526. The telephone number is 703-413-5500. PHMSA will post any new information or changes on the PHMSA/Office of Pipeline Safety Web page (<http://www.PHMSA.dot.gov>) 15 days before the meeting takes place.

Comments on the meeting may be submitted to the docket in the following ways:

E-Gov Web Site: <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any Federal Register notice issued by any agency.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-001.

Hand Delivery: Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: Identify the docket number PHMSA-2009-0203 at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You should know that anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Therefore, you may want to review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on



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Florida Department of Transportation

RICK SCOTT
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OFFICE OF THE
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Transmitted Electronically March 17, 2011

March 17, 2011

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, AICP
Director, Transportation Planning
Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization
2009 NW 67th Place
Gainesville, FL 32653

Subject: Request for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments
Fiscal Year 2010/2011 – 2014/2015

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requests placement on the agenda for the next meeting of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) to request TIP amendments. As outlined below, there are three (3) TIP amendment requests.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reason for TIP Amendment Request</u>	<u>Fund Code</u>
427327-1	NE 19 th Pl from NE 9 th to NE15th/ sidewalk	Move PE (Design) Phase to FY 11/12 – Conventional Design Let	SL \$6,000 - SR2E \$60,000
429029-1	Archer Braid Trail – Archer Rd (24) To Kanapaha Park	Add PE (Design) Phase to FY 11/12 -	SE \$150,000
207837-4	Archer Braid Trail – City of Archer To SW 91 st St	Amend limits in TIP from 3.499 mi. to 6.037 mi.	

Please contact me at 904-360-5652, if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Karen S. Taulbee

Karen S. Taulbee, AICP
Transportation Specialist
Karen.Taulbee@dot.state.fl.us

cc: Michael Escalante, MTPO
Barbara Cloud, District Federal Aid Coordinator

Archer Braid

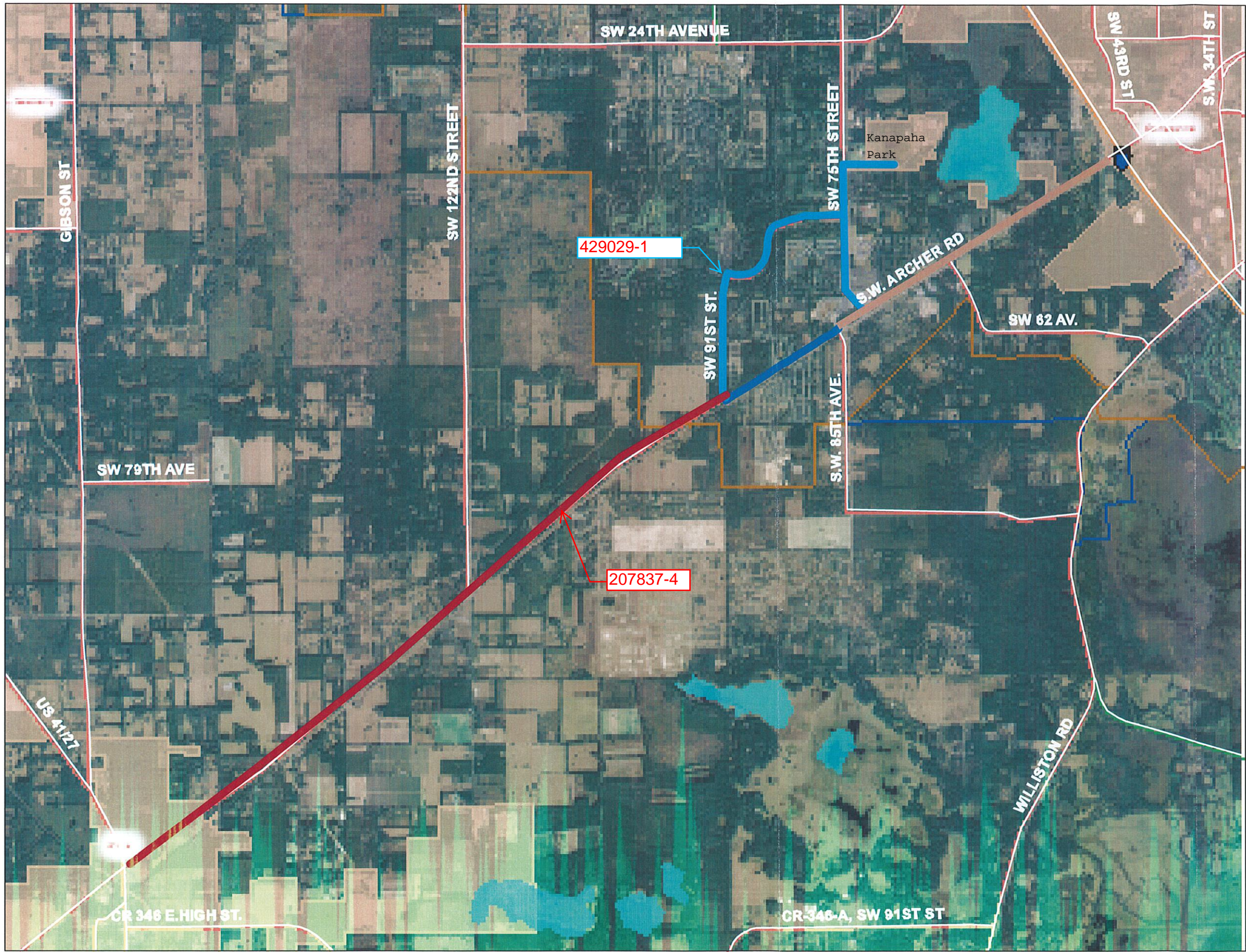
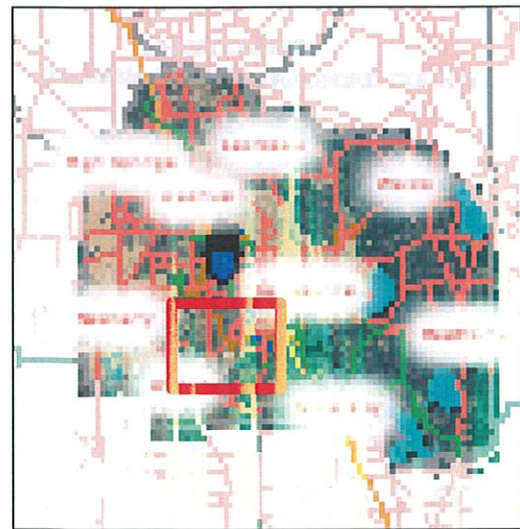
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- Archer Braid Phase 1
- Archer Braid Phase 1b (if funding allows)
- Archer Braid Phase 2
- Existing Multiuse Trail
- Major Roads

