

MINUTES

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

Conference Room
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
August 29, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Joe Wilson, Chair Anne Barkdoll Richard Fletcher Jan Frentzen Nancy Gildersleeve Sherwin Henry James Higman Matthew Hurst Doug Hornbeck Cindy Smith Mike Wright	Tony Porter [3 vacancies]	Kim Holland Doreen Joyner-Howard Steve Kinkaid Monique Markey Jim McCrawley Joe Montalto John Sabatella Suraya Teepie Fred Wright	Gerry Dedenbach Andrea Vogler

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, stated that Chair Joe Wilson will be arriving late for tonight's meeting. He said that Mr. Jonathan Reiskind, Vice Chair, is no longer a member of the CAC due to violation of the attendance policy. He stated that he would be willing to conduct the meeting until Chair Wilson arrives.

It was a consensus of the CAC members present to have Mr. Dedenbach conduct the meeting until Chair Wilson was present.

Mr. Dedenbach stated that a quorum of the CAC was not yet present. He suggested that the Committee discuss those agenda items which do not require action.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Dedenbach introduced himself and asked those present to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Dedenbach requested that the CAC amend the agenda to delete Agenda Item F - State Road (SR) 222 Median Openings and add Agenda Item L - Elect Vice Chair.

ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to:

- 1. delete Agenda Item F - SR 222 Median Openings; and**
- 2. add Agenda Item L - Elect Vice Chairperson.**

Nancy Gildersleeve seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the July 11, 2001 minutes. Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for September 13 at 2:00 p.m. He also announced that there would be an MTPO Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee meeting on September 13 at 5:30 p.m. where the subcommittee will hear four consultant presentations. He added that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for September 26.

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

A. STATE ROAD (SR) 26A STATUS REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested an opportunity to update the MTPO Advisory Committees on the status of the State Road 26A project.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT Project Manager, discussed the current status of the State Road 26A project and answered questions. He noted the project's current reconstruction description, schedule and cost estimates. He stated that FDOT will hold a public involvement meeting at the Doubletree Hotel on September 25 starting at 7:00 p.m.

B. ALACHUA COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL TREES FOR OUR HEROS

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the correspondence from Mr. Jim McCrawley, Alachua County Veterans Memorials Chairperson, regarding funding for tree plantings along Archer Road.

Mr. McCrawley discussed the request for funding for the tree plantings along Archer Road and answered questions.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners:

- 1. consider funding \$4,800 for the Alachua County Veterans Memorial Trees for Our Heros along Archer Road; and**
- 2. request that FDOT consider the opportunity to plant canopy trees, rather than Palatka Hollies or Allee Elms, in the median on Archer Road for the Alachua County Veterans Memorial project.**

Doug Hornbeck seconded. Doug Hornbeck called the question. Question call passed unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.

A member of the CAC requested that the Alachua County Veterans Memorial Committee consider planting trees in Pine Grove Cemetery, where there are Vietnam veterans buried.

ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners request that the Alachua County Veterans Memorial Committee add Pine Grove Cemetery as one of the “memorial” tree planting sites and strive to plant native trees for the entire project. Nancy Gildersleeve seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. MAIN STREET AT DEPOT AVENUE ROUNDABOUT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that FDOT has prepared the construction plans for the Main Street at Depot Avenue roundabout. He discussed the construction plans.

ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT consider:

- 1. widening the splitter island approaches;**
- 2. moving all four crosswalks closer to the center of the roundabout;**
- 3. reconfigure the crosswalks on the sliplanes to maintain the same geometry as the four crosswalks; and**
- 4. raise the crosswalks one inch.**

Doug Hornbeck seconded; motion passed unanimously.

D. SW 34TH STREET RESURFACING PROJECT- UTILITY CONFLICTS WITH SIGNALS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that FDOT has informed the MTPO that there are conflicts with existing utilities and the installation of mast arm traffic signals within the existing right-of-way at the SW 34th Street intersections at SW 20th Avenue and Radio Road. He discussed conflicts with utilities and the installation of mast arm traffic signals and answered questions. He noted that the University of Florida was interested in the installation of mast arms as part of the current project.

Ms. Suraya Teeple, FDOT Regional Administrator, discussed the project's contract letting process and answered questions.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. pursue a separate project to purchase the necessary right-of-way for the construction of mast arm signals at SW 20th Avenue and Radio Road; and**
- 2. encourage FDOT continue working with the appropriate agencies to fully investigate the acquisition of the necessary rights-of-way through easements.**

Matthew Hurst seconded; motion passed unanimously.

E. ALACHUA COUNTY LONG RANGE NEEDS PLAN

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Alachua County Public Works Department has requested an opportunity to update the CAC on the Alachua County Long Range Needs Plan.

Mr. John Sabatella, Alachua County Senior Planner, gave a status report on the Alachua County Long Range Needs Plan and answered questions.

G. WEST 6TH STREET CORRIDOR CHARRETTE

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Gainesville City Commission has requested that the MTPO consider funding a charrette for the W 6th Street corridor in the upcoming fiscal year. He discussed charrette funding and answered questions.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. allocate \$15,000 of its charrette funds for a W 6th Street charrette; and**

2. **pursue, along with the City of Gainesville, additional funding partners for this charrette.**

James Higman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

I. US 441 AND PAYNES PRAIRIE ISSUES

Mr. Dedenbach stated that a member of the MTPO referred some US 441, along Paynes Prairie, safety issue to the advisory committees. He said that the referral requests development of both short and long-term visions/strategies for the corridor.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO send the list of Commissioner Warren Nielsen's concerns to the FDOT's US 441 Bicycle Safety Study consultant, appropriate local and state agencies and the Scenic Highway Committee. Nancy Gildersleeve seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT have Ms. Kristee Booth, FDOT Environmental Specialist, give a presentation, to the CAC and TAC, concerning what the Scenic Highway Program is and how it functions. James Higman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

J. LONG RANGE PLAN AMENDMENT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the MTPO, at its August 16 meeting, approved a motion to schedule a public hearing to consider amending the long range transportation plan to advance the two-laning of University Avenue from priority number 7 to priority number 5.

ACTION: Matthew Hurst moved to recommend that the MTPO not consider amending the long range transportation plan at this time because:

1. **the current sequencing of the projects in the plan:**
 - A. **was done based on the proposed two-laning of University Avenue;**
 - B. **allows for the evaluation of the Main Street two-laning project; and**
2. **recognizing that the project order:**
 - A. **will have no immediate real effect because this project is many years off; and**

- B. will be address in possibly the next two major long range transportation plan updates.**

Nancy Gildersleeve seconded; motion passed unanimously.

K. PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee will hear presentations by consultant candidates on September 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Williams Elementary School cafeteria.

L. ELECT VICE-CHAIR

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to appoint Mike Wright as Vice-Chairperson.
Nancy Gildersleeve seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Date

Joe Wilson, Chair

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