

MINUTES

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

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

November 16, 2016
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rob Brinkman, Chair
E. J. Bolduc
Thomas Bolduc
Nelle Bullock
Gilbert Levy
Chandler Otis
John Picket
James Samec
Ruth Steiner
Ewen Thomson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Ann DeMatas
Luis Diaz
Jan Frentzen, Vice-Chair
Delia Kradolfer

OTHERS PRESENT

Dekova Batey
James Green

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rob Brinkman called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 June 15, 2016 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION: James Samec moved to approve the June 15, 2016 Citizens Advisory Committee minutes. Thomas Bolduc seconded; motion passed unanimously

IV. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - STATE ROAD 121
(NW 34TH STREET) LEFT TURN LANES TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Michael Escalante, Senior Planner, stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has provided the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization a copy of the technical memorandum future NW 34th (State Road 121) turn lane project. He discussed the technical memorandum and answered questions.

MOTION: Ewen Thomson moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area request that the Florida Department of Transportation:

- 1. Include continuous left turn lanes between NW 19th Place and Cornerstone Academy, between NW 41st Avenue and NW 42nd Place, and between NW 45th Avenue and NW 49th Avenue on NW 34th Street (State Road 121); and**
- 2. Use State Highway System funds so that the project can be built with protected bikelanes as described in the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan.**

James Samec seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.

V. WEST NEWBERRY ROAD (STATE ROAD 26) BIKELANES

Mr. Escalante stated that at its October 3, 2016, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization discussed West Newberry Road (State Road 26) bikelane and requested that the Florida Department of Transportation study the corridor. He reported that the Florida Department of Transportation has responded to the request. He discussed the response, the staff recommendations and answered questions.

MOTION: Chandler Otis moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization request that the Florida Department of Transportation program a project to convert onstreet parking to bikelanes on West Newberry Road (State Road 26) between NW 43rd Street and NW 38th Street without loss of the westbound right turnlane at NW 43rd Street and schedule a public meeting to remove the onstreet parking. Ewen Thomson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member noted she needed to leave the meeting and asked that the agenda be modified to discuss item IX. Kermit Sigmon Citizens Participation Award - 2016 next.

By consensus, the Citizens Advisory Committee agreed to discuss item IX. Kermit Sigmon Citizens Participation Award - 2016 next.

IX. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZENS PARTICIPATION AWARD - 2016

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

ACTION: Ruth Steiner nominated Gainesville Citizens for Active Transportation for the Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award. After no other nominations, Ruth Steiner moved to close nominations. Gainesville Citizens for Active Transportation was selected unanimously.

VI. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM
2017-18 TO 2021-22

Mr. Escalante stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization received the draft Tentative Work Program on, November 1, 2016. He discussed the Tentative Work Program and answered questions. He noted the new projects included in the Tentative Work Program.

MOTION: Ewen Thomson moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Secretary to recommend that the Florida Department of Transportation consider funding the following projects in the Tentative Work Program:

- 1. Include continuous left turn lanes between NW 19th Place and Cornerstone Academy, between NW 41st Avenue and NW 42nd Place, and between NW 45th Avenue and NW 49th Avenue on NW 34th Street (State Road 121); and**
- 2. Program a project to convert onstreet parking to bikelanes on West Newberry Road (State Road 26) between NW 43rd Street and NW 38th Street and schedule a public meeting to remove the onstreet parking.**

Nelle Bullock seconded, motion passed unanimously.

VII. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Mr. Escalante stated that the Florida Department of Transportation deadline for submission of applications for Safe Routes to School funding is December 30, 2016. He reported that Alachua County and the City of Gainesville are developing applications based on the current Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization List of Priority Projects.

MOTION: Nelle Bullock moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization support the following three Safe Routes to School applications:

- Priority 1 - City of Gainesville Safe Routes to School application for the NW 42nd Avenue bicycle/pedestrian facility project;**
- Priority 2 - Alachua County Safe Routes to School application for the SE 43rd Street Sidewalk Gap project; and**
- Priority 3 - Alachua County Safe Routes to School application for the SW 24th Avenue Sidewalk project.**

James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Mr. Escalante stated that the Florida Department of Transportation deadline for submission of applications for Transportation Alternatives Program funding is December 9, 2016. He reported that Alachua County and the City of Gainesville are developing applications based on the current Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization List of Priority Projects.

MOTION: Ewen Thomson moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the submission of the following two Transportation Alternatives Program applications:

- **Priority 1- State Road 24 (Archer Road) Midblock Crosswalk project application prepared by the City of Gainesville; and**
- **Priority 2- SW 20th Avenue Sidewalk and Midblock Pedestrian Modifications project application prepared by Alachua County.**

Gilbert Levy seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

3/15/2017
Date

Rob Brinkman
Rob Brinkman, Chair