

MINUTES

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

Grace Knight Conference Room
12 SE 1st Street
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
May 27, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jan Frentzen, Chair
Rob Brinkman, Vice Chair
Sheryl Conner
Harvey Budd
Nelle Bullock
Mary Ann DeMatas
George Blake Fletcher
Sharon Hawkey
Seth Lane
Chandler Otis
James Samec
Ewen Thomson
Gary Weed

MEMBERS ABSENT

Greg Sholar
Ruth Steiner

OTHERS PRESENT

Tom Collette
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Ha Nguyen
Doug Robinson
Terry Shaw
Karen Taulbee
Bikram Wadhawan

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jan Frentzen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Frentzen introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Frentzen asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

A member of the CAC asked to add discussion of the Traffic Management System fiber optics.

ACTION: Harvey Budd moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to add discussion of the Traffic Management System fiber optics in Agenda Item X. Information Items. Nelle Bullock seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Frentzen asked for approval of the CAC meeting minutes.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to approve the April 1, 2009 CAC minutes. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for June 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the CAC's next meeting, if needed, is scheduled for July 1st.

V. INTERSTATE 75 MASTER PLAN STUDY

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

Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist, announced that there would be public meetings on June 16th in the FDOT District 2 Office in Lake City and at the Best Western Gateway Grand on June 18th in Gainesville. She said that the doors would open at 4:30 p.m. and formal comments taken beginning at 6:00 p.m. She and Mr. Bikram Wadhawan, Reynolds, Smith & Hills Transportation Engineer, discussed the Interstate 75 Master Plan update and answered questions.

VI. SW 62ND CONNECTOR INTERIM PROJECTS 30 PERCENT DESIGN PLANS

- A. SW 40TH BOULEVARD AT ARCHER ROAD INTERSECTION MODIFICATIONS
- B. SW 43RD STREET AT SW 20TH AVENUE INTERSECTION MODIFICATIONS
- C. SMART BUS BAY ON SW 20TH AVENUE

Mr. Sanderson stated that Alachua County staff has submitted 30 percent design plans for the SW 40th Boulevard at Archer Road Intersection Modifications, SW 43rd Street at SW 20th Avenue Intersection Modifications, and Smart Bus Bay on SW 20th Avenue.

Mr. Terry Shaw, HNTB Associate Vice President, discussed the 30 percent design plans for the SW 40th Boulevard at Archer Road Intersection Modifications, the SW 43rd Street at SW 20th Avenue Intersection Modifications and the Smart Bus Bay on SW 20th Avenue and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson discussed City staff comments and answered questions.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the:

- 1. SW 40th Boulevard at Archer Road Intersection Modifications Project 30 Percent Design Plans, provided that a written explanation is included that discusses why the MTPO Design Policy Manual shade tree provisions cannot be followed;**
- 2. SW 43rd Street at SW 20th Avenue Intersection Modifications 30 Percent Design Plans, provided that a written explanation is included that discusses why the MTPO Design Policy Manual shade tree provisions cannot be followed; and**
- 3. Smart Bus Bay on SW 20th Avenue 30 Percent Design Plans, that includes a written explanation that discusses why the MTPO Design Policy Manual shade tree provisions cannot be followed.**

George Blake Fletcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS- SCOPING PLANS

A. NW 34TH STREET [NW 39TH AVENUE TO US 441] SIDEWALK

Mr. Sanderson stated that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff has provided some information regarding the NW 34th Street Sidewalk scoping plans. He discussed the scope of the NW 34th Street Sidewalk Project and answered questions. He noted that there would be a 6-foot Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant sidewalk. He added that the project would be split into two phases, with Phase 1 from NW 39th Avenue to NW 53rd Avenue and Phase 2 from NW 53rd Avenue to US 441.

ACTION: Harvey Budd moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the scope for the NW 34th Street Sidewalk Project to replace the existing asphalt path with a 6-foot ADA-compliant sidewalk. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed 12 to 1.

B. SW 8TH AVENUE [TOWER ROAD TO SW 67TH TERRACE] SIDEWALK

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT staff has provided some information regarding the SW 8th Avenue Sidewalk Project. He discussed the SW 8th Avenue Sidewalk Project scope and answered questions.

