

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

7:30 p.m.
Wednesday
January 14, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Wilson, Chair
Jan Frentzen, Vice Chair
Phil Emmer
Doug Hornbeck
Jim Painter
Tony Porter
Robert Reller
John Skelly
Cindy Smith
Mike Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Fletcher
James Foust
[3 Vacancies]

OTHERS PRESENT

Doreen Joyner-Howard
Suraya Teeple

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Wilson noted that introductions were unnecessary.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Wilson asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that there is a School Board of Alachua County issue for the CAC to discuss.

ACTION: Robert Reller moved to approve the agenda amended to add discussion of the School Board of Alachua County issue after Agenda Item V. Strategic Intermodal System. Jim Painter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Robert Reller moved to approved the November 5, 2003 minutes as submitted. Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for March 17. He noted that three MTPO meetings scheduled for the Gainesville City Hall on February 5, April 1 and May 15 have been cancelled.

V. STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM

Mr. Sanderson discussed the SIS and its possible impact on the MTPO.

Ms. Suraya Teeple, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Regional Planning Administrator, discussed the SIS and answered questions. She showed a video on the SIS.

Mr. Sanderson said that he would forward the Committee's concerns on the SIS throughout the Gainesville Metropolitan Area to the MTPO.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to have the MTPO Director of Transportation Planning convey the following concerns to the Florida Department of Transportation on the draft Strategic Intermodal System:

- 1. because the Greyhound Bus Station may be relocated and State Route 26 (West University Avenue) is an already a highly congested roadway, State Road 26 should not be considered a permanent part of this plan; and**
- 2. consider using the shortest travel time analysis as the most direct access in the November 21, 2003 draft "SIS Connectors Designation Process", page 3, item 3.c.**

Jim Painter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V₂. ALACHUA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM (ACTST) LETTER

Mr. Sanderson discussed the ACTST recommendation regarding the School Board of Alachua County's concern regarding need for school crossing guards and answered questions. He said that this issue would be taken to the MTPO and then it may be referred to its Advisory Committees for recommendations.

VI. COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE MASTER PLAN- DATA UPDATE AND ANALYSIS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO has contracted with the University of Florida to perform an update to the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan. He asked that the CAC appoint one or more representatives from the ... to a steering committee. He noted that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board has appointed four persons to this committee.

It was a consensus to appoint John Skelly to the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Update Steering Committee.

VII. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN [CAC ONLY]

Mr. Sanderson and Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Principal Planner, discussed the PIP and answered questions.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the revised draft PIP. Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

A member of the CAC, requested that there be "transportation 101," an orientation for new CAC members.

Mr Sanderson stated that the Citizens Advisory Committee Chair requested signal density information for Archer Road.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Robert Reller moved to adjourn the meeting. Doug Hornbeck seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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

Date

Joseph N. Wilson, Chair