

MINUTES

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

Gainesville Traffic Management Center
405 NW 39th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

June 5, 2019
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Thomas Bolduc
Alyssa Brown
Mary Ann DeMatas
Jan Frentzen
Gilbert Levy
Chandler Otis, Vice-Chair
John Pickett
Ruth Steiner, Chair
Chris Towne
Joshua Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Craig Brashier
Nelle Bullock
James Samec
Paul Thur de Koos
Luke Tia

OTHERS
PRESENT

Dekova Batey
Emmanuel Posadas

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Escalante
Scott Koons

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ruth Steiner called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Steiner introduced herself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Steiner asked for approval of the agenda.

Michael Escalante, Senior Planner, asked for an amendment to the agenda to defer item VII. Bylaws Amendment - Technical Advisory Committee Membership Composition and to correct the description for item VIII. U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) Charrette Implementation - Status Report.

MOTION: Thomas Bolduc moved to approve the meeting agenda as amended to:

- 1. Defer discussion of item VII. Bylaws Amendment - Technical Advisory Committee Membership Composition; and**
- 2. Correct the description for item VIII. U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) Charrette Implementation - Status Report.**

Alyssa Brown seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Steiner asked for approval of the April 3, 2019 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION: John Pickett moved to approve the April 3, 2019 Citizens Advisory Committee minutes. Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018-19 TO 2022-23

Mr. Escalante stated that the Transportation Improvement Program is the most important document that is approved annually by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization. He said that the Transportation Improvement Program is a staged implementation program of transportation projects to the maximum extent feasible consistent with adopted comprehensive plans of Alachua County and the City of Gainesville. He added that, in order for federal and state transportation funds to be spent in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, they must be approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization and included in the Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION: Chandler Otis moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization:

- 1. Approve the Fiscal Years 2019-20 to 2023-24 Transportation Improvement Program as modified to incorporate review agency comments; and**
- 2. Request that the Florida Department of Transportation revise its Work Program and/or amend its State Transportation Improvement Program to advance the construction phase of the State Road 24 (Archer Road) at SW 23rd Terrace traffic signal update project [4343961] from Fiscal Year 2022-23 to Fiscal Year 2019-20 to coincide with the extension of Research Drive on the University of Florida campus south to State Road 24 (Archer Road).**

Chris Towne seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

Mr. Escalante stated that, each year, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization develops priorities for unfunded projects. He said that these priorities are used by the Florida Department of Transportation to develop its Tentative Work Program. He added that the draft List of Priority Projects includes projects from the adopted Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and from local agency recommendations. He discussed the draft list of Priority Projects and answered questions. He reported the following Technical Advisory Committee recommendations to revise the List of Priority Projects:

Table 1 Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities revised to include an update of the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan as new priority 4.

Table 2 Other Arterials/Right-of-Way Priorities revised to:

- Move priority 2 to priority 1; and
- Delete “and implementation” from new priority 2.

Table D-1 Long-Range Transportation Planning Priorities revised to remove blank rows.

Table D-2 Supplemental Transit Priorities revised to:

- Remove priorities 11 and 12; and
- Have staff verify whether any of the other priorities have been programmed and if so, also remove them.

Table D-3 Highway Safety Fund Priorities revised to add:

- Installation of enhanced pedestrian crossings on State Road 26 (West University Avenue) at the NW 16th Avenue, NW 17th Avenue and NW 19th Avenue intersections as the new priority 2; and
- Midblock pedestrian-actuated crossings on State Road 24 (Archer Road) from State Road 121 (SW 34 Street) to State Road 226 (SW 16th Avenue) as the new priority 4.

Emmanuel Posadas, City of Gainesville Traffic Management Center Director, discussed pedestrian crossing activity at the State Road 26 (West University Avenue) and U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) intersection and answered questions.

Dekova Batey, Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board Coordinator, discussed the Downtown Connector Trail crossing at State Road 331 (Williston Road) and answered questions.

MOTION: Thomas Bolduc moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the Fiscal Years 2020-21 to 2024-25 List of Priority Projects with the following revisions:

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Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN UPDATE (Citizens Advisory Committee Only)

Mr. Escalante stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization reviews the Public Involvement Plan each year. He discussed revisions to the plan and answered questions.

MOTION: Chris Towne moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the revised Public Involvement Plan. Thomas Bolduc seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. BYLAWS AMENDMENT - TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION

This item was deferred.

VIII. U.S. HIGHWAY 441 (SW 13TH STREET) CHARRETTE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS REPORT

Mr. Escalante stated that the staff received a request to provide a status report on the implementation of the SW 13th Street Charrette recommendations. He reported the Florida Department of Transportation response.

IX. UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS
(Technical Advisory Committee Only)

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.


XI. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER TOUR

Mr. Posadas conducted a tour of the Traffic Management Center and answered questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Date



Ruth Steiner, Chair