

MINUTES

GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO)
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

NCFRPC Charles F. Justice Conference Room
2009 NW 67th Place
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
May 14, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jan Frentzen, Chair
Rob Brinkman, Vice Chair
Harviey Budd
Nelle Bullock
John Carlson
Sheryl Conner
Sharon Hawkey
Lauren Hertel
Chandler Otis
James Samec
Ruth Steiner
Ewen Thomson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tom Reilly
Greg Sholar
Gary Weed

OTHERS PRESENT

Jordan Greene
Monique Heathcock
Rachel Henry
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Kathleen Pagan
Karen Taulbee
John Viellieux
Chris Ziegler

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jan Frentzen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Frentzen asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

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

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to approve the April 16, 2008 minutes. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Senior Planner, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for May 29th at 6:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the CAC's next meeting is scheduled for May 28th.

V. AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD- 60 PERCENT PLANS

Mr. Escalante stated that Airport Access Road 60 Percent Design Plans have been submitted for review and comment. He noted that the Airport Access Road Project is receiving federal funds and will need the approval of the MTPO. He reported the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board recommendations. He recommended approval of the Airport Access Road 60 Percent Design Plans.

Ms. Rachel Henry, RW Armstrong Senior Engineer, discussed the Airport Access Road 60 Percent Design Plans and answered questions. She noted that:

1. the recommendation to have the pavement width for the curb-and-gutter cross-section be the same as the swale cross-section was considered and rejected due to project cost limitations;
2. the crosswalk would be straight across the roadway where the existing trail is located;
3. there is no landscaping in Phase 1, the design plans would attempt to save as many existing shade trees as possible and that shade trees would be considered for the Airport Access Road medians in the landscaping plans;
4. the project includes two drainage basins; and
5. the offstreet bicycle/pedestrian trail would be built in Phase 2 of the project.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Gainesville Regional Airport Entrance Road 60 Percent Design Plans revised:

- 1. to show bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Phase 1; and**
- 2. to provide safety features to slow all traffic at the intersection, such as rumble strips, in the automobile approaches to the intersection and appropriate devices for the bicycle/pedestrian trail approaches to the intersection.**

Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. DEPOT AVENUE SECTION 3- 60 PERCENT PLANS

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that the City has requested review comments from the Design Team. He discussed previous plans presented to the Design Team. He discussed the Depot Avenue Reconstruction Section 3 Construction Document 60 Percent Plans and answered questions. He noted that these plans may be modified to bifurcated the project at SE 2nd Street in order to address soil cleanup.

Mr. John Viellieux, Gainesville Traffic Engineer, discussed the Depot Avenue Reconstruction Section 3 Construction Document 60 Percent Plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Depot Avenue Reconstruction Section 3 Construction Document 60 Percent Plans, with the trees on the north side being retained or mitigated within this section between Main Street and SE 7th Street. Harvey Budd seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. INTERSTATE 75 MASTER PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that Florida Department of Transportation staff requested an opportunity to discuss the Interstate 75 Master Plan update.

Mr. Jordan Green, FDOT District 2 Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer, announced that there would be public meetings on June 12th in the FDOT District 2 Office in Lake City and at the Best Western Gateway Grand on June 19th in Gainesville. He said that the doors would open at 4:30 p.m. and formal comments taken beginning at 6:00 p.m. He discussed the Interstate 75 Master Plan update and answered questions.

VIII. ENHANCEMENT APPLICATIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that June 1st was the deadline for submitting Enhancement Project applications. He said that the City of Gainesville is submitting an application for the NW 34th Street Sidewalk Project. He noted that due the cost of the Archer Road Rail/Trail that there was no need to submit any new applications beyond the NW 34th Street Sidewalk Project at this time. He reported the MTPO staff recommendation and answered questions.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve Table 1 Enhancement Priorities revised to reverse priority number 1 (NW 34th Street sidewalk) and priority number 2 (NW 8th Avenue sidewalk); and**
- 2. approve and submit the State Road 121 (NW 34th Street) sidewalk enhancement application this year.**

Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.

IX. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TIP is the most important document that is approved annually by the MTPO. He said that the TIP is a staged implementation program of transportation projects consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with adopted comprehensive plans of Alachua County and the City of Gainesville. He added that, in order for Federal transportation funds to be spent in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, they must be approved by the MTPO and included in this report. He noted that this year's document authorizes about \$9.8 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next fiscal year.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Fiscal Years 2008/2009 - 2012/2013 Transportation Improvement Program with any necessary administrative changes. Chandler Otis seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. UNFUNDED PROJECT PRIORITIES- B. MTPO LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

Mr. Sanderson 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 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, 2007. He noted that FDOT staff has asked for the MTPO's Fiscal Years 2009/2010 - 2013/2014 List of Priority Projects as soon as possible so that it may begin development of its Tentative Five Year Work Program. He reported that the draft Fiscal Years 2009/2010 - 2013/2014 List of Priority Projects includes the recommendations from the Alachua County/Gainesville Regional Airport Authority Director, Alachua County Traffic Safety Team, Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board, Regional Transit System staff, City of Gainesville and Alachua County Public Works Department staffs and MTPO staff.

Mr. Sanderson noted that the CAC has already acted on the Enhancement Priorities. He discussed Landscaping Priorities and answered questions. He noted that after the draft Landscaping Project Priorities were developed, FDOT staff informed MTPO staff that State Landscaping Funds are limited to the State Highway System (SHS). He presented the MTPO staff recommendation for SHS Landscaping Project and answered questions.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 2 Landscaping Priorities. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Project, Development and Environment (PD&E) Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 3 Project Development and Environment Priorities. Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Public Transportation Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 4 Public Transportation Priorities revised to place priority number 6 in front of priority number 5. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed 7 to 3.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Right-Of-Way Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 5 Right-Of-Way Priorities. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Safe Routes to School Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 6 Safe Routes to School Priorities. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Safety Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 7 Safety Priorities. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Strategic Intermodal System Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 8 Strategic Intermodal System Priorities. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 9 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Traffic Operations Priorities- State Highway System (SHS) Only and answered questions.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 10 Traffic Operations Priorities- State Highway System (SHS) Only. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Transit Corridor Development Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 11 Transit Corridor Development Priorities. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Funds and answered questions.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 12 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Funds. Nelle Bullock seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5311- Nonurbanized Area Formula and answered questions.

ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 13 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5311- Nonurbanized Area Formula. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5316- Job Access and Reverse Commute Priorities and Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5317- New Freedom Program and answered questions.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve:

- 1. Table 14 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5316- Job Access and Reverse Commute; and**
- 2. Table 15 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5317- New Freedom Program.**

Ewen Thompson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 16 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion 6 to 4.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m., if needed, to hear the Old Florida Heritage Highway Master Plan presentation. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XI. OLD FLORIDA HERITAGE HIGHWAY MASTER PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that the CAC Chair requested a presentation of the Old Florida Heritage Highway Master Plan.

Ms. Kathleen Pagan, Alachua County Senior Planner, and Ms. Monique Heathcock, Causseaux, Hewett & Wapole Senior Project Engineer, discussed the Old Florida Heritage Highway Master Plan and answered questions.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to inform the Alachua County Commission that the CAC sees the Old Florida Heritage Highway Master Plan as a great investment in economic development for eco-tourism and supports the project. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member of the CAC asked about forwarding additional comments to the County.

Ms. Pagan stated that there is a website, <http://www.scenicus441.com>, and that CAC members could provide additional comments directly to the County.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to adjourn the CAC meeting. Ewen Thomson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Date

Jan Frentzen, Chair