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GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO)  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

NCFRPC  
Conference Room  
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
August 30, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Wilson, Chair  
Anne Barkdoll  
Mike Byerly  
Richard Fletcher  
James Foust  
Jan Frentzen  
Nancy Gildersleeve  
Doug Hornbeck  
Matthew Hurst  
Jonathan Reiskind  
Phyllis Saarinen  
Cindy Smith  
Mike Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Briggs  
[1 vacancy]

OTHERS PRESENT

Celeste Ayala  
Whit Blanton  
Bill Lecher  
Joe Palmer  
Mehul Parek  
David Welch

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Gerry Dedenbach  
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Wilson introduced himself and asked those present to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

**ACTION: Phyllis Saarinen moved to approve the meeting agenda. Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 19, 2000 MINUTES AND AUGUST 16, 2000 WORKSHOP SUMMARY

**ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to approve the July 19, 2000 minutes and the August 16, 2000 workshop summary. Phyllis Saarinen seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, announced that there would be a MTPO Year 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update workshop on September 6 at 6:00 p.m., the next MTPO meeting is September 14 at 7:00 p.m. and the next CAC meeting is September 27 at 7:00 p.m. He noted that the MTPO List of Priority Projects field trip is September 14 at 1:00 p.m. He asked the CAC members to make reservations to participate.

V. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED- LISTED IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

A. LRTP- LAND USE ALTERNATIVE / NEEDS PLAN

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at the September 14 public hearing, the MTPO will be asked to select a preferred land use alternative and adopt a list of needed transportation system modification projects for the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. He said the CAC needs to make recommendations to the MTPO for a preferred land use alternative and the Year 2020 LRTP Needs Plan.

Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group, Inc. (RPG) Vice President, discussed the draft urban form alternatives' evaluation measures for their respective transportation system modification projects and answered questions. He also discussed the most effective transportation system modification projects for the alternatives and how each alternative addressed the goals and objectives. He recommended a combination Radial-Town/Village Center scenario.

Mr. Dedenbach and Mr. Sanderson discussed staff recommendations for the roadway network.

**ACTION:** Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Compact Area Concept that also includes all of the express bus service identified in the Town/Village Center Concept as the preferred urban form alternative. Mike Byerly seconded; Phyllis Saarinen called the question; question call passed 9 to 3. Motion failed by a vote of 6 to 6.

**ACTION:** Mike Byerly moved to convey to the MTPO the Committee's weighted preferences of for the preferred urban form alternative. Doug Hornbeck seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The results of the vote on their preferred urban form alternatives ranking are as follows:

1. Compact Area Concept [64]
2. Town/Village Concept [41]
3. Radial Development Concept [15]
4. Westward Growth Concept [0]

**ACTION:** Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Compact Area Concept that also includes:

1. all of the express bus service and NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street widening identified in the Town/Village Center Concept;
2. the 2-lane divided NW 83<sup>rd</sup> Street extension identified in the Radial Development Concept; and

**3. projects identified in the Countywide Bicycle Masterplan.**

**Phyllis seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO have the staff's transit circulator proposal be considered in the comprehensive operational analysis (COA) study of the Regional Transit System (RTS). Jon Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**B. MAIN STREET JURISDICTIONAL CHANGES**

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, in June, the MTPO amended its LRTP to reduce the number of travel lanes on Main Street, from Depot Avenue to N 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from four to two. He said that, at its June meeting, the TAC appointed the City and County Public Works Department Directors and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Planning Manager to a TAC Working Group to discuss University Avenue and Main Street lane reduction issues. He reported the TAC Working Group recommendation.

**ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO:**

- 1. refer the TAC Working Group recommendation to the Alachua County Commission and the Gainesville City Commission for approval; and**
- 2. make arrangements for this transfer to occur.**

**Phyllis Saarinen seconded motion passed unanimously.**

**C. SW24<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE CROSS SECTION**

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the CAC needs to make a recommendation to the Alachua County Commission on the SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue cross section.

Mr. Bill Lecher, Alachua County Public Works Assistant Director, discussed the cross section alternatives.

**ACTION: Mike Byerly moved to recommend that the sidewalks and buffer be expanded at the expense of the median in the 80 foot right-of way to the maximum extent feasible. Mathew Hurst seconded; motion failed by a vote of 6 to 6.**

**ACTION: Anne Barkdoll move to refer the typical sections for SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the Design Team, including the following considerations:**

- 1. that the sidewalks and buffer be expanded at the expense of the median in the 80 foot right-of way to the maximum extent feasible;**
- 2. that this roadway be designed as a neighborhood road and not an arterial; and**
- 3. that pedestrian and equestrian access be provided under the Hogtown Creek bridge.**

**Phyllis Saarinen seconded; motion passed 11 to 1.**

**ACTION: Cindy Smith move to recommend that the Alachua County Commission and Gainesville City Commission refer all SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Charrette projects for review by the MTPO. Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passed 11 to 1.**

**D. LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS (LOPP)- RURAL ALACHUA COUNTY**

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the CAC needs to develop recommendations for needed, but unfunded, transportation projects outside the Gainesville Metropolitan Area (GMA). He said that the current draft LOPP identifies those projects which were programmed in the current FDOT Work Program and Alachua County staff recommendations.

Mr. Bill Lecher, Alachua County Assistant Public Works Director, discussed the draft LOPP and answered questions.

**It was a consensus of the CAC to meet within two weeks to discuss the draft Alachua County Transportation Modification Priorities document.**

**D. MTPO LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS**

Mr. Dedenbach stated that each year, the MTPO provides FDOT a LOPP document that includes the MTPO's recommendations to FDOT for needed, but unfunded, projects for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He said that, in an effort to reach consensus, and provide a unified LOPP recommendation to the MTPO, staff has carefully reviewed the Advisory Committees' priorities. He reported the differences between the staff and CAC recommendations.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the LOPP document staff recommendation for Tables 2 and 4. Nancy Gildersleeve seconded; Cindy Smith called the question, question call passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously.**

**VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**

There was no discussion of the information items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

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Joseph N. Wilson, Chair

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