Ms. Ha Nguyen, Alachua County Contract & Design Manager, discussed the scope of the SW 8th Avenue Sidewalk Project and answered questions. She noted that the design does not include a bus shelter. She said that the County would coordinate with RTS. She added that bus shelters would be addressed with the SW 8th Avenue Resurfacing and SW 61st Avenue Construction projects.

Mr. Doug Robinson, Regional Transit System (RTS) Chief Transit Planner, discussed transit service on SW 8th Avenue and Route 75 and answered questions

ACTION: Shaorn Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the scope for the SW 8th Avenue Sidewalk Project to construct an MTPO Design Policy Manual-compliant sidewalk on the north side of SW 8th Avenue that, as needed, will meander around utility poles and drainage structures. Harvey Budd seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. UNFUNDED PROJECT PRIORITIES

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, 2006. He noted that FDOT staff has asked for the MTPO's Fiscal Years 2010/2011 - 2014/2015 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 2010/2011 - 2014/2015 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 draft Fiscal Years 2010/2011 - 2014/2015 List of Priority Projects and answered questions. He noted that since the mailout, there have been changes in the staff recommendations for Table 1 Enhancement Priorities, Table 8 Safety Priorities, Table 9 Strategic Intermodal System Priorities and Table 11 Traffic Operations Priorities.

Mr. Robinson discussed the Transit Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft Fiscal Years 2010/2011 - 2014/2015 List of Priority Projects, revised to include the revised Table 1 Enhancement Priorities (Exhibit 1), Table 8 Safety Priorities (Exhibit 2), Table 9 Strategic Intermodal System Priorities (Exhibit 3) and Table 11 Traffic Operations Priorities (Exhibit 1). James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

A member of the CAC discussed his concerns regarding the expense of the fiber optic cable for the Traffic Management System. He noted that Gainesville Regional Utilities has available capacity on its existing fiber optic network.

ACTION: Harvey Budd moved to invite Mr. Matt Weisman, City of Gainesville ITS Operations Engineer, to discuss the Traffic Management System. Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Date

7/29/09

Jan Frentzen, Chair

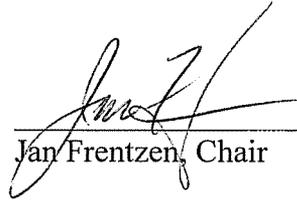


EXHIBIT 1

TABLE 1

**FISCAL YEARS 2010/2011 - 2014/2015
ENHANCEMENT PRIORITIES
(within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area)**

(Note: Projects in italic text are partially funded, as identified in the Transportation Improvement Program.)

NUMBER	PROJECT	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
1 <i>Partially Funded</i>	SW 8 th Avenue	FM: Parker Road TO: SW 91 st Street	Construct ADA-compliant concrete sidewalk
2	Hull Road Extension Trail North [part of the Archer Braid*]	AT: SW 34 th Street	Construct bicycle/pedestrian grade-separated crossing
3	Hull Road Extension Trail North [part of the Archer Braid*]	FM: SW 20 th Avenue TO: SW 34 th Street [SR 121]	Construct bicycle/pedestrian trail
4	SW 23 rd Road Trail [part of the Bivens Braid*]	FM: SW 23 rd Terrace TO: Archer Road [SR 24]	Construct bicycle/pedestrian trail
5	Downtown East Central Trail	FM: Depot Avenue TO: NE 39 th Avenue [SR 222]	Construct bicycle/pedestrian trail
6	SW 43 rd Street	FM: SW 40 th Boulevard TO: SW 20 th Avenue	Construct ADA-compliant sidewalk
7	NW 3 rd Street	FM: W University Avenue TO: NW 8 th Avenue	Construct ADA-compliant sidewalk
8	E University Avenue [SR 26]	FM: E 9 th Street TO: Waldo Road [SR 24]	Pedestrian refuge islands

*2004 Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Addendum

ADA- Americans with Disabilities Act

EXHIBIT 2

TABLE 8

**FISCAL YEARS 2010/2011 - 2014/2015
SAFETY PRIORITIES
(within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area)**

