

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

NCFRPC  
Conference Room  
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
February 23, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Len Buffington, Chair  
Joe Wilson, Vice Chair  
Anne Barkdoll  
Richard Briggs  
Mike Byerly  
Richard Fletcher  
Jan Frentzen

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Foust  
Ray Haufler  
Doug Hornbeck  
Matthew Hurst  
Phyllis Saarinen  
Cindy Smith  
Sally Warrick

MEMBERS ABSENT

Warren Nielsen

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Gerry Dedenbach  
Mike Escalante

OTHERS PRESENT

Marilyn Beste  
Linda Dixon  
Cathy Saenz  
Jesus Gomez  
Dave Schwartz  
Jennifer Gordon  
John Sabatella  
Robert Norton  
Mindy Heath  
David Welch

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Len Buffington called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. He announced his resignation from the Committee and the Design Team.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) Senior Transportation Planner, asked all those present to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, based on actions taken at the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), he recommends that the CAC defer items D, H and I, move item C in front of A and reverse items F and G.

**ACTION: Phyllis Saarinen moved to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include the MTPO staff recommendation. Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 19, 2000 MINUTES

**ACTION: Richard Briggs moved to approve the January 19, 2000 minutes as amended, striking recreational cycling opportunities from page 3, Item A and correcting one misspelling. Mike Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2000. He said that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2000. He also announced the upcoming March 20 MTPO Public Hearing and Environmental Focus Group meeting, scheduled for March 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Mindy Heath, Alachua County Public Works Department Senior Planner, distributed the executive summary to the recently completed planning study and announced the Tower Road workshop and fieldtrip.

Mr. Richard Briggs noted that he had requested an agenda item regarding parking at the University of Florida and in the City of Gainesville.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to request that the City of Gainesville look into conducting a charrette for the State Road 26/26A corridor west of SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Mathew Hurst seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

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

C. REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (RTS) RIDERSHIP TRENDS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its January 19 meeting, it was a consensus of the CAC to request that a representative of RTS discuss, at the February 23 meeting, current ridership trends, statistics for individuals routes service the University of Florida and average loading statistics for the entire system.

Ms. Cathy Saenz, RTS Marketing Coordinator discussed current ridership trends, statistics for individuals routes service the University of Florida and average loading statistics for the entire system and answered questions.

A. SUNSHINE LAW AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, NCFRPC Director of Transportation Planning, noted that he received a call from the Mr. Dave Wagner, MTPO Attorney, stating that there would not be anyone present to discuss the Sunshine Law and conflict of interest. He suggested that this item be deferred.

Vice Chair Joe Wilson stated that this agenda item would be deferred.

**B. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. Dedenbach stated that Alachua County is currently working on the update of the comprehensive plan. He said that documents which have been prepared as part of the Comprehensive Plan update process are included in the meeting materials. He that Staff is requesting that the CAC review and comment on these materials.

Mr. John Sabatella, Alachua County Department of Growth Management, discussed the upcoming Comprehensive Plan Update and answered several questions.

Ms. Heath announced that comments could be provided electronically via the County's website or directly to staff.

**ACTION: Mike Byerly moved to recommend that Alachua County staff provide regular updates on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan Update. Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**E. ARCHER ROAD AND SW 16<sup>th</sup> AVENUE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES**

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its November meeting, discussed a letter from Ms. Jennifer Gordon concerning bicycle and pedestrian safety on Archer Road. He said that the MTPO was especially concerned about the safety of pedestrians crossing Archer Road at the bus stop locations near SW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He reported that the MTPO referred the issue of crosswalks at bus stop locations along this portion of Archer Road and the 1993 Archer Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Study to the MTPO Advisory Committees. He discussed the 1993 Archer Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Study recommendations.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO:**

- 1. approve the City of Gainesville preferred design contingent on the proposal meeting traffic warrants;**
- 2. have this project included in the List of Priority Projects this fall; and**
- 3. that the City should look into siting a pedestrian facility near the Brandywine apartment complex.**

**Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION:** Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team (ACTST) look along this corridor, and SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street, to see if similar pedestrian safety issues exist. Phyllis Saarinen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

#### G. MAIN STREET PLAN AMENDMENT

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its February meeting, the MTPO discussed the Main Street reconstruction project. He said that, although there was not a quorum present, the MTPO directed staff to research the feasibility of holding a public hearing to gather input on the project. He said that the CAC needs to make a final recommendation concerning whether the MTPO should amend the Long Range Transportation Plan, reducing portions of Main Street from four lanes to two, and assigning a priority to this funded project.

**ACTION:** Ray Hafler moved to recommend that the MTPO request that additional analysis be performed on the Main Street corridor. Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed 11-1.

**ACTION:** Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO amend its Long Range Transportation Plan to include as priority number 1 the reconstruction of Main Street as a 2-lane facility instead of a 4-lane facility. Richard Briggs seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**It was a consensus of the CAC to discuss agenda item H. next.**

#### H. SOCIOECONOMIC DATA

Mr. Sanderson stated that, every five years the MTPO updates its Long Range Transportation Plan. He said that one component of this update is the forecast of population and employment data for Alachua County. He said that, over the past year, City, County, MTPO and consultant staff have been working to revise previous projections for this update. He said that this report is the result of that effort. He said that the data contained in this report, which will be included in the technical documentation supplied later by the consultant, comprises the base year, interim projections and the year 2020 target. He concluded by saying that the CAC needs to approve the report as a completed planning document.

**ACTION:** Jan Frentzen moved to approve the Socioeconomic Data report as a completed planning document. Richard Fletcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

## F. LONG RANGE PLAN ISSUES

Mr. Sanderson stated that, over the last several months, the Committees and the MTPO have reviewed Draft Goals and Objectives for the Long Range Transportation Plan. He said that the Draft Goals and Objectives, which have been revised to reflect Committee and MTPO comments and concerns are now ready for final approval by the Committees and the MTPO. He said that the Committees need to make a final recommendation on the Draft Goals and Objectives, Evaluation Measures and the Urban Form/Transportation Concepts.

**ACTION: Phyllis Saarinen moved to recommend that the MTPO adopt the Goals and Objectives, as modified by the TAC, with the following modifications:**

- 1. Objective 2.2- Encourage infill and redevelopment in areas that have existing and adequate infrastructure in place; and**
- 2. Objective 3.2- Implement techniques to calm traffic in residential, educational, and commercial areas where walking and bicycling are common.**

**Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: Mike Byerly moved to amend Objective 1.9 to add but minimize adverse impacts resulting from this policy that are inconsistent with other Goals and Objectives. Sally Warrick seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson requested that the Committee defer action on Evaluation Measures.

## J. MTPO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOUNDARIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its January meeting, it was a consensus of the CAC to discuss, at this meeting, establishing a county-wide MTPO. He said that, in 1997, the CAC recommended that the MTPO maintain the existing planning area boundary and to wait until the results of the Year 2020 census are available before considering extending the planning area boundary to include all of Alachua County.

## K. SPEED LIMIT ON INTERSTATES

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at a recent meeting, the CAC requested that Staff include information concerning speed limits on interstates on a future CAC meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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Joe Wilson, Vice Chair

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