

MINUTES

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

Grace Knight Conference Room
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
April 20, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

David Welch, Chair
Jan Frentzen, Vice Chair
Gerald Bodoh
Rob Brinkman
Thomas Collett
Sheryl Conner
Sven Hanson
Sharon Hawkey
Chandler Otis
Robert Reller
Ruth Steiner
Ewen Thomson
Gary Weed

[two vacancies]

Todd Cohen
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Suraya Teeple

Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Welch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Welch stated there would be no introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Welch asked if there were any changes for the meeting agenda.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that there were no changes for the agenda.

ACTION: Robert Reller moved to approve the meeting agenda. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to approve the April 6, 2005 minutes. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for May 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He also noted that the MTPO will meet May 16 at 6:00 p.m. He discussed the CAC meeting schedule for July 6. He asked the CAC members to let him know their availability for the meeting.

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TIP is the most important document that is approved annually by the MTPO. He said that the TIP is a staged implementation program of transportation projects consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with adopted comprehensive plans of Alachua County and the City of Gainesville. He added that, in order for Federal transportation funds to be spent in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, they must be approved by the MTPO and included in this report. He noted that this year's document authorizes about \$22 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next three year period.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Fiscal Years 2005/2006 - 2009/2010 Transportation Improvement Program with references to SW 62nd Boulevard removed from Table 13, Project 6, and revised the map. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. UNFUNDED PROJECT PRIORITIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that, each year, the MTPO develops recommended transportation priorities for projects that are needed but not currently funded. He said that this information is used by FDOT each fall to develop its Tentative Five Year Work Program. He added that, by Florida Statute, the MTPO's "List of Priority Projects" must be submitted to FDOT by October 1, 2005. He noted that FDOT staff has asked for the MTPO's Fiscal Years 2006/2007 - 2010/2011 List of Priority Projects as soon as possible so that it may begin development of its Tentative Five Year Work Program. He reported that the draft Fiscal Years 2006/2007 - 2010/2011 List of Priority Projects includes the recommendations from the Alachua County/Gainesville Regional Airport Authority Director, Alachua County Traffic Safety Team, Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board, Regional Transit System staff, City of Gainesville and Alachua County Public Works Department staffs and MTPO staff. He discussed the priorities document and answered questions.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 1- Enhancement Priorities to add as Priority #4 Sidewalks on SW 8th Avenue from east of Tower Road to Parker Road and Priority #5 Sidewalks on SW 43rd Street from SW 40th Boulevard to SW 20th Avenue. Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend that the MTPO approve, as retitled, Table 2 Strategic Intermodal System Priorities. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 3 Public Transportation Priorities. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 4- Safety Priorities. Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 5- Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities modified to:

1. move Priority #5 to be Priority #9; and
2. include Traffic Operations Priorities #5, #6, #7, #8, #12, #13 and #15 as STP Fund Priorities #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15 and #16.

Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 6- Traffic Operations Priorities moving Priorities 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 15 to Table 5- Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities and include a footnote on Table 6 to indicate that the projects are only for the State Highway System. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 7 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund. Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Robert Reller moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 8 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Program. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. YEAR 2025 TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE- STATUS REPORT

Mr. Sanderson discussed the status of the Year 2025 Transportation Plan Update and answered questions.

IX. GAINESVILLE TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

Mr. Sanderson discussed the results of the Gainesville Transportation Survey and answered questions.

X. REVIEW OF MODEL RESULTS

Mr. Sanderson reviewed the results of the model validation and answered questions.

XI. FAILING ROADS- TODAY AND YEAR 2025

Mr. Sanderson discussed roadway facilities operating at an unacceptable level of service today and in 2025 based on the transportation model analysis and answered questions.

XII. ROAD CONSTRUCTION TO ADDRESS DEFICIENCIES

Mr. Sanderson discussed the cost estimates for modifying the roadway network such that all facilities are operating at an acceptable level of service and answered questions.

XIII. ADOPTED/PROPOSED VISION STATEMENTS

Mr. Sanderson discussed the two proposed Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan vision statements and answered questions.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend that the MTPO approve as the Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan Vision Statement:

“make transportation investments that support livable community centers and neighborhoods by:

- 1. Re-investing in the traditional core areas of Gainesville and the towns of Alachua County to develop walkable downtown centers;**
- 2. Connecting a limited number of highly developed mixed-use centers; and**

3. **Providing a high level of premium transit service in a linear Archer Road corridor connecting to Waldo Road and Hawthorne Road in East Gainesville; and**
4. **Developing a transportation system to offer citizens choices to address their transportation needs.”**

Robert Reller seconded; motion failed 2 to 11.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve as the Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan Vision Statement:

“Land use developed with intensity and density that creates more balance in east-west Gainesville area growth and connects a limited number of highly developed mixed-use centers. That land use pattern is served by a highly-efficient multimodal transportation system, which allows for mode choice. The transportation system is safely used by people of all ages/income classes, supported by a dedicated transportation funding source and provides for:

1. **improved and affordable transit service;**
2. **a walkable University and town centers;**
3. **an improved bikeway/trail system; and**
4. **better road connectivity.”**

Gerald Bodoh seconded; motion passed 12 to 1.

XIV. PROPOSED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Mr. Sanderson discussed the proposed Year 2025 Transportation Plan goals and objectives and answered questions.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan goals and objectives (Exhibit 1) with Goal 4, Objective B modified to add “and seeks out additional funding sources.” Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XV. VISIONING SESSIONS- ROADWAY AND TRANSIT NETWORK CONCERNS

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Year 2025 Transportation Plan update visioning sessions materials and answered questions.

XVI. RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE 1- HIGHWAY PROPOSAL

Mr. Sanderson stated that there are two recommended model testing alternative proposals for addressing the Gainesville Metropolitan Area transportation network level of service deficiencies. He said that Alternative 1 is a highway project-oriented solution and Alternative 2 is a transit service-oriented solution. He discussed Alternative 1- Highway Proposal and answered questions.

ACTION: Jan Frentzen moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Alternative 1- Highway Proposal Table 1 with NW 83rd Avenue from NW 23rd Avenue to NW 39th Avenue shown as a widen from 2-lane to 4-lane facility and the following additions:

- 1. NW 76th Boulevard extension; and**
- 2. the Bruderly SW 20th Avenue/SW 43rd Street 4-lane connector from SW 24th Avenue to SW 62nd Boulevard Proposal (Exhibit 2).**

Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XVII. RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE 2- TRANSIT PROPOSAL

Mr. Sanderson discussed Alternative 2- Transit Proposal and answered questions.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Alternative 2- Transit Proposal. Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend that the MTPO test in Alternative 1-Highway northbound and southbound exit-only ramps off Interstate 75 at SW 20th Avenue. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XVIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Date

David Welch, Chair