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VII

April 13, 2011

TO: Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO)
FROM: Marlie Sanderson, AICP, Director of Transportation Planning
SUBJECT: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS

MTPO staff recommends that the MTPO approve the Fiscal Years 2011/2012 - 2015/2016 TIP.

BACKGROUND

Enclosed please find a draft copy of the Fiscal Years 2011/2012 - 2015/2016 TIP. The TIP is a staged implementation program of transportation projects consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with adopted comprehensive plans of Alachua County and the City of Gainesville. Exhibit 1 is a copy of the advertisement that appeared in the Gainesville Guardian, Gainesville Sun, and in The Independent Florida Alligator on Thursday, April 7, 2011. A full color copy of the draft TIP may be viewed at the following website:

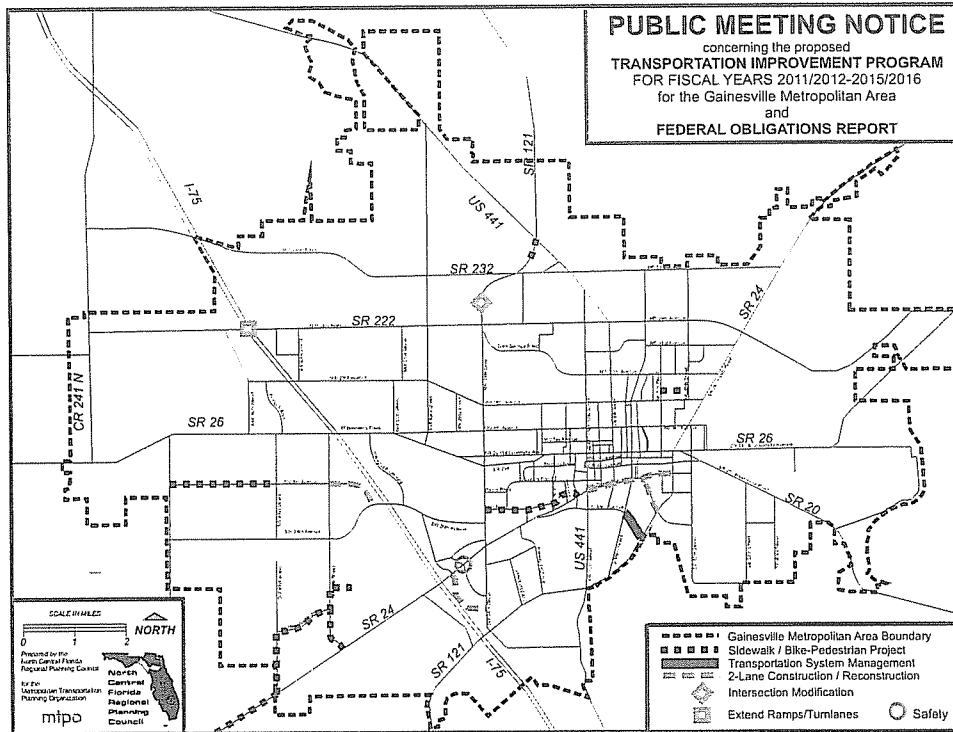
http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/FullPackets/TAC_CAC/TIPDOC11aweb.pdf

Authorization of Funds

The TIP is the most important document that is approved annually by the MTPO. In order for federal transportation funds to be spent in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, they must be approved by the MTPO and included in this document. Approval of the TIP authorizes about \$20.4 million in federal funds for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

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EXHIBIT 1



COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION MEETING

May 2, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Jack Durrance Auditorium, County Administration Building,
12 SE 1ST STREET, GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

PURPOSE: The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) for the Gainesville Urbanized Area has scheduled a public meeting to receive input concerning the proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2011/2012-2015/2016. The TIP is a staged implementation program of transportation projects consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with the Alachua County and City of Gainesville comprehensive plans.

Projects in the proposed TIP are also consistent with the Gainesville Metropolitan Area Year 2035 Transportation Plan- The Livable Community Reinvestment Plan. This plan identifies transportation system modifications expected to be needed to serve projected volumes and patterns of traffic through the Year 2035. A final decision regarding all projects contained in the TIP will be forwarded to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) by the adoption of this TIP document.

The Federal Obligations Report is included in Appendix C of the TIP. This Report shows the expenditure of federal funds within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

This map only shows some of the transportation projects scheduled during the next five years. The proposed TIP also includes other projects such as: project development and environmental studies; resurfacing/repaving; school safety concern; transportation enhancement; and transit projects, including transportation disadvantaged projects.

THE MEETING ROOM WILL BE OPEN AT 4:30 PM FOR THE PUBLIC TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED TIP AND STAFF WILL BE PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

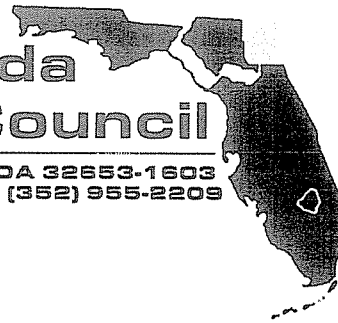
Copies of the meeting agenda and more detailed information concerning the Federal Obligations Report and proposed TIP can be obtained by writing to the MTPO, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC), 2009 NW 67 Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653, by appearing in person at the above address during business hours, at the www.ncfrpc.org/mtpo website, or by calling (352) 955-2200. All persons are advised that, if they decide to contest any decision made at this public meeting, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which it is to be based. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, religious status, disability, familial status or gender identity. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Mr. Marlie Sanderson at (352) 955-2200, extension 103, at least seven (7) days before the public meeting.

The MTPO consists of the Gainesville City Commission, the Alachua County Commission and nonvoting representatives of the University of Florida, FDOT and the Alachua County League of Cities. The MTPO is responsible for the continuing, comprehensive and cooperative urban transportation planning program for the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. This planning program is required in order to receive federal and state funds for transportation projects.

