

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 30, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Joe Wilson, Chair Anne Barkdoll Richard Fletcher James Foust Jan Frentzen Scherwin Henry James Higman Matthew Hurst Doug Hornbeck Roberta Lopez Tony Porter John Skelly Cindy Smith	Vanessa Gordon	E.J. Bolduc Buford Davis Kim Holland Doreen Joyner-Howard Steve Kincaid Joe Montalto John Sabatella Chris Simoneaux Kevin Tilbury Despina Veilleux Fred Wright	Marlie Sanderson Gerry Dedenbach Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Wilson, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Wilson introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

**ACTION: James Higman moved to conduct the election of officers as the last agenda item.
Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Principal Transportation Planner, requested that agenda item VI.E. be the first discussion item.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda, as amended for agenda item VI.E. to be the first discussion item. Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Sherwin Henry moved to approve the November 28, 2001 minutes. John Skelly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for February 14 at 1:30 p.m. He said that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for February 27.

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

E. TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY AND SYSTEM PRESERVATION
(TCSP) PILOT PROGRAM GRANT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the final report for the TCSP Pilot Program Grant was complete.

Mr. Kevin Tilbury, Renaissance Planning Group Project Manager, discussed the TCSP final report and answered questions.

ACTION: Jan Frentzen moved to recommend that the MTPO approved the TCSP final report. James Higman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A. STATE ROAD (SR) 24 AT SW 63RD BOULEVARD

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Design Team has forwarded its recommendation for the SR 24 at SW 63rd Boulevard traffic signalization project design plans.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the proposed design plans provided that the intersection also include the Opticon traffic signal preemption device. Roberta Lopez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. WEST 13TH STREET TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Design Team has forwarded its recommendation for the West 13th Street, from SW 9th Road to NW 10th Avenue, traffic signal upgrade project design plans.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the proposed design plans provided that the intersection also include the Opticon traffic signal preemption device. Tony Porter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member of the CAC requested that staff include, in next year's List of Priority Projects, a project to install the MTPO-approved crosswalk treatment at signalized intersections from SW 9th Road to NW 10th Avenue.

C. SR 26/26A 30-PERCENT PLANS- STATUS REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Design Team has forwarded its recommendations for the SR 26 and SR 26A 30-percent design plans. He discussed the MTPO Design Team and Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board recommendations and answered questions.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT District 2 Consultant Project Manager, and Mr. Joe Montalto, Lochrane Engineering Principal, discussed the SR 26/26A 30-percent design plans and answered questions.

Mr. Chris Simoneaux, Comprehensive Engineering Services (CES) President, Ms. Despina Veilleux, Lochrane Engineering Project Engineer, Mr. Steve Kincaid, Lochrane Engineering Project Engineer, and Ms. Kim Holland, Lochrane Engineering Project Manager, answered questions on the SR 26/26A 30-percent design plans.

ACTION: Ann Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO keep its original design and not support the FDOT 30-percent design plans. Mathew Hurst seconded; motion passed. Anne Barkdoll called the question; question call passed 9 to 4. Motion passed 8 to 5.

ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. design SR 26A as a multimodal facility, with the knowledge of:**
 - a. two pedestrians have been involved in crashes in the corridor; and**
 - b. that the four buses currently operating per hour area are projected double to eight buses per hour within five years.**
 - c. the following criteria:**
 - i. 11-foot travel lanes;**
 - ii. instreet bike lanes, rather than a separated bicycle path;**
 - iii. minimal turn radii to reduce high-speed turn movements;**

- iv. a 12-foot shared-use path on the south side of the corridor; and
 - v. maximize the area between the back of curb and sidewalks/paths to provide opportunities for shade trees within the corridor;
- 3. request that the FDOT present the City of Gainesville's design option for the confluences of SR 26 and SR 26A; and
 - 4. request that the FDOT present the results of a cost comparison of the City of Gainesville's Domus and Acorn lighting options.

Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed 10 to 3.

ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the SR 26 30-percent design plans with the request that FDOT design the medians to be as lengthy as possible; and
- 2. ask the FDOT to consider more shade-tolerant species, besides crepe myrtles, for the median landscaping.

Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed 12 to 1.

D. LIVABLE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT PLAN CONSISTENCY WITH CITY AND COUNTY PLANS

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, discussed that status of the plan consistency process.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, stated that it was time to select a new committee chair and vice-chair.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to reappoint Joe Wilson as CAC Chair. James Higman seconded; motion passed 12 to 1.

ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to appoint Jan Frentzen as CAC Vice-Chair. Tony Porter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED (Continued)

F. NEW FDOT ROAD CONSTRUCTION- STREAMLINING PROCEDURES

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the CAC requested information on FDOT road construction streamlining procedures.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT District 2 Transportation Planner, discussed the fast-tracking of FDOT projects. She noted that there was no such projects in Gainesville.

G. FDOT MAIN STREET PROJECT- STATUS REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the CAC requested a status report on the Main Street reconstruction project information on FDOT road construction streamlining procedures.

ACTION: James Higman moved to recommend that, because of safety concerns, the MTPO request that the City of Gainesville reverse the direction of travel for West 1st Street and West 2nd Street one-way pair if the ingress/egress of the new parking garage remains as is currently designed. Tony Porter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed the status of the Main street project and answered questions.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Date

Joseph N. Wilson, Chair