NUMBER	PROJECT	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
1 <i>Partially Funded</i>	SW 20 th Avenue	AT: SW 61 st Street	Install eastbound left turnlane on SW 20 th Avenue
2	SW 62 nd Boulevard	AT: NW 4 th Place / Oaks Mall entrance	Access management*
3	NW 13 th Street [US 441]	AT: NW 6 th Street [SR 20]	Realign intersection
4	Interstate 75 Interchange	AT: NW 39 th Avenue [SR 222]	Lengthen the northbound exit ramp to NW 39 th Avenue, plus related safety and intersection modifications at Interstate 75 Exit 390

*At this intersection, the observed major crash pattern is angle collisions involving southbound through and eastbound left-turning vehicles. Eastbound vehicles exiting the mall fail to yield the right-of-way and collide with southbound vehicles. This type of crash accounted for 82% of all crashes at this intersection. Peak periods were observed between 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Therefore, explore the possibility of a raised median on NW 62nd Boulevard to restrict turning movements, particularly eastbound left. Traffic exiting the mall traveling towards north has several other exit options with signalized and non-signalized driveways along Newberry Road and a signalized driveway at NW 62nd Street & NW 1st Place.

EXHIBIT 3

TABLE 9

**FISCAL YEARS 2010/2011 - 2014/2015
STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM PRIORITIES
(within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area)**

(Note: Projects in italic text are partially funded, as identified in the Transportation Improvement Program.)

NUMBER	PROJECT	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
<i>1</i> <i>Partially</i> <i>Funded</i>	<i>New gateway entrance to the Gainesville Regional Airport from Waldo Road [SR 24]</i>	<i>FM: Waldo Road [SR 24] TO: Airport Terminal (north of 39th Avenue [SR 222])</i>	<i>Ingress-egress to the airline terminal and modal connectivity to the north central Florida region</i>
2	NE 39 th Avenue [SR 222] access to airport	FM: NE 39 th Avenue [SR 222] TO: Airport Terminal (Gainesville Regional Airport)	Reconfigure ingress-egress, improve curb-and-gutter system, add bike lanes and sidewalks, install stormwater drainage, install traffic guidance system of signs and signals
3	Extension of Airport Industrial Park Road	FM: airport service road TO: NE 49 th Road (east end of Airport Industrial Park)	Extend existing service road to provide access to Waldo Road (Extend existing access road through east end of Airport Industrial Park, from Waldo Road [SR 24])
4	Interstate 75 Interchange	AT: NW 39 th Avenue [SR 222]	Lengthen the northbound exit ramp to NW 39 th Avenue, plus related safety and intersection modifications at Interstate 75 Exit 390

Note: The MTPO endorses the priorities #1, #2, and #3 listed above:

1. provided they do not compete with roadway capacity construction funding typically available from the Surface Transportation Program (STP); and
2. with the understanding that these funds do not come from existing funds that could be used for other projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

EXHIBIT 4

TABLE 11

**FISCAL YEARS 2010/2011 - 2014/2015
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS PRIORITIES-
STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM (SHS) ONLY
(within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area)**

(Note: Projects in italic text are partially funded, as identified in the Transportation Improvement Program.)

NUMBER	PROJECT	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
1	Newberry Road [SR 26]	FM: Ft Clarke Boulevard TO: NW 8 th Avenue	Corridor/area study to look at options to address traffic flow on Newberry Road, including intersection modifications
2	NW 13 th Street [US 441]	AT: NW 6 th Street [SR 20]	Intersection realignment/construction/signalization
3	NW 13 th Street [US 441]	FM: 2100 block TO: 2200 block	Access management and pedestrian refuge islands
4	NE 39 th Avenue [SR 222]	AT: NE 2 nd Street (See Appendix H)	Realign intersection and install horizontal mast arm traffic signals
5	SW 34 th Street [SR 121]	AT: Radio Road AT: SW 20 th Avenue	Traffic signal reconstruction to mast arms
6	Archer Road [SR 24]	AT: Newell Drive AT: SW 18 th Street/VA	Traffic signal reconstruction to mast arms
7	University Avenue [SR 26]	AT: W 3 rd Street, W 2 nd Street, W 1 st Street, E 1 st Street & E 3 rd Street	Replace five existing galvanized mast arms with MTPO-approved mast arms
8	Traffic Signal Upgrade- Non-SHS	At various intersections (see Appendix H)	Replace existing signal with horizontal mast arm signals