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VIII



April 13, 2011

TO: Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (B/PAB)

FROM: Marlie Sanderson, AICP, Director of Transportation Planning

SUBJECT: Unfunded Project Priorities

MTPO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the project priorities contained in the document entitled List of Priority Projects.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the MTPO develops recommended transportation priorities for projects that are needed, but not currently funded. This information is used by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) each fall to develop its Tentative Five Year Work Program. The List of Priority Projects is a part of the transportation planning process that implements the MTPO's long range transportation plan, known as the *Year 2035 Livable Community Reinvestment Plan*. Included in Appendix C of the draft List of Priority Projects document are the:

1. *Year 2035 Livable Community Reinvestment Plan*- Cost Feasible Plan tables adopted on October 27, 2010 (pages C-1 through C-7); and
2. *Year 2035 Livable Community Reinvestment Plan*- Existing Plus Committed (E+C) projects (page C-8).

A full color copy of the draft List of Priority Projects can be viewed at the following website link:

http://ncfrpc.org/mtpo/FullPackets/TAC_CAC/LOPP11webx.pdf

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April 13, 2011

TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board

FROM: Marlie Sanderson, AICP, Director of Transportation Planning

SUBJECT: Depot Avenue Trail and Waldo Road Trail Connection

MTPO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommend that the MTPO:

1. approve the safety modifications in Exhibit 2 that are jointly recommended by both the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team and MTPO staff; and
2. forward the recommendations in Exhibit 3 to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting review comments.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on May 10, 2010, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) discussed how difficult it was for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross the E. University Avenue and Waldo Road intersection. During this discussion, the MTPO requested recommendations concerning how to improve the connection between the Depot Avenue Trail and the Waldo Road Trail.

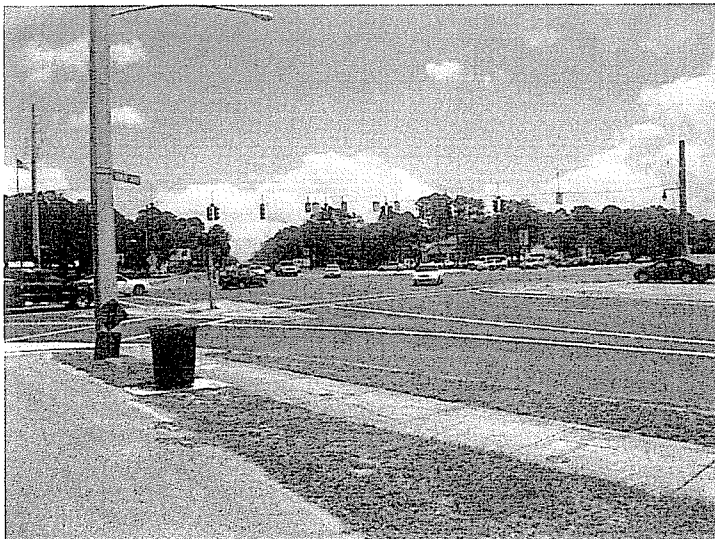


Figure 1- Depot Avenue Trail at Waldo Road

EXHIBIT 1

Restoring Connectivity Along the Waldo Road Corridor-Recommendations

NUMBER/TITLE/PURPOSE	MODIFICATION
8.0 Urban Gateway Overlay District	1. Establish an overlay district focused on equitable design for the cyclist and pedestrian
8.0 Impact Fees	2. Establish an enhanced fee structure that will allow for significant modifications along the Waldo Road Corridor
8.0 Law Enforcement	3. Increase the number of tickets for neglecting to stop completely prior to the pedestrian crosswalks
8.1 Waldo Road Rail Trail Reroute Option- Encourage people traveling south to cross at the Citizen's Field pedestrian crossing and people traveling north to cross at SE 2nd Avenue	4. Construct off-street multi-use path or instreet bike lane on the west side of Waldo Road
	5. Construct wider median/pedestrian refuge at SE 2nd Avenue and Williston Road
	6. Add striping to crosswalk
8.2 NE 5th Avenue at Waldo Road- Encourage people to cross Waldo Road at this location	7. Narrow the travel lanes to slow down traffic
	8. Construct a dedicated pedestrian crossing (including a pedestrian signal light)
8.3 Pedestrian Crossing at Citizens Field- Reduce the number of conflicts for multiple users	9. Increase the width of the crosswalk
	10. Construct flashing light
	11. Reduce speed limit to 35 miles per hour
	12. Add signage to direct southbound bicyclists to use instreet bikelanes
8.4 SE 10th and East University Avenue- Encourage people to cross University Avenue at this location	13. Install vegetated median with tree canopy and pedestrian refuge
	14. Shift the southern leg of the intersection to the east
	15. Construct median on SE 10th Street to deter through traffic
	16. Redevelop property on SE corner with pedestrian-friendly urban form- shallow setbacks with wide sidewalks and orientation to roadway.
	17. Add on-street bikelanes on University Avenue

