

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

6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
April 6, 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

CAC ORIENTATION

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, discussed the CAC orientation materials and answered questions.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Welch called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Welch asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

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

Mr. Sanderson stated that a CAC member, who also served on the Design Team, has resigned. He said that the CAC needs to appoint a new Design Team representative.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to add agenda item IV_B. Design Team Representative. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to approve the January 26, 2005 minutes. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Welch announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for May 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for April 20. He discussed the use meeting procedures. He noted that is the CAC did not finish its agenda items on April 20, that it would also meet May 4.

IV_B. DESIGN TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Design Team reviews transportation project design plans from Alachua County, City of Gainesville and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

A member of the CAC volunteered to serve on the Design Team.

ACTION: Robert Reller moved to appoint Tom Collett as the Design Team representative. Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. STATE ROAD 26A PEDESTRIAN SCALE LIGHTING PLANS

Mr. Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that the MTPO referred reconsideration of the State Road 26A Lighting Plans east of SW 34th Street for integration with the University of Florida and cost estimates of pedestrian scale lighting to its advisory boards.

Mr. Hill and Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Transportation Specialist, discussed the State Road 26A Lighting Plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Jan Frentzen moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. request that the Gainesville Regional Utilities revise the State Road 26A Lighting Plans to incorporate the changes requested by the University of Florida; and**

2. seek an additional \$429,000 in funding from all available sources beyond only the Florida Department of Transportation for enhanced lighting on State Road 26A.

Ruth Steiner seconded.

SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Rob Brinkman moved to table discussion on the State Road 26A Lighting Plans until the next CAC meeting and request that appropriate University of Florida and Gainesville Regional Utilities staff be present at the meeting. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion failed 5 to 7.

ORIGINAL ACTION RESTATED AS AMENDED:

Jan Frentzen moved to recommend that the MTPO:

1. request that the Gainesville Regional Utilities revise the State Road 26A Lighting Plans to incorporate the changes requested by the University of Florida;
2. seek an additional \$429,000 in funding from all available sources beyond only the Florida Department of Transportation for enhanced lighting on State Road 26A; and
3. seek assurances that the lighting is adequate along the southside of SW 2nd Avenue for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed 11 to 1.

VI. STATE ROAD (SR) 24 (ARCHER ROAD) AT INTERSTATE 75

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT has submitted 60 percent design plan for the SR 24 at Interstate 75 Turnlane Extension Project for review and recommendation. He discussed the plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Robert Reller moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Florida Department of Transportation 60 percent turnlane extension design plans for State Road 24 (Archer Road) at Interstate 75. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. SW 20TH AVENUE BRIDGE OVER INTERSTATE 75 - FENCING

Mr. Hill stated that the MTPO received a letter from the FDOT District 2 Secretary indicating that FDOT plans to install fencing similar to the fencing recently placed on the NW 39th Avenue bridge when the interchange was reconstructed.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Florida Department of Transportation install fencing on both sides of the SW 20th Avenue bridge over Interstate 75 similar to the fencing on the NW 39th Avenue bridge and also request that the fence be black in color, if funding is available. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. SW 20TH AVENUE TRANSPORTATION DESIGN PROPOSAL

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO has received a SW 20th Avenue Transportation Design Proposal from the University of Florida. He said that the UF College of Design, Building Construction and Planning has proposed a design studio to develop a proposal to complement the FDOT corridor design study.

Ms. Ruth Steiner declared a conflict of interest.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve:

- 1. the SW 20th Avenue Student Village Transportation Study design proposal that includes a land use component and a connection between SW 20th Avenue and Hull Road; and**
- 2. an update of the Gainesville Metropolitan Area bicycle counts.**

Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed 11 to 0 with one abstention.

3. ENHANCEMENT APPLICATIONS- 2005

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT staff has set May 1 as the deadline for new Enhancement-funded project applications. He noted that FDOT has allocated \$749,000 for construction of the Archer Road Rail/Trail and that additional funds are not yet available.

ACTION: Robert Reller moved to recommend that the MTPO not submit any new enhancement applications this year. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that the staff services agreement between the MTPO and the Regional Planning Council (RPC) requires the annual submission of the budget for the support of the transportation planning staff. He said that MTPO staff is forwarding for its consideration the UPWP. He added that the UPWP outlines and describes planning efforts to be undertaken by participating agencies to maintain a comprehensive, cooperative and continuing transportation planning program in the Gainesville Urbanized Area. He discussed the proposed FY 2005/2006 UPWP planning program and budget and answered questions.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the Unified Planning Work Program, with the understanding that administrative revisions requested by state and federal review agencies will be made as received by MTPO staff;**
- 2. authorize the MTPO Chair to enter into the Section 5303 Joint Participation Agreement;**
- 3. authorize the MTPO to financially participate in the Section 5303 agreement including the \$11,049 contribution of MTPO funds; and**
- 4. authorize the MTPO Chair to sign the Section 5303 Joint Participation Agreement.**

Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XI. YEAR 2025 TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE- STATUS REPORT

Mr. Sanderson discussed the status of the long range transportation plan update and schedule. He announced that there would be a public workshop on April 18 in the Gainesville Regional Utilities Administration Building.

XIV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A member of the CAC asked why the colorized crosswalks were being removed.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Specialist, stated that FDOT received concerns from bicyclists and motorcyclists that these crosswalks were slick when wet. She said, therefore, FDOT was removing the colorized application.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date

David Welch, Chair