

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
January 30, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Jan Frentzen, Chair
Rob Brinkman, Vice Chair
Nelle Bullock
Sheryl Conner
Sharon Hawkey
Thomas Hawkins
Lauren Hertel
Chandler Otis
Tom Reilly
James Samec
Greg Sholar
Ruth Steiner
Ewen Thomson
Gary Weed

John Carlson

Janice Garry
Rachel Henry
Michael Iguina
Brad Stith

Mike Escalante
Ursula Garfield

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jan Frentzen called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were done at the request of Chair Frentzen.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Frentzen asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to approve the meeting agenda. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to approve the November 28, 2007 minutes. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Frentzen announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for February 14th at 3:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the CAC's next meeting is scheduled for February 27th in the Grace Knight Conference Room.

V. AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD- 30 PERCENT DESIGN PLANS

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that the Airport Access Road 30 Percent Design Plans have been submitted for review and comment. He discussed the Design Team recommendation and answered questions.

Ms. Rachel Henry, RW Armstrong Senior Engineer, discussed the Airport Access Road 30 Percent Design Plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Gary Weed moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Gainesville Regional Airport Entrance Road 30 Percent Design Plans with one revision to widen the travel lanes in the curb and gutter cross-section from 12 feet to 16 feet with striping for a 4-foot paved shoulder or bikelane. Tom Reilly seconded; motion passed 13 to 1.

VI. BUS RAPID TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY AND SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

Mr. Escalante stated that Regional Transit System (RTS) staff has submitted a draft project scope for the Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility (BRT) Study and System Master Plan. He reviewed the MTPO staff recommendation and discussed the BRT Study project scope and answered questions.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the enclosed Project Scope with flexibility to add other corridors as needed and the following proposed process that will be used to review draft products produced at key milestones of the Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study:

- 1. the MTPO Advisory Committees will develop recommendations that are forwarded to the MTPO and its Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee;**
- 2. the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee will forward its recommendations to the MTPO; and**

- 3. Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (B/PAB) members will be invited to attend consultant presentations made to the Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees (since these committees meet on the same day), rather than have the consultant travel to Gainesville on a separate day to make presentations to the BPAB.**

Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. YEAR 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE- ALTERNATIVE NETWORKS

Mr. Escalante stated that the MTPO must update its long range transportation plan by November, 2010. He said the MTPO will be asked to approve the scope of work for this plan update at its March meeting. He added that this scope of work will include four alternative future transportation networks that are proposed for testing and evaluation. He reported the Long Range Transportation Plan Working Group's recommendations and answered questions.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the following four proposed alternative networks:

- 1. One alternative network will be created that includes a mix of highway and transit solutions, but will primarily consider transit related modifications. This network alternative will include some highway modifications, but will consist primarily of a future bus rapid transit system, new and/or extended regular and express bus routes, bus ways and other transit related modifications.**
- 2. A second alternative network will be created that includes a mix of highway and transit solutions, but will primarily consider highway related modifications that expand the grid network of roads. This network alternative will include transit modifications, but will consist primarily of new roads or projects that add capacity to existing roads. This alternative will also include the projects in the currently adopted Year 2035 Livable Communities Reinvestment Plan Cost Feasible Plan.**
- 3. A third alternative network will be created that includes a mix of highway and transit solutions, but will primarily consider transit related modifications. This network alternative will include some highway modifications, but will consist primarily of a future bus rapid transit system, new and/or extended regular and express bus routes, bus ways and other transit related modifications. In this alternative network, a future light rail system will be tested and evaluated.**

4. **A fourth alternative network will be created that includes a combination of effective approaches identified in the previous three tasks.**

Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Mr. Escalante stated that, if the CAC agrees, MTPO staff will schedule an orientation for new members on February 27th at 6:00 p.m.

It was a consensus of the CAC to schedule an orientation for new members on February 27th at 6:00 p.m.

XIII. COMMITTEE OFFICER ELECTIONS

Mr. Escalante stated that it was time to select committee officers. He said that Jan Frentzen is the CAC Chair and Rob Brinkman is the CAC Vice Chair.

ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to retain Jan Frentzen as CAC Chair and Rob Brinkman as CAC Vice Chair. Nelle Bullock seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XIV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A member of the CAC noted that the Florida Department of Transportation has placed warning signs on Newberry Road west of NW 8th Avenue for the bumps in the road.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Date

Jan Frentzen, Chair