Restoring Connectivity Along the Waldo Road Corridor-Recommendations

NUMBER/TITLE/PURPOSE	MODIFICATION
8.5 NE 8th Avenue at Waldo Road	18. Reduce travel lane widths and add on-street bikelanes on Waldo Road
	19. Install traffic calming and speed reduction measures to Waldo Road
	20. Widen the sidewalk on Waldo Road
	21. Install street trees and add vegetated median on NE 8th Ave
	22. Improve the landscaping around the Duval neighborhood entrance sign
	23. Add striping to the crosswalks on NE 8th Avenue
	24. Add Rail Trail signage to provide wayfinding and increase aesthetics
8.6 Waldo Road and University Avenue	25. Add pedestrian refuges at the medians
	26. Add Rail Trail signage to provide wayfinding and increase aesthetics
	27. Reduce lane widths to calm traffic
	28. Implement a modified "Barn Dance" design
	29. Construct on-street bikelanes and an off-street multi-use path
	30. Install vegetated medians and canopy
	31. Reconfigure road geometry so that Waldo Road and SE 11th Street meet University Avenue closer to a ninety degree angle
	32. Prohibit right turns on red from 7 am to 7 pm
	33. Add striping to crosswalks
	34. Construct pedestrian scale traffic signals to inform non-motorists of vehicle traffic flow
	35. Orient commercial establishments to the street with parking placed at the rear of the building

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Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Modifications-
Waldo Road (SR 24) at University Avenue (SR 26) Intersection

TYPE	DESCRIPTION	B/PAB ¹	ACTST ²	MTPO STAFF
<u>Short Range</u> (One to Two Years)	1. Add Rail Trail Signage to provide wayfinding and increase aesthetics		✓	✓
	2. Reduce lane widths to calm traffic			
	3. Add striping to crosswalks		✓	✓
	4. Prohibit right turns on red from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.			
<u>Medium Range</u> (Three to Five Years)	5. Add pedestrian refuges at the medians		✓	✓
	6. Implement a modified "Barn Dance" design			
	7. Install vegetated medians and canopy			
	8. Construct pedestrian scale traffic signals to inform non-motorists of vehicle traffic flow		Maybe ³	
<u>Long Range</u> (More Than Five Years)	9. Construct on-street bikelanes and an off-street multi-use path (on the west side of Waldo Road north of University Avenue)			
	10. Reconfigure road geometry so that Waldo Road and SE 11th Street meet University Avenue closer to a ninety degree angle			
	11. Orient commercial establishments to the street with parking placed at the rear of the building		✓	✓
	12. Grade-separated Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility			

¹ B/PAB is the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board.

² ACTST is the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team.

