

MINUTES

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

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

April 4, 2018
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Brashier
Mary Ann DeMatas
Peter Davis
Luis Diaz
Gilbert Levy
James Samec
Ruth Steiner
Paul Thur de Koos
Chris Towne

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Bolduc
Nelle Bullock
Jan Frentzen, Vice-Chair
Delia Kradolfer
Chandler Otis
John Pickett

OTHERS PRESENT

Dekova Batey

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Escalante
Scott Koons

CALL TO ORDER

Michael Escalante, Senior Planner, called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

By consensus, the Committee agreed to have Ruth Steiner serve as Acting Chair for the meeting.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Acting Chair Ruth Steiner introduced herself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Escalante asked that the agenda be approved as amended to add items VIII. State Highway System Roundabouts and IX. State Road 222 (NE 39th Avenue) Crosswalk - NE 28th Drive Bus Turnaround.

MOTION: Gilbert Levy moved to approve the meeting agenda as amended to add items VIII. State Highway System Roundabouts and IX. State Road 222 (NE 39th Avenue) Crosswalk - NE 28th Drive Bus Turnaround. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Dr. Steiner asked for approval of the May 17, 2017 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION: Luis Diaz moved to approve the May 17, 2017 Citizens Advisory Committee minutes. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously

IV. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Mr. Escalante stated that the Citizens Advisory Committee needs to elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair. He also stated that Rob Brinkman was the Immediate Past Chair and Jan Frentzen is the current Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Luis Diaz moved to elect Ruth Steiner as the Citizens Advisory Committee Chair. Gilbert Levy seconded; motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Chris Towne moved to reelect Jan Frentzen as the Citizens Advisory Committee Vice-Chair. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT - TWO FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5310 SMALL URBAN GRANT AWARDS AND ONE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5339 CAPITAL GRANT AWARD TO THE REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM

Mr. Escalante stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has informed the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization that the Regional Transit System has been awarded three Federal Transit Administration grants for Fiscal Year 2017-18. He discussed the grant awards and answered questions.

ACTION: Luis Diaz moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization amend the Transportation Improvement Program to add funding to Fiscal Year 2017-18 for the following Federal Transit Administration grant awards:

- Section 5310 Small Urban Grant award for capital purchase;
- Section 5310 Small Urban Grant award for Regional Transit System operations; and
- Section 5339 Capital Grant award (Exhibit 1).

Paul Thur de Koos seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Escalante stated that in order to receive federal and state transportation planning funds, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area is required to approve a Unified Planning Work Program every two years. He discussed the draft Unified Planning Work Program and answered questions.

ACTION: Luis Diaz moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the Unified Planning Work Program, with the understanding that additional administrative revisions requested by state and federal review agencies will be made as necessary by staff. Chris Towne seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZENS PARTICIPATION AWARD - 2017

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.

Dekova Batey, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator, spoke in support of Michelle Parks to be recipient of the award.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to select Jay Nordqvist as the Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award recipient. Chris Towne seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM ROUNDABOUTS

Mr. Escalante stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization referred the development of a priority list of roundabouts on the State Highway System to its advisory committees. He discussed the Technical Advisory Committee roundabout recommendation and answered questions.

ACTION: James Samec moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting and evaluation for a roundabout as part of the State Road 121 (NW 34th Street) at NW 53rd Avenue Traffic Signal update projects (4343971) and if warranted construct a roundabout. Luis Diaz seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. STATE ROAD 222 (NE 39TH AVENUE) CROSSWALK -
NE 28TH DRIVE BUS TURNAROUND

Mr. Escalante stated that during the discussion of the installation of a crosswalk on State Road 222 (NE 39th Avenue) at NE 28th Drive at the February 7, 2018 meeting, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization referred development of a cost estimate for the NE 28th Drive bus turnaround to staff. He discussed the cost estimate and answered questions.

ACTION: Craig Brashier moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization request that the City of Gainesville provide a cost estimate for utilizing the Grace Marketplace/Dignity Village parking lot as a bus turnaround. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. NONE

XI. NONE

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

8/8/18
Date


Ruth Steiner, Chair