

MINUTES

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
February 27, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Rob Brinkman, Vice Chair
Harviey Budd
Nelle Bullock
John Carlson
Sheryl Conner
Sharon Hawkey
Lauren Hertel
Chandler Otis
Tom Reilly
James Samec
Ruth Steiner
Ewen Thomson
Gary Weed

Jan Frentzen, Chair
Greg Sholar

George Blake Fletcher
Terry Shaw
Jennifer Spagnoli
Brad Stith

Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Rob Brinkman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were done at the request of Vice Chair Brinkman.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Vice Chair Brinkman asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

ACTION: James Samec moved to approve the meeting agenda. Harvey Budd seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to approve the January 30, 2008 minutes. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vice Chair Brinkman announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for March 13th at 3:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the CAC's next meeting is scheduled for March 26th. He noted that there was an additional agenda item.

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Senior Planner, requested that the agenda be amended to add item VII.B US 441 Bikelanes for a CAC recommendation to the MTPO.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to amend the meeting agenda to add agenda item VII.B US 441 Bikelanes. Ewen Thomson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. SW 62ND BOULEVARD CONNECTOR

Mr. Escalante stated that the County's consultant was prepared to discuss the corridor alternatives for the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector and interim projects.

Ms. Jennifer Spagnoli, Alachua County Traffic Engineer, stated that several SW 62nd Boulevard Connector alternatives were reviewed by MTPO and County Advisory Committees. She noted that the MTPO, at its December meeting, approved the evaluation criteria and analysis of Alternatives 1 - 4.

Mr. Terry Shaw, HNTB Project Manager, discussed the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector corridor alternatives and proposed interim priority projects and answered questions.

Mr. Escalante reported the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board and Technical Advisory Committee recommendations for the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector corridor alternative.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Alternative #1 (Exhibit 1) and the three Interim Priority Projects (Exhibit 2). Tom Reilly seconded. Ewen Thomson moved to divide the motion; it was accepted by Ms. Hawkey and Mr. Reilly.

SPLIT ACTION PART ONE:

Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Alternative #1 (Exhibit 1). Tom Reilly seconded; motion passed 7 to 6.

SPLIT ACTION PART TWO:

Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the three Interim Priority Projects (Exhibit 2). Tom Reilly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII.B US 441 BIKELANES

Mr. Escalante stated that the MTPO Chair received a letter from FDOT indicating that US 441 from Archer Road to NW 23rd Avenue would not be restriped for bikelanes as part of the US 441 Resurfacing Project.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT provide a wide outside curblane consistent with the current striping of the travel lanes on US 441 (from Archer Road (State Road 24) north to NW 23rd Avenue (State Road 120)) as part of the Year 2009 resurfacing project. Ewen Thomson seconded; motion passed 11 to 2.

ACTION: Chandler Otis moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT install ramps to the sidewalks to allow access/egress for bicyclists on the US 441 bridge over NW 8th Avenue in order to compensate for the road narrowing. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed 12 to 1.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to adjourn the CAC meeting. Gary Weed seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Date

Jan Frentzen, Chair

EXHIBIT 2

SW 62ND BOULEVARD CONNECTOR INTERIM PRIORITY PROJECTS

- SW 40th Boulevard (Archer Road to SW 42nd Avenue) 4-laning/Intersection Modifications
- SW 20th Avenue Smart Bus Bays
- SW 20th Avenue at SW 43rd Street Intersection Modifications