

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  
May 31, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jan Frentzen, Chair  
Brooke Bass  
Thomas Collett  
Sheryl Conner  
Sharon Hawkey  
Chandler Otis  
Tom Reilly  
Robert Reller  
Ruth Steiner  
Ewen Thomson  
Larry Vettel  
Gary Weed

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rob Brinkman, Vice Chair  
Sven Hanson  
1 Vacancy

OTHERS PRESENT

Greg Sholar

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Brian Waterman  
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jan Frentzen called the meeting to order at 7:00 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: Ruth Steiner moved to approve the meeting agenda. Larry Vettel seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

**ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to approve the April 19, 2006 minutes. Bob Reller seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Frentzen announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the CAC's next meeting is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### V. URBAN VILLAGE- ACTION PLAN

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, state that the