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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
July 19, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT
Joe Wilson, Chair
Anne Barkdoll
Richard Briggs
Mike Byerly
Richard Fletcher
James Foust
Jan Frentzen
Nancy Gilderskeeve
Doug Hornbeck
Jonathan Reiskind
Phyllis Saarinen
Cindy Smith
Mike Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT
Matthew Hurst
[1 vacancy]

OTHERS PRESENT
Mindy Heath
Mehul Parek
Bob Reller

STAFF PRESENT
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: Jonathan Reiskind moved to approve the meeting agenda, as amended to discuss LOS issues as the last item. Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 28, 2000 MINUTES

ACTION: Jonathan Reiskind moved to approve the June 28, 2000 minutes. Cindy Smith 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 August 3 at 1:30 p.m. and a MTPO Advisory Committee LRTP workshop on August 16 at 6:00 p.m., in the Gainesville Regional Utilities General Purpose Meeting Room and the next CAC meeting is August 30 at 7:00 p.m.

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

A. BUTLER PLAZA EXPANSION TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the MTPO requested that Renaissance Planning Group, Inc. (RPG) evaluate the impacts of the proposed Butler Plaza expansion on the roadway network. He discussed the impacts of the proposed Butler Plaza expansion on the network, as forecast in the countywide model, and explained in the Butler Plaza Expansion Traffic Analysis report.

Mr. Bob Reller, Butler Enterprises, Inc. Director of Development, discussed the proposed Butler Plaza Expansion Project. He stated that Butler Enterprises will be asking the MTPO to fund the extension of SW 62nd Boulevard down to SW 24th Avenue as quickly as possible.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO:

1. defer action until more information, such as the Campus Development Agreement (CDA), any future CDAs, annexation, development of regional impact (DRI) application and updates of the Year 2020 LRTP, Campus Master Plan updates and City and County comprehensive plan updates, is available; and

2. should address facility construction in that area, should the responsible local governing body be asked to support the Butler Plaza Expansion Project.

Jonathan Reiskind seconded; motion passed 11 to 2.

B. LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS (LOPP)

1. MTPO AREA

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the CAC needs to develop recommendations for needed, but unfunded, transportation projects by its August 30 meeting. He said that the current draft LOPP identifies those projects which were programmed in the current FDOT Work Program.

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Principal Transportation Planner, discussed the draft LOPP, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (B/PAB) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendations and answered questions.
ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 1-TAC of the draft LOPP, amending:

1. Priorities 3 and 4 descriptions to reference a footnote to the LOPP that describes the Council of University Neighborhood Association’s (CUNA) Citizens’ Proposal for the State Roads 26/26A;

2. Priority 7g description as “remove parking to accommodate restriping as a six-lane facility, in conjunction with narrowing Archer Road, from SR 226 to US 441, to a two-lane facility and add pedestrian amenities along SR 226;” and

3. Priority 18 location as “FM: State Road 20 TO: State Road 222.”

Jan Frentzen seconded. During discussion on the motion, Phyllis Saarinen called the question; question call passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Richard Fletcher moved to approve Table 2 of the draft LOPP, amended to delete Priority 2. Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Richard Fletcher moved to approve Table 3 of the draft LOPP. Richard Briggs seconded. During discussion on the motion, Jon Reiskind called the question; question call passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Phyllis Saarinen moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 4-B/PAB of the draft LOPP, amending:

1. Priority 1 description as “widen paved shoulders and install other safety enhancements, including an offroad bike path along the wildlife barriers;” and

2. Priority 2B description as “add sidewalks consistent with the Tower Road/SW 24th Avenue Charrette Project.”

Richard Briggs seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Richard Fletcher moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 5-B/PAB-TAC of the draft LOPP, amending Priority 9 description as “reorient intersection, including evaluation of possibility of a roundabout.” Jonathan Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Richard Fletcher moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 6 of the draft LOPP. Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passed unanimously.
2. ALACHUA COUNTY

Ms. Mindy Heath, Alachua County Senior Planner, stated that the CAC needs to develop recommendations for needed, but unfunded, transportation projects by its August 30 meeting. She said that the current draft priorities document identifies those projects which were programmed in the current FDOT Work Program.

C. COMPETITIVE “WALKABLE COMMUNITIES” WORKSHOP GRANT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that Walkable Communities, Inc. (WCI) will be conducting six workshops across the country next year, cofunded, in part, by the United States Department of Transportation and WCI. He said that local MPOs may compete to cosponsor and fund the remaining expenses of a workshop. He noted that the MTPO has not used funds annually programmed for charrettes. He added that staff recommends that the MTPO submit a proposal to host one Walkable Community Workshops and agree to fund the $6,250 local match, out of programmed charrette funds.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO submit a proposal to host one Walkable Community Workshops and agree to fund the $6,250 local match, out of programmed charrette funds. Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passed unanimously.

D. UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA CAMPUS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the status of the Campus Master Plan update.

E. SW 91ST STREET AND ARCHER ROAD ROUNDABOUT- STATUS REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach gave a status report on the SW 91st Street and Archer Road roundabout.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Ms. Cindy Smith suggested that the CAC read the “Unlimited Access” article.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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Date Joseph N. Wilson, Chair

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