

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
June 1, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

David Welch, Chair
Jan Frentzen, Vice Chair
Gerald Bodoh
Rob Brinkman
Thomas Collett
Sheryl Conner
Sven Hanson
Sharon Hawkey
Chandler Otis
Robert Reller
Ruth Steiner
Ewen Thomson
Gary Weed

[two vacancies]

Doreen Joyner-Howard
John Sabatella
Greg Sholar
Karen Taulbee
Myrna Widmer

Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante
Justin Kristan

CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Welch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Welch introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Welch asked if there were any changes for the meeting agenda.

Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that there were no changes for the agenda.

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

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to approve the April 20, 2005 minutes. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Welch announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for June 29th at 6:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for July 13th.

Mr. Hill noted that a workshop on the SW 20th Avenue Charrette area will be conducted as part of the June 29th MTPO meeting and that there would be a long range transportation plan workshop on August 1st.

VII. NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL- NEWBERRY ROAD AND NW 48TH BOULEVARD

Mr. Hill stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has determined that the Newberry Road and NW 48th Boulevard intersection meets warrants for a traffic signal. He discussed the Design Team recommendation and answered questions.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT District 2 Transportation Specialist, discussed the traffic warrant analysis and traffic signal design plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Robert Reller moved to recommend that the MTPO approve:

- 1. the Florida Department of Transportation Traffic Signal Update Project for the Newberry Road and NW 48th Boulevard intersection; and**
- 2. request that the Florida Department of Transportation:**
 - A. conduct a speed study after the traffic signal is installed;**
 - B. install pedestrian countdown signals; and**
 - C. install stamped/hued pedestrian crosswalks once an acceptable material is identified.**

Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed 11 to 1.

VIII. RESURFACING PROJECT- WALDO ROAD
(UNIVERSITY AVENUE NORTH TO NE 55TH PLACE

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT submitted 60 percent design plan for the SR 24 Resurfacing Project for review and recommendation. He discussed the Design Team recommendation and answered questions.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discuss the resurfacing project and answered questions.

ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the Florida Department of Transportation 60 percent resurfacing design plans for State Road 24 (Waldo Road) from East University Avenue North to NE 55th Place; and**
- 2. request that the Florida Department of Transportation reserve funds to install stamped/hued pedestrian crosswalks once an acceptable material is identified.**

Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. RESURFACING PROJECT- NW 39TH AVENUE (I-75 EAST TO NW 43RD STREET)

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT submitted 60 percent design plan for the SR 222 Resurfacing Project for review and recommendation. He discussed the Design Team recommendation and answered questions.

Ms. Joyner-Howard and Ms. Myrna Widmer, FDOT Project Manager, discussed the resurfacing project and answered questions.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the Florida Department of Transportation 60 percent resurfacing design plans for NW 39th Avenue from Interstate-75 east to NW 43rd Street, modified to show the closings of median opening stations 6, 8, 15, 20 and 26 and to leave open median opening station 7;**
- 2. request that FDOT reserve funding to install stamped/hued pedestrian crosswalks once an acceptable material is identified; and**
- 3. request that the City and County work with FDOT to incorporate landscaping into the project that would be locally maintained.**

Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend that the MTPO review the NW 39th Avenue resurfacing project design plans and consider requesting that the Florida Department of Transportation close three additional median openings. Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. RESURFACING PROJECT- NW 34TH STREET (NW 5TH AVENUE TO US 441)

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT is seeking input on the proposed design concepts for the scoping phase of the State Road 121 from NW 5th Avenue to US 441 resurfacing project. He discussed the Design Team recommendation and answered questions.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discuss the resurfacing project and answered questions.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Florida Department of Transportation incorporate the following design concepts for the State Road 121 from NW 5th Avenue to US 441 Resurfacing Project:

- 1. reserve funds to incorporate the MTPO approved stamped/hued crosswalks at signalized intersections once an acceptable material is identified;**
- 2. improve any sidewalk sections that are not in compliance with FDOT and Federal ADA standards;**
- 3. examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc...) for potential safety and operational improvements;**
- 4. upgrade and add guardrails as required;**
- 5. repair or replace damaged cross drains; and**
- 6. look at the area between NW 39th Avenue and NW 53rd Avenue for siting turnbays, bikelanes and bus stops.**

Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XI. RESURFACING PROJECT- NW 6TH STREET/NW 8TH AVENUE
(MAIN STREET TO US 441)

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT is seeking preliminary design concept recommendations for the State Road 20 from Main Street to US 441 resurfacing project. He discussed the Design Team recommendation and answered questions.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Florida Department of Transportation incorporate the following design concepts for the State Road 20 from Main Street to US 441 Resurfacing Project:

1. **reserve funds to incorporate the MTPO approved stamped/hued pedestrian crosswalks at signalized intersections once an acceptable material is identified;**
2. **improve any sidewalk sections that are not in compliance with FDOT and Federal ADA standards;**
3. **examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc...) for potential safety and operational improvements;**
4. **consider reconstruction of the State Road 20 and US 441 intersection;**
5. **install raised medians along NW 8th Avenue between NW 6th Street and Main Street;**
6. **install paved shoulders along the rural section south of US 441 that could be designated as bicycle lanes; and**
7. **correct the alignment at the 1100 block of NW 6th Street.**

Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. CONSTRUCTION PROJECT- S. MAIN STREET (S. 16TH AVENUE TO DEPOT AVENUE)

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT is seeking preliminary design concept recommendations for the Main Street Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) from S. 16th Avenue to Depot Avenue access management project. He noted that the raised medians may impact the existing onstreet parking. He discussed the Design Team recommendation and answered questions.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Florida Department of Transportation incorporate the following design concepts for the Main Street from S. 16th to Depot Avenue Strategic Intermodal System Project:

1. **add raised medians; and**
2. **that onstreet parking be kept, if possible.**

Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed 12 to 1.

XIII. SIGNAL UPDATE- SW 16TH AVENUE

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT is seeking preliminary design concept recommendations for the SW 16th Avenue at SW 6th Street and at S. Main Street Traffic Signal Update Project. He noted that the FDOT proposal does not include the MTPO policy-recommended mast arms. He discussed the Design Team recommendation and answered questions.

ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Florida Department of Transportation incorporate the following design concepts for the SW 16th Avenue at SW 6th Street and at S. Main Street Traffic Signal Update Project:

- 1. update existing controller cabinet;**
- 2. add traffic signal preemption system device;**
- 3. update existing signal heads and pedestrian heads with light-emitting diode (LED) equipment; and**
- 4. include pedestrian countdown signals.**

Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XIV. EVALUATION MATRICES

Mr. Hill discussed a draft Year 2025 Transportation Plan Alternative Evaluation Format and answered questions.

ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to recommend that the MTPO accept the Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan Alternative Evaluation Format (Exhibits 1 and 2). Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hill noted that County staff was present to discuss Unfunded Priorities for projects outside the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to amend the agenda to add item XIV_B County Unfunded Priorities. Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XIV_B COUNTY UNFUNDED PRIORITIES

Mr. John Sabatella, Alachua County Senior Planner, discussed unfunded Multimodal Transportation Enhancement Priorities and answered questions

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend that the Alachua County Commission approve Table 1 Multimodal Transportation Enhancement Priorities. Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sabatella discussed unfunded Multimodal Transit Priorities and answered questions.

It was a consensus of the CAC to recommend that the Alachua County Commission approve Table 2 Multimodal Transit Priorities.

Mr. Sabatella discussed unfunded Efficiency Traffic Operations Intersection/Safety Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to recommend that the Alachua County Commission approve Table 3 Efficiency Traffic Operations Intersection/Safety Priorities, as modified to delete fully funded projects. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sabatella discussed unfunded Maintenance- Resurfacing/Widening Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the Alachua County Commission approve Table 4 Maintenance- Resurfacing/Widening Priorities, as modified to delete fully funded projects. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sabatella discussed unfunded Maintenance- Bridge Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the Alachua County Commission approve Table 5 Maintenance- Bridge Priorities. Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sabatella discussed unfunded Capacity- Capacity Modification Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the Alachua County Commission approve Table 6 Capacity- Capacity Modification Priorities, as modified to delete fully funded projects. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XV. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Date

David Welch, Chair