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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
November 30, 2011

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT
Dekova Batey
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Karen Taulbee

STAFF PRESENT
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:

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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

Jan Frentzen, Chair