

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  
July 31, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Wilson, Chair  
Jan Frentzen, Vice Chair  
Richard Fletcher  
Doug Hornbeck  
Roberta Lopez  
Tony Porter  
John Skelly  
Cindy Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anne Barkdoll  
James Foust  
James Higman  
Matthew Hurst  
[Three Vacancies]

OTHERS PRESENT

Doreen Joyner-Howard  
Andy Kesselring  
Bill Lecher  
Jeff Logan  
Sam Middleton  
Peter Moore  
Chuck Pigeon  
John Sabatella  
Suraya Teeple

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Gerry Dedenbach  
Michael Escalante  
Ryan Hulslander

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Wilson asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda. Tony Porter seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

**ACTION: Tony Porter moved to approve the May 29, 2002 minutes amended to correctly show the approval of the May 8, 2002 minutes. Richard Fletcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for August 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for August 28.

#### V. SW 24<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Alachua County Public Works Department (ACPWD) presented 60 percent plans to the MTPO Design Team at its last meeting.

Mr. Bill Lecher, ACPWD Civil Engineer II, Mr. Chuck Pigeon, Berryman & Henigar Project Manager, and Mr. Peter Moore, Berryman & Henigar Project Engineer, discussed the proposed SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue road construction project and answered questions.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the Alachua County Commission and the MTPO approve the SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue 60 percent design plans with the following conditions:**

**A. revise the landscape plans to:**

- 1 maximize preservation of existing trees;**
- 2. incorporate the written comments of the City Arborist;**
- 3. balance plant diversity and streetscape continuity;**
- 4. replace median trees with shade-tree species; and**
- 5. coordinate the tree planting plan with the street lighting plan;**

**B. consult with Mr. Michael Wallwork to review the roundabout plan for possible over design, including over-exaggerated sidewalk curvature;**

**C. move the pedestrian crossing in the roundabout closer to the yield line consistent with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines;**

**D. provide a signalized intersection at State Road 121;**

**E. install cobrahead lights, that meet City of Gainesville standards, with black fixtures and black concrete aggregate poles; and**

**F. recognize that the design includes an eastbound left turnlane and eastbound right turnlane at SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**Tony Porter seconded; motion passed 6 to 2.**

VI. REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (RTS) COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS (COA)

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the MTPO, at its February 15, 2001 meeting, approved conducting a COA of the Regional Transit System. He said that the RTS staff has submitted their COA and introduced Mr. Jeff Logan, RTS Director, discussed the COA and answered questions.

**ACTION: John Skelly moved to request that MTPO staff prepare a report on alternative funding sources and costs for providing transit service to the rural areas of Alachua County. Roberta Lopez seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VII. DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2002- MTPO LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, each year, the MTPO develops recommended transportation priorities for projects that are needed but not currently funded. He said that this information is used by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) each fall to develop its Tentative Five Year Work Program. He added that, by Florida Statute, the MTPO's "List of Priority Projects" must be submitted to FDOT by October 1, 2002. He noted that FDOT staff has asked for the MTPO's Fiscal Year 2002 List of Priority Projects as soon as possible so that it may begin development of its Tentative Five Year Work Program. He said that the draft Fiscal Year 2002 List of Priority Projects, which was recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), includes the recommendations from the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team, Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board staff, Regional Transit System staff, City of Gainesville and Alachua County Public Works Department staffs and MTPO staff. He discussed the priorities document and answered questions.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft Table 3 Fiscal Year 2002 Intermodal Connectivity Priorities, provided that Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds are not used for project funding. Richard Fletcher seconded, motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft Table 1 Fiscal Year 2002 Capacity Modification Priorities. Tony Porter seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the TAC/ staff-recommended Table 2 Fiscal Year 2002 Enhancement Priorities. Tony Porter seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: Richard Fletcher moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft Table 4 Fiscal Year 2002 Public Transportation Priorities. Jan Frentzen seconded, motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION:** John Skelly moved to recommend that the MTPO request that MTPO staff review the rural transit evaluation for input into the RTS Transit Development Plan and the MTPO List of Priority Projects. Roberta Lopez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Roberta Lopez moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft Table 5 Fiscal Year 2002 Safety Priorities. Jan Frentzen seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Doug Hornbeck moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the TAC/staff-recommended Table 6 Fiscal Year 2002 Traffic Operations Priorities. Jan Frentzen seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Jan Frentzen moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft:

1. Table 7 Fiscal Year 2002 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities-Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Funds; and
2. Table 8 Fiscal Year 2002 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities-Federal Transit Administration Section 5311-Nonurbanized Area Formula Program.

Tony Porter seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, discussed transportation disadvantaged funding priorities and answered questions. He said that MTPO staff would research improving funding priority tables in next year's List of Priority Project document.

**ACTION:** Cindy Smith moved to inform the MTPO that the CAC supports a project development and environment (PD&E) Study to be conducted for the State Road 26/26A one-way pair option, and also requests that the MTPO add this as a safety concern. The CAC supports the State Road 26/26A 1-way pair as the best safety option for bicyclists, pedestrians, and the motoring public which includes private vehicles, transit vehicles, emergency and law enforcement vehicles, and school buses. Tony Porter seconded; motion passed 7 to 1.

**ACTION:** Tony Porter moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft List of Priority Projects document incorporating the previous amendments. Doug Hornbeck seconded, motion passed unanimously.

VIII. DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2002- ALACHUA COUNTY LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

Mr. John Sabatella, ACPWD Senior Planner, discussed the draft Alachua County List of Priority Projects and answered questions.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the Alachua County Commission approve the draft List of Priority Projects document. John Skelly seconded, motion passed unanimously.**

IX. BI-MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the MTPO staff proposed bi-monthly meeting schedule and answered questions.

**ACTION: Doug Hornbeck moved to recommend that the MTPO approved the bimonthly meeting schedule. Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

X. FDOT STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM VIDEO

Mr. Dedenbach stated that FDOT has requested an opportunity to show its Strategic Intermodal System video and introduced Ms. Suraya Teeple, FDOT Transportation Planner, who discussed the Florida Strategic Intermodal System and answered questions.

XI. CITY ADVISORY BOARD REQUEST

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the status of the CAC's request to once again become a City of Gainesville advisory board and answered questions.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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Joseph N. Wilson, Chair

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