

MINUTES

GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
April 20, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rob Brinkman, Chair
Jan Frentzen, Vice-Chair
E. J. Bolduc
Thomas Bolduc
Nelle Bullock
Mary Ann DeMatas
Delia Kradolfer
Gilbert Levy
James Samec
Ruth Steiner
Ewen Thomson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Luis Diaz
Ron Lieberman
Chandler Otis

OTHERS PRESENT

James Green

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
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.

MOTION: Gilbert Levy moved to approve the meeting agenda. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Brinkman asked for approval of the September 23, 2015 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION: E. J. Bolduc moved to approve the September 23, 2015 Citizens Advisory Committee minutes. Thomas Bolduc seconded; motion passed unanimously

IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT -
NW 19TH LANE BIKELANE/SIDEWALK PROJECT

Scott Koons, Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Executive Director, stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program to add preliminary engineering to the NW 19th Lane Bikelane/ Sidewalk Project in Fiscal Year 2015-16. He discussed the amendment and answered questions.

MOTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization amend the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Transportation Improvement Program to add preliminary engineering to the NW 19th Lane Bikelane/Sidewalk Project in Fiscal Year 2015-16. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization is required to adopt a Unified Planning Work Program. He said that this program identifies the planning activities for a two-year cycle. He reported that the Unified Planning Work Program has been reformatted to comply with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act and Florida Department of Transportation requirements.

MOTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018 Unified Planning Work Program with administrative changes as requested by the Florida Department of Transportation. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. TRANSIT RIDERSHIP REPORT

Mr. Koons stated that the each year the Transit Ridership Monitoring Report is updated. He discussed the Transit Ridership Monitoring Report and answered questions.

MOTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization accept the Transit Ridership Monitoring Report - 2015 as a completed planning document. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL APPLICATION

Mr. Koons stated that the City of Gainesville submitted a Safe Routes to School application to the Florida Department of Transportation. He said that the application was for construction of a sidewalk along the south perimeter of Metcalfe Elementary School. He discussed the application and answered questions.

MOTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization ratify staff support of the City of Gainesville Safe Routes to School application submission. Gilbert Levy seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD

Mr. Koons stated that each year the Citizens Advisory Committee selects a recipient for the Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award. He noted the previous recipients.

ACTION: Ewen Thomson nominated Art Stockwell for his trail-keepers efforts; Nelle Bullock nominated Marlie Sanderson for his staff support; and Ruth Steiner nominated Joseph Floyd for his Active Streets efforts for the Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award,. Mr. Koons conducted a show of hands vote. Marlie Sanderson was selected unanimously.

IX. NE 39TH AVENUE (STATE ROAD 222) CROSSWALK - REFERRAL REPORT

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Chair requested that the Florida Department of Transportation evaluate and consider installation of a crosswalk on NE 39th Avenue adjacent to NE 28th Drive. He said that the crosswalk would facilitate pedestrian traffic for two regional transit System bus stops. He reported that the Florida Department of Transportation has evaluated the potential crosswalk and determined that it was not warranted.

MOTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization encourage the Florida Department of Transportation:

- 1. to conduct a study of Northeast 39th Avenue (State Road 222) at Northeast 28th Drive area by complying new data that addresses the change in character of the area since the establishment of Grace Marketplace adjacent to the corridor; and**
- 2. to reevaluate the Northeast 39th Avenue (State Road 222) at Northeast 28th Drive area in light of state and national attention to urban streets with the new Florida Department of Transportation Complete Streets Policy and urban streets in the Highway Capacity Manual.**

Nelle Bullock seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Mr. Koons stated that the Alachua/Marion County Transportation Regional Incentive Program Executive Committee submitted a Transportation Regional Incentive Program application to the Florida Department of Transportation. He said that the application was for design and plans preparation for the SW 62nd Connector Project. He discussed the application and answered questions.

XI. WALDO ROAD (STATE ROAD 24) PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Michael Escalante, Senior Planner, stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has responded to a Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization referral regarding pedestrian safety concerns along Waldo Road. He reported that the Florida Department of Transportation is addressing street-lighting levels within the corridor.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Koons announced that the next Citizens Advisory Committee meeting would be in the Grace Knight Conference Room on June 15, 2016.

Jan Frentzen discussed his concerns regarding the condition of County Road 2054.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

6/15/2016
Date

Rob Brinkman
Rob Brinkman, Chair