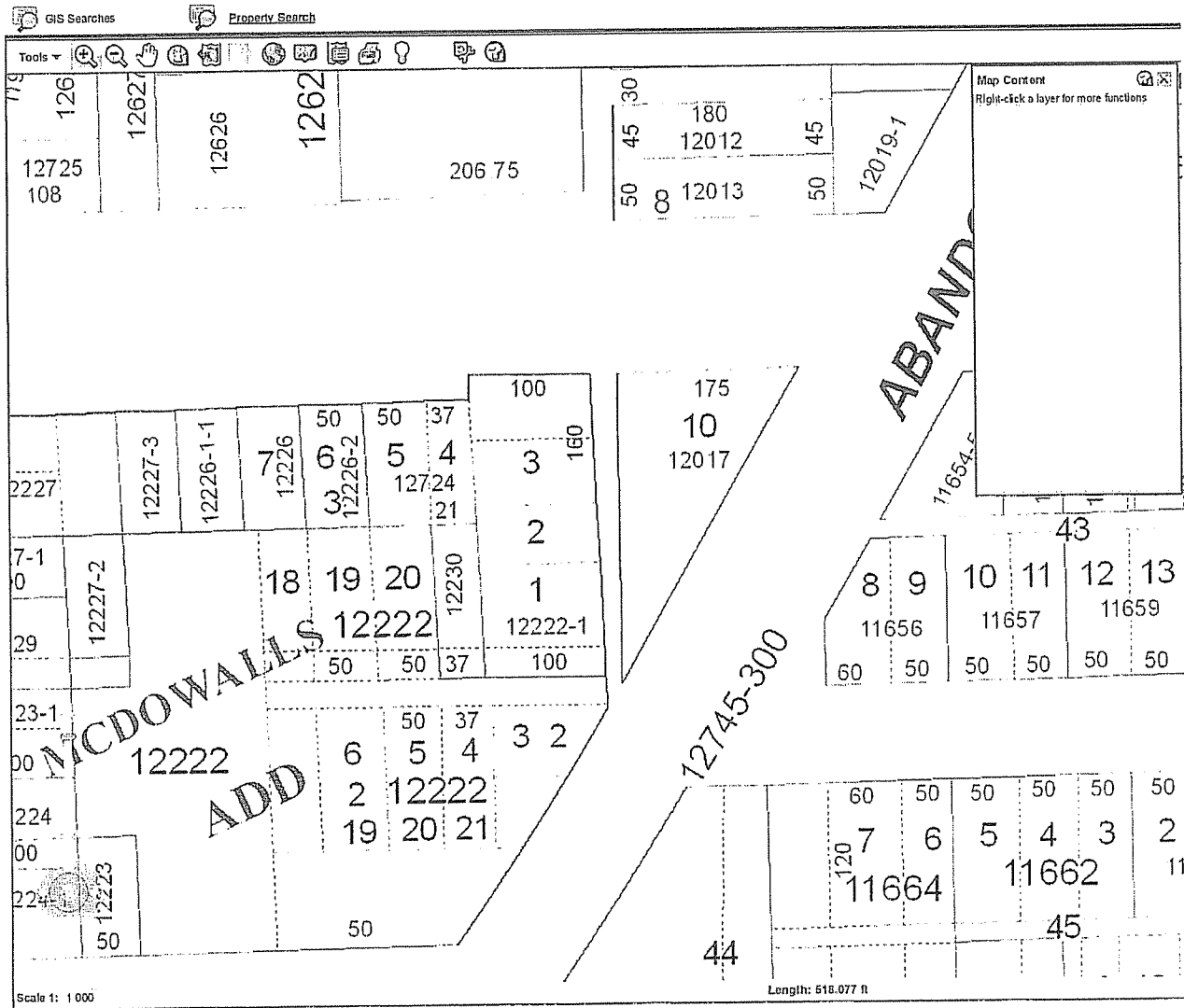
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EXHIBIT 3

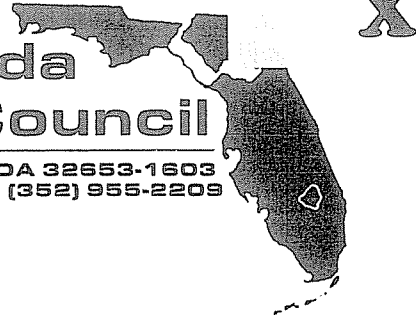


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April 13, 2011

TO: Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

FROM: Marlie Sanderson, AICP, Director of Transportation Planning

SUBJECT: Committee Officer Elections

Each year, the Citizens Advisory Committee elects a Chair and a Vice-Chair. Officers for last year were as follows:

Citizens Advisory Committee

Chair-	Jan Frentzen
Vice-Chair	Rob Brinkman

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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) ATTENDANCE RECORD

