

MINUTES

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

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

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
June 2, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jan Frentzen, Chair
Rob Brinkman, Vice Chair
Holly Blumenthal
Harvey Budd
Nelle Bullock
Mary Ann DeMatas
Roderick Gonzalez
Chandler Otis
James Samec
Ruth Steiner
Ewen Thomson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tom Collett
George Blake Fletcher
Valerie Rosenkrantz
Gary Weed

OTHERS PRESENT

Whit Blanton
Jennifer Carver
Jerry Dabkowski
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Brian Kanely
Sean McLendon
Karen Taulbee
Austin Woolington

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jan Frentzen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Frentzen introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Frentzen asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, suggested placing agenda item VI. Long Range Transportation plan Update- Testing and Evaluation of Alternatives after agenda item VIII. Proposed NE 8th Avenue Mast Arm- Vertical Signal Heads.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to place agenda Item VI. Long Range Transportation Plan Update- Testing and Evaluation of Alternatives after agenda item VIII. Proposed NE 8th Avenue Mast Arm- Vertical Signal Heads. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Frentzen asked for approval of the CAC meeting minutes.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to approve the April 21, 2010 CAC minutes. Nelle Bullock seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for June 14th at 1:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the CAC's next meeting, if needed, is scheduled for July 12th.

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS- BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has provided \$125,000 towards funding a Bus Rapid Transit Alternative Analysis Study. He noted that this study was necessary in order for the Regional Transit System (RTS) to apply for Federal Transit Administration grants for BRT. He said that the TIP needs to be amended in order for RTS to receive this funding.

ACTION: James Samec moved to recommend that the MTPO amend the Fiscal Years 2012/2009/2010 – 3/2014 TIP and Fiscal Years 2010/2011 – 2014/2015 TIP to add the Bus Rapid Transit Alternative Analysis project (4285911). Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. STATE ROAD 20 LANDSCAPING

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT staff has identified funds that can be used to landscape Hawthorne Road (State Road 20). He noted that this project was the third-ranked priority in 2009. He added that this project is the sixth-ranked priority in the recently approved List of Priority Projects. He suggested that the MTPO send a letter of support for the project to FDOT.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO send a letter of support for the State Road 20 Landscaping project. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. PROPOSED NE 8TH AVENUE MAST ARM- VERTICAL SIGNAL HEADS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the City of Gainesville has requested an exception to the MTPO's horizontal signal head policy for the traffic signal at the NW 8th Avenue and NW 18th Terrace intersection. He noted that the MTPO considers exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Jerry Dabkowski, Volkert Vice President, discussed the NW 8th Avenue at NW 18th Terrace intersection traffic signal update project and answered questions.

ACTION: Harvey Budd moved to recommend that the MTPO allow an exception to the horizontal signal head policy for the NW 8th Avenue at NW 18th Terrace Traffic Signal Project. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE- TESTING AND EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the testing and analyses of Alternative 1- Transit/BRT Emphasis, Alternative 2- Highway Emphasis and Alternative 3 Transit/Streetcar Emphasis are completed. He said that the MTPO's consultant would discuss the results.

Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group Vice President, discussed the results of the testing and evaluation of the alternatives and answered questions. He also reported the results of the peak oil scenarios. He discussed and recommended an Alternative 4 Hybrid Needs Network for testing and evaluation.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Joint Technical Advisory Committee-MTPO Staff Alternative 4 recommendation amended to add a Bus Rapid Transit route from Santa Fe College to the University of Florida campus for via NW 23rd Avenue to NW 43rd Street to Newberry Road testing and evaluation. Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. CAC- REQUEST TO BE A CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the CAC, at its April meeting, discussed restoring its status as an advisory committee to the City of Gainesville.

Chair Frentzen discussed a draft letter to the MTPO that requests that the MTPO send a letter to the Mayor of Gainesville requesting that the City Commission reconsider having the Citizens Advisory Committee as an advisory committee to the City of Gainesville on transportation issues and answered questions.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to authorize the CAC Chair to send a letter, revised to note that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board advises the City of Gainesville, to the MTPO that recommends that the MTPO send a letter to the Mayor of Gainesville requesting that the City Commission reconsider having the Citizens Advisory Committee as an advisory committee to the City of Gainesville on transportation issues (see Exhibit 1). Nelle Bullock seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

5/4/2010
Date



Jan Frentzen, Chair