

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
May 16, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Jan Frentzen, Chair
Rob Brinkman, Vice Chair
Brooke Bass
John Carlson
Thomas Collett
Sheryl Conner
Sharon Hawkey
Thomas Hawkins
Chandler Otis
Tom Reilly
Greg Sholar
Ewen Thomson
Larry Vettel
Gary Weed

Robert Reller

Imran Ghani
Jordan Green
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Karen Taulbee

Marlie Sanderson
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jan Frentzen called the meeting to order at 7:03 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: Sharon Hawkey moved to approve the meeting agenda. Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to approve the March 28, 2007 minutes. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for May 31st at 3:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the CAC's next meeting is scheduled for June 13th.

V. INTERSTATE 75 MASTER PLAN

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

Mr. Jordan Green, FDOT Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer, and Mr. Imran Ghani, FDOT Project Manager Planning & Environmental Management, discussed the Interstate 75 Master Plan update and answered questions. Mr. Green noted that there would be a public meeting on July 17th at the Best Western Gateway Grand at 4:30 p.m.

VI. INTERSTATE 75 AT NEWBERRY ROAD INTERCHANGE

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT staff has requested an amendment to the MTPO's Fiscal Years 2006/2007 - 2010/2011 Transportation Improvement Program.

Ms. Taulbee stated that FDOT would like to advance the Interstate 75 at Newberry Road Interchange Safety Project.

ACTION: Brooke Bass moved to recommend that the MTPO amend its Fiscal Years 2006/2007 - 2010/2011 Transportation Improvement Program to include the Interstate 75 at Newberry Road Interchange Safety Project described in Exhibit 1. Tom Collett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

V. INTERSTATE 75 MASTER PLAN (Continued)

ACTION: Tom Collett moved discuss options for Interstate 75 interchanges within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area to forward to the MTPO. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion withdrawn.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT, as part of its Interstate 75 Master Plan Study, investigate making modifications to improve the safety and efficiency of the northbound off-ramp movement at Newberry Road (State Road 26) interchange by providing separate eastbound and westbound exit ramps. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed 13 to 1.

VII. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

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 \$11.8 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next fiscal year.

Ms. Taulbee discussed FDOT road maintenance program and answered questions.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Fiscal Years 2007/2008 - 2011/2012 Transportation Improvement Program with any necessary administrative changes. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. UNFUNDED 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 2008/2009 - 2012/2013 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 2008/2009 - 2012/2013 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. He discussed the Enhancement Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 1 Enhancement Priorities. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Landscaping Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Larry Vettel moved to approve Table 2 Landscaping Priorities. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to approve Table 3 Project Development and Environment Priorities. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Public Transportation Priorities and answered questions.

It was a consensus of the CAC to have Regional Transit System (RTS) staff:

- 1. participate at future CAC meetings for discussion of RTS project priorities when the draft MTPO List of Priority Projects is on the agenda; and**
- 2. discuss RTS' unfunded project priorities and Transit Development Plan at the next CAC meeting.**

ACTION: Brooke Bass moved to approve Table 4 Public Transportation Priorities. Ewen Thomson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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

ACTION: Sherly Conner moved to approve Table 5 Right-Of-Way Priorities. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to approve Table 6 Safe Routes to School Priorities. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Safety Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to approve Table 7 Safety Priorities. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 8 Strategic Intermodal System Priorities with a new Priority #1 to be the Airport Access Road being shown as partially funded. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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

ACTION: Brooke Bass moved to approve Table 9 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities with a footnote indicating that STP funds for lift-equipped van purchases in years 2011 and 2012 into be allocated to Priority #1 Traffic Management System. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to approve Table 10 Traffic Operations Priorities- State Highway System (SHS) Only amended to include as Priority #12 replacing the galvanized mast arms with MTPO-approved mast arms along University Avenue at W 3rd Street, W 2nd Street, W 1st Street E 1st Street and E 3rd Street. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to approve Table 11 Transit Corridor Development Priorities. Brooke Bass seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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

ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to approve Table 12 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Funds. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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

ACTION: Brooke Bass moved to approve Table 13 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5311- Nonurbanized Area Formula. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to approve Table 14 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities. Tom Reilly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the University of Florida has requested that the MTPO Year 2025 Livable Community Reinvestment Cost Feasible Plan be amended to include Project F, reconfiguration of the Archer Road at SW 16th Avenue intersection, from the Year 2025 Needs plan. He said that the UF has offered to fund the construction of the new road connecting Archer Road to SW 16th Avenue.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO amend its Year 2025 Cost Feasible Plan to add Project F, reconfiguration of the Archer Road at SW 16th Avenue intersection, from the Year 2025 Needs plan. He said that the UF has offered to fund the construction of the new road connecting Archer Road to SW 16th Avenue. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to request that Alachua County staff give a presentation to the CAC on the proposed Alachua County Future Transportation Connections so that the CAC may forward any recommendations to the Alachua County Commission. Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

There was no discussion of other information items.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Date

Jan Frentzen, Chair