

MINUTES

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

Grace Knight Conference Room  
12 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
November 30, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Jan Frentzen, Chair  
Holly Blumenthal  
Nelle Bullock  
Blake Fletcher  
Chandler Otis  
John Richter  
James Samec  
Ruth Steiner  
Ewen Thomson  
Chris Towne

Rob Brinkman, Vice Chair  
Harvey Budd  
Mary Ann DeMatas  
Roderick Gonzalez  
Holly Shema

Dekova Batey  
Doreen Joyner-Howard  
Karen Taulbee

Marlie Sanderson  
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

With a consensus of the members present, Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Sanderson asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

**MOTION: Ruth Steiner moved to approve the meeting agenda. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mr. Sanderson asked for approval of the CAC meeting minutes.

**MOTION: James Samec moved to approve the September 21, 2011 CAC minutes. Chris Towne seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 12th at 5:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the CAC's next meeting, if needed, is scheduled for January 25th.

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested two amendments to the TIP. He and Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist discussed the amendments and answered questions.

**MOTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO amend its Transportation Improvement Program:**

1. to delete the I-75 @ SR 26 (Newberry Road) NW Quadrant Right-Of-Way Purchase Project [FIN # 4278251]; and
2. to add \$9,000,000 Federal Transit Administration funding and \$2,249,000 local funding to the Regional Transit System Maintenance Facility Expansion- Phase 2 to Fiscal Year 2011/2012 [FIN # 4305471].

**James Samec seconded, motion passed unanimously.**

VI. DEPOT RAIL TRAIL/WALDO RAIL TRAIL BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO requested a ranking of the bicycle pedestrian connection alternatives. He discussed the alternatives and answered questions.

**MOTION: Ruth Steiner moved to rank the Depot Rail Trail/Waldo Rail Trail Bicycle Pedestrian Connection alternatives as:**

1. Alternative 5- Existing Crossing with Safety Modifications, revised to include investigation of alternatives for traffic calming for the safety of all users; and
2. Alternative 4- Cross at E 10th Street to NE 3rd Avenue, revised to include exploration of safer crossings for bicycle and pedestrian users at the major roadway intersections.

**Ewen Thomson seconded.**

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Chandler Otis asked to include a ranking of the remaining four alternatives as follows.**

3. Alternative 3- Cross at SE 2nd Avenue to E. 15th Street;
4. Alternative 2- Cross at SE 2nd Avenue;
5. Alternative 1- Cross at 10th Street; and
6. Alternative 6-Do nothing.

**Ruth Steiner did not accept the amendment.**

**ORIGINAL MOTION RESTATED:**

**Ruth Steiner moved to rank the Depot Rail Trail/Waldo Rail Trail Bicycle Pedestrian Connection alternatives as:**

- 1. Alternative 5- Existing Crossing with Safety Modifications, revised to include investigation of alternatives for traffic calming for the safety of all users; and**
- 2. Alternative 4- Cross at E 10th Street to NE 3rd Avenue, revised to include exploration of safer crossings for bicycle and pedestrian users at the major roadway intersections.**

**Ewen Thomson seconded; motion passed 6 to 4.**

VII. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION BILL

Mr. Sanderson reported the U.S. Senate draft legislation that was released November 4th.


VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

3/21/2012  
Date

  
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Jan Frentzen, Chair