

MINUTES

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

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

March 15, 2017
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

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

Chandler Otis
Ewen Thomson

Jay Nordqvist

Michael Escalante
Scott Koons

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rob Brinkman called the meeting to order at 7:02 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: James Samec moved to approve the meeting agenda. Nelle Bullock seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Brinkman asked for approval of the November 16, 2016 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION: Luis Diaz moved to approve the November 16, 2016 Citizens Advisory Committee minutes. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously

IV. WEST NEWBERRY ROAD (STATE ROAD 26) BIKELANES

Scott Koons, Executive Director, stated that at its December 5, 2016 meeting, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approved the Newberry Road (State Road 26) bikelane conversion and requested that the Florida Department of Transportation conduct a public meeting. He reported that the Florida Department of Transportation has responded to the request. He discussed the response, the staff recommendations and answered questions.

MOTION: Luis Diaz moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization request that the Florida Department of Transportation:

- 1. Program a project to restripe the pavement to 11-foot general purpose travel lanes with protected bikelanes on West Newberry Road (State Road 26) between NW 52nd Terrace and NW 34th Street (State Road 121) without loss of the westbound right turnlane at NW 43rd Street;**
- 2. Conduct a speed zone study between NW 59th Street and NW 40th Drive with the intent to have a uniform 35 miles per hour speed zone from Interstate 75 to NW 34th Street (State Road 121); and**
- 3. Prioritize this project for State Highway System funding.**

Thomas Bolduc seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. WILLISTON ROAD (STATE ROAD 331) SAFETY REFERRAL

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization referred safety concerns for the Downtown Connector Trail crossing on Williston Road to its advisory committees. He discussed the concerns and reported the staff recommendation.

Jay Nordqvist discussed his concerns and suggested constructing a grade-separated crossing.

MOTION: Luis Diaz moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization include in its list of Priority Projects a project to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety at the intersection of the Downtown Connector Rail-Trail and Williston Road (State Road 331) including, but not limited to:

- 1. Conduct a speed zone study on Williston Road (State Road 331) from SE 12th Avenue south to SE 4th Street to determine the feasibility of extending the 35 mile per hour speed zone on Williston Road (State Road 331) to include the Downtown Connector Rail-Trail crossing;**
- 2. Conduct a pedestrian signal analysis at the Downtown Connector Rail-Trail crossing;**
- 3. Conduct a line-of-sight analysis of the curve on Williston Road (State Road 331); and**
- 4. Increase visibility of both motorists and trail users.**

Nelle Bullock seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. NONE

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of information items.

ADJOURNMENT

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

8/8/18
Date


Ruth Steiner, Chair