

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  
May 24, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ray Hafler

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Gerry Dedenbach  
Mike Escalante

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Dixon  
Mindy Heath  
Ralph Hilliard  
Bruce Landis  
Jeff Logan  
Marge Malagodi  
Dom Nozzi  
Russell Ottenberg  
Peter Rebmann  
Robert Reller  
Kevin Tilbury  
Dave Welch

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Wilson asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that there were three new CAC members. He asked the new members to draw straws to determine the duration of the terms that each member would serve. Following the drawing, he announced that Mr. Reiskind would serve a term through December, 2000 and that Ms. Guildersleeve and Mr. Wright would each serve a term through December, 2001.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation, stated that Mr. Jeff Logan, Regional Transit System (RTS) Director, wanted to discuss the RTS transit center, but would arrive late to the meeting.

**It was a consensus of the CAC to approve the meeting agenda, and to later accommodate a presentation by Mr. Logan.**

III. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 10, 2000 MINUTES

**ACTION: Jan Frentzen moved to approve the May 10, 2000 minutes. Doug Hornbeck seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2000 and the next CAC meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2000. He announced that the MTPO was conducting a State Roads (SR) 26/26A "Walk Around" on May 25 at 5:00 p.m.

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

A. YEAR 2020 TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE- BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN LEVEL OF SERVICE (LOS) EVALUATIONS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its January 20 meeting, the MTPO approved a motion to partially fund the Alachua County Bicycle Master Plan along with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the City of Gainesville and Alachua County. He discussed the plan's scope of services and the Gainesville MTPO - 2020 Transportation Plan Update Bicycle and Pedestrian LOS Evaluations prepared by Sprinkle Consulting, Incorporated (SCI).

Mr. Bruce Landis, SCI Vice President, discussed the bicycle and pedestrian LOS evaluations and methodology and answered questions.

**ACTION: Jan Frentzen moved to approve the results of the Gainesville MTPO - 2020 Transportation Plan Update Bicycle and Pedestrian LOS Evaluations. Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

B. FINAL MAIN STREET / UNIVERSITY AVENUE TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

1. DESIGN DETAILS / CROSS SECTION

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its March 20 meeting, the MTPO deferred action on the proposed Main Street Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) amendment until additional technical information is available from the Main Street traffic analysis. He said that Ms. Linda Dixon, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Analyst, is present to discuss the concepts, benefits and cross-sections of this proposed project.

Ms. Dixon discussed the roadway cross-section alternatives and answered questions.

2. MAIN STREET CORRIDOR

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its January 20 meeting, the MTPO received a presentation concerning the Main Street traffic analysis. He said that the MTPO approved a motion to test a sixth alternative, West University Avenue from W 34<sup>th</sup> Street to North-South Drive and Main Street from Depot Avenue to N 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, as two-lane facilities and identify strategies to enhance efficient transportation flow on alternative corridors on regional roadways in response to the results from the travel-lane reduction on these corridors. He discussed the Main Street traffic analysis and answered questions.

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

- 1. implement the UM Alternative (University Avenue from W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street to Waldo Road and Main Street from Depot Avenue to N. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue) with the understanding that it should be a part of the Year 2020 LRTP as a priority project; and**
- 2. conduct the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA).**

**Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed 12 to 2.**

**ACTION: Jan Frentzen moved to recommend that the MTPO recommend that FDOT include parallel parking, bus bays and instreet bikelanes in the Main Street corridor design. Richard Briggs seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**3. UNIVERSITY AVENUE CORRIDOR**

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its May 11 meeting, the MTPO discussed the SR 26/26A corridor. He reported that the MTPO requested that staff schedule another SR 26/26A "Walk Around" and deferred action regarding SR 26/26A to its July 2000 meeting. He announced that the SR 26/26A "Walk Around" has been scheduled for Thursday, May 25 at 5:00 p.m. and will start in the Royal Park Stadium 16 Theatre parking lot. He added that the CAC needs to develop final MTPO recommendations concerning University Avenue.

**It was a consensus of the CAC to discuss Miami curbing for the roadway system at its next meeting.**

**B<sub>2</sub>. REGIONAL TRANSIT CENTER**

Mr. Sanderson stated that the City of Gainesville referred the Regional Transfer Center to the MTPO Advisory Committees.

Mr. Logan discussed the proposed Regional Transit Center.

**ACTION: Jan Frentzen moved to recommend that the MTPO forward the following comments to the City of Gainesville to:**

- 1. use the Federal Transit Administration grant money to purchase new buses, rather than construct the initially proposed transit center;**
- 2. have the suitability of the transit center studied as part of an RTS COA; and**
- 3. keep the property that was purchased for the transit center and continue to designate it for use as a transit center.**

**Richard Briggs seconded. During discussion on the motion, Cindy Smith called the question; question call passed 13 to 1. Motion passed unanimously.**

C. FISCAL YEARS 2000-2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, each year, the MTPO is required to approve the TIP. He said that, in order for Federal transportation funds to be spent in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area (GMA), they must be approved by the MTPO and included in this report.

**ACTION: Jan Frentzen moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the TIP, incorporating the administrative changes. Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

D. MTPO MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE HIGHWAY LOS STANDARDS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its April 4 meeting, the TAC Subcommittee approved an update of the Highway LOS Report. He discussed the revisions to the MTPO Highway LOS standards for roadways within the GMA. He said that this draft highway LOS standard update is consistent with the current highway standards in the City of Gainesville and Alachua County Comprehensive Plans' Transportation Elements.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO adopt the revised highway LOS standards. Phyllis Saarinen seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

E. BUTLER PLAZA EXPANSION

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its January 20 meeting, the MTPO received a presentation from Mr. Clark Butler, Butler Enterprises President, concerning Butler Plaza's proposed expansion. He said that, during the discussion of this item, the MTPO Chair referred the proposed expansion to the MTPO Advisory Committees for their review and comment.

**ACTION: Jan Frentzen moved to:**

1. **advise the MTPO that sufficient information is not available;**
2. **recommend that the MTPO encourage Butler Enterprises to fund a sub-area modeling study for the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Charrette network and the internal connection through the proposed Butler Plaza expansion; and**
3. **inform the MTPO that this recommendation is not intended to offer support for this project.**

**Richard Fletcher seconded. During discussion on the motion, Phyllis Saarinen called the question; question call passed 10 to 4. Motion failed 10 to 4.**

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to inform the MTPO that the CAC:**

1. **did not take action on this item because there was not adequate information; and**
2. **would make a recommendation when information from the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) is available.**

**Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion failed 7 to 7.**

**ACTION:** Mike Byerly moved to inform the MTPO that it will refrain from making a recommendation to the MTPO until information from the DRI is available. Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion failed 7 to 6.

**It was a consensus of the CAC to discuss the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Issue Papers at its next meeting.**

F. CITY OF GAINESVILLE TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY ELEMENT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, over the last several months, City staff have been completing work on the City of Gainesville Transportation Mobility Element. He said that, at the request of several CAC members, this material is being presented for information only. He noted that City staff is present at today's meeting to provide an overview of the Element and answer questions.

Mr. Dom Nozzi, City of Gainesville Senior Planner, discussed the City of Gainesville Transportation Mobility Element and answered questions.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

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Joseph N. Wilson, Chair

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