

MINUTES

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

Grace Knight Conference Room  
12 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
May 20, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rob Brinkman, Chair  
Jan Frentzen, Vice Chair  
E. J. Bolduc  
Nelle Bullock  
Rajeeb Das  
Luis Diaz  
Melinda Koken  
Kamal Latham  
Gilbert Levy  
Chandler Otis  
James Samec  
Ewen Thomson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Bolduc  
Ron Lieberman  
Chris Towne

OTHERS PRESENT

James Green  
Peyton McLeod

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rob Brinkman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Brinkman introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Brinkman asked that the agenda be approved.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, noted that item V. was supposed to be a Technical Advisory Committee-only item.

**MOTION: Melinda Koken moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to delete item V. List of Priority Projects- Draft 2015 Transportation Alternatives Program. Nelle Bullock seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Brinkman asked for approval of the CAC meeting minutes.

**MOTION: Luis Diaz moved to approve the April 1, 2015 CAC minutes with the corrections. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously**

#### IV. UNIVERSITY AVENUE MULTIMODAL STUDY- PHASE 2 REPORT

Mr. Mike Escalante, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that the consultant has completed the SR 26/University Avenue Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study- Phase 2 Report.

Mr. Peyton McLeod, Sprinkle Consulting Project Manager, discussed the draft Phase 2 Report and answered questions.

Several members discussed the rail/trail crossing at the Waldo Road intersection.

Chair Brinkman asked about rerouting the trail crossings to E 10th Street and NE 3rd Avenue.

Mr. McLeod noted that the project scope was limited to the University Avenue right-of-way.

Several members discussed their concerns regarding the siting of a midblock crossing between Bo Diddley Plaza and City Hall.

A member asked about an Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant ramp for the Sweetwater Branch Creek trail at E. University Avenue.

Mr. McLeod said that this issue would have to be looked into.

Several members discussed their concerns with the University of Florida campus barrier wall.

**MOTION: Rajeeb Das moved to recommend that the MTPO accept the SR 26/University Avenue Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study- Phase 2 Report as a completed document and forward the report to the Florida Department of Transportation. Nelle Bullock seconded.**

Mr. Sanderson stated that projects from this report would be placed in the List of Priority Projects.

Mr. Escalante stated that the report would be placed on the MTPO website.

Several members discussed the status of the Phase 1 Report recommended projects.

Mr. McLeod discussed Phase 1 projects recommendations that were not advanced for further analysis in Phase 2 and answered questions.

#### **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT**

**Melinda Koken recommended that the consultant look into the Citizens Advisory Committee's comments and include them in the report as they relate to the elements. Rajeeb Das and Nelle Bullock accepted the amendment.**

Mr. McLeod noted that he would listen to the meeting tape in order to address the CAC's comments.

**MOTION AS AMENDED:**

**Rajeeb Das moved to recommend that:**

- 1. the consultant look into the Citizens Advisory Committee's comments and include them in the report as they relate to the elements; and**
- 2. the MTPO accept the SR 26/University Avenue Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study- Phase 2 Report as a completed document and forward the report to the Florida Department of Transportation.**

**Nelle Bullock seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**VI. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Mr. Escalante discussed the draft TIP and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TIP is the most important document that is approved annually by the MTPO. He said that the TIP is a staged implementation program of transportation projects feasibly consistent with adopted comprehensive plans of Alachua County and the City of Gainesville. He added that, in order for Federal transportation funds to be spent in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, they must be approved by the MTPO and included in the TIP.

**MOTION: Gilbert Levy moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Fiscal Years 2015-16 to 2019-20 Transportation Improvement Program Transit System staff. Kamal Latham seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson stated that he would check with Alachua County staff regarding the SW 8th Avenue extension.

**VII. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE- DRAFT NEEDS PLAN**

Mr. Sanderson stated that the consultant has completed the draft Needs Plan. He discussed changes to the draft Needs Plan made by the MTPO and answered questions.

**MOTION: Luis Diaz moved to recommend that the MTPO work with the property owner immediately north of SW 122nd Street with respect to Needs Plan project number 1 in order to try and avoid splitting this parcel into two parts. Kamal Latham seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: Jan Frentzen moved to recommend that the MTPO consider the impacts that Needs Plan project numbers 6, 9 and 10 (in the SpringHills area) will have on the scenic road attributes/characteristics of Millhopper Road before these projects are funded for construction. Kamal Latham seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

7/22/2015  
Date

Rob Brinkman  
Rob Brinkman, Chair

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