

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  
January 29, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jan Frentzen, Vice Chair  
Phil Emmer  
James Foust  
James Higman  
Doug Hornbeck  
Jim Painter  
Mandy Parks  
Robert Reller  
Cindy Smith  
Mike Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joe Wilson, Chair  
Darcelle Covert  
Richard Fletcher  
Tony Porter  
John Skelly

OTHERS PRESENT

Caesar Abi  
Dakova Batey  
Laura Dedenbach  
Bill Lecher  
Alison Painter  
Jacob Riger  
John Sabatella  
John Wachtel

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Gerry Dedenbach  
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Jan Frentzen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice-Chair Frentzen asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Vice-Chair Frentzen requested that the meeting agenda be approved.

A CAC member requested discussion of item IX.E Plan East Gainesville Documents- Final Report after item V. Traffic Analysis for Potential Amendment to the 2020 Transportation Plan.

**ACTION: Robert Reller moved to approve the meeting agenda, amended to discuss item IX.E Plan East Gainesville Documents- Final Report after item V. Traffic Analysis for Potential Amendment to the 2020 Transportation Plan. Phil Emmer seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

### III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

**ACTION: Robert Reller moved to approve the December 4, 2002 minutes. James Foust seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

### IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for February 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He added that the MTPO has scheduled a public hearing on the long range transportation plan for February 20 in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for March 26.

### V. TRAFFIC ANALYSIS FOR POTENTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Robert Reller, declared a conflict of interest.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its December 12 meeting, received a presentation on the possible Butler Plaza expansion. He said that during this discussion, the MTPO approved a motion to direct MTPO staff to:

1. *schedule a public hearing to consider amending the long range transportation plan;*
2. *contract with Renaissance Planning Group to test alternative road networks both with and without the proposed Butler Plaza expansion that includes four-lane and two-lane alternatives for SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard and SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and*
3. *request that Alachua County Public Works Department staff develop cost estimates for the alternatives tested.*

Mr. Jacob Riger, Renaissance Planning Group Senior Transportation Planner, discussed the Analysis for Potential Amendment to the 2020 Transportation Plan report and answered questions.

Mr. Bill Lecher, Alachua County Public Works Department Civil Engineer III, discussed the cost estimates for the analysis scenarios contained in the Analysis for Potential Amendment to the 2020 Transportation Plan report and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the MTPO staff evaluation of the Analysis for Potential Amendment to the 2020 Transportation Plan report and answered questions. He also discussed the advantages and disadvantages of 4-laning the SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard and SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor. He said that he would work with City and County staff to develop an advantage/disadvantage matrix of the evaluated scenarios.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to forward to the MTPO that the CAC:**

- 1. supports the conclusion of the Analysis for Potential Amendment to the 2020 Transportation Plan report that the results clearly indicate the adequacy of a two lane cross-section for SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue and that a four lane cross-section is not warranted; and**
- 2. recommends that the MTPO receive additional planning and traffic operations studies before the long range transportation plan is amended.**

**Mike Wright seconded.**

**Cindy Smith called the question; question call passed 9 to 0, with 1 abstention.**

**Motion passed 6 to 3, with one 1 abstention.**

#### IX.E PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE DOCUMENTS- FINAL REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that a CAC member requested discussion of the report.

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Planner, discussed the report and answered questions.

#### VI. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that the CAC at its December 4 meeting deferred discussion of the PIP until its January 29 meeting. He said that MTPO staff met with a member of the CAC to discuss possible modifications to the document.

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

**ACTION: Robert Reller moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft Public Involvement Plan. Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### VII. EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION DECISION MAKING (ETDM) PROCESS

Mr. Sanderson stated that Florida Department of Transportation has asked that the TAC receive a presentation on the ETDM process. He discussed the ETDM process and answered questions.

**It was a consensus of the CAC to receive a 10-minute presentation on the ETDM process.**

## VIII ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Sanderson stated that it was time to select a new committee chair and vice-chair.

**ACTION: James Higman moved to reappoint Joe Wilson as CAC Chair and Jan Frentzen as CAC Vice-Chair. James Foust seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

A CAC member requested discussion of the downtown parking garage.

### DOWNTOWN PARKING GARAGE

Several members of the CAC discussed the proposed parking garage and a proposed alternative parking garage.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that a letter be sent to the Gainesville City Commission regarding the CAC requesting a presentation concerning the alternative parking garage from Mr. Ken McGurn. James Higman seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.**

There was no discussion of additional information items.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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