TAC MEMBER AND ALTERNATE	ORGANIZATION	MEETING DATE 12/1/2010	MEETING DATE 3/2/2011	IN VIOLATION IF ABSENT AT NEXT MEETING?
STEVE LACHNIGHT Alt - Jonathan Paul Alt - Jeff Hays Alt - Kathleen Pagan	Alachua County Department of Growth Management Office of Planning and Development	P	P	NO
RICHARD HEDRICK Alt- Ha Nguyen, Chair Alt- Michael Fay Alt - Dave Cerlanek	Alachua County Public Works Department	P	A	NO
DEKOVA BATEY Alt- Vacant	Alachua County/City of Gainesville/MTPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board	P	P	NO
Vacant Alt- Steve Kabat	Alachua County/City of Gainesville Arborist	A	A	YES
ERIK BREDFELDT Alt - Dean Mimms Alt - Onelia Lazzari* Alt - Jason Simmons**	City of Gainesville Department of Community Development	P	P	NO
DEBBIE LEISTNER Alt- Vacant Alt- Phil Mann	City of Gainesville Department of Public Works	P	P	NO
JESUS GOMEZ Alt- Doug Robinson, V Chair Alt- David Smith	City of Gainesville Regional Transit System	P	P	NO
MICHAEL IGUINA Alt- Michelle Danisovzsky Alt- Allan Penksa	Gainesville/Alachua County Regional Airport Authority	P	A	NO
JOHN GIFFORD Alt - Steve Phelps	Gainesville Regional Utilities	P	P	NO
KAREN TAULBEE Alt - Thomas Hill Alt - Milton Locklear	Florida Department of Transportation	P	A	NO
SCOTT KOONS Alt - Steve Dopp	North Central Florida Regional Planning Council	P	P	NO
BILL REESE^	Santa Fe College Facilities Services	-	-	-
HARREL HARRISON Alt- Edward Gable Alt- David Deas	School Board of Alachua County	A	A	YES
LINDA DIXON Alt - Carol Walker	University of Florida Facilities Planning & Construction Division	A	P	NO
SCOTT FOX Alt- Ron Fuller	University of Florida Transportation & Parking Services	A	A	YES

LEGEND KEY - P = Present A = Absent * = New Member

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* City of Gainesville Level of Service (LOS) Subcommittee Member; ** LOS Subcommittee Alternate only.

^ Santa Fe College representative currently is a non-voting position.

Attendance Rule:

- Each voting member of the TAC may name one (1) or more alternates who may vote only in the absence of that member on a one vote per member basis.
- Each member of the TAC is expected to demonstrate his or her interest in the TAC's activities through attendance of the scheduled meetings, except for reasons of an unavoidable nature. In each instance of an unavoidable absence, the absent member should ensure that one of his or her alternates attends. No more than three (3) consecutive absences will be allowed by the member. The TAC shall deal with consistent absences and is empowered to recommend corrective action for MTPO consideration.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

ATTENDANCE RECORD

NAME	TERM EXPIRES	4/21/2010	6/2/2010	8/4/2010	9/1/2010	9/22/2010	12/1/2010	PERCENT IF ABSENT AT NEXT MEETING 4/20/2011
Holly Blumenthal	13-Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rob Brinkman	11-Dec	P	P	A	P	P	P	71%
Harvey Budd	12-Dec	E	P	P	P	P	P	71%
Nelle Bullock	13-Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mary Ann DeMatas	11-Dec	P	P	P	P	P	P	86%
Blake Fletcher	13-Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan Frentzen	12-Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roderick Gonzalez	11-Dec	-	P	P	P	E	P	-
Chandler Otis	12-Dec	E	P	P	P	P	P	71%
John Richter	13-Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Samec	11-Dec	P	P	P	P	P	P	86%
Holly Shema	12-Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Ruth Steiner</i>	<i>11-Dec</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>57%</i>
Ewen Thomson	13-Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Towne	12-Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

LEGEND KEY - P-Present; E-Excused Absence; A-Unexcused Absence

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ATTENDANCE RULE

Any appointee of the MTPO to the CAC shall be automatically removed from the committee upon filing with the Chairman of the MTPO appropriate proof that such person has had three (3) or more consecutive unexcused absences, or that the overall attendance record of any such person (including excused and unexcused absences) is less than 66-2/3% for any six (6) month consecutive period or less than 66-2/3% for six (6) consecutive meetings if meetings are not held each month, whichever is longer. Excused absences are here defined to be those absences which occur from regular or special meetings after notification by such person to the Chairman prior to such absence explaining the reasons therefore. All other absences are here defined to be unexcused.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- On October 30, 1985, staff asked the CAC to clarify the procedures staff should use to record attendance at CAC meetings. The CAC instructed staff to use the following procedures:
 - all CAC meetings will require mandatory attendance by all members; and
 - attendance is recorded at all CAC meetings, even if a quorum is not present.
- On April 28, 1999, the CAC decided to limit attendance by teleconferencing to medical emergencies only.
- Members denoted in **BOLD ITALICS** are at risk for attendance rule violation if the next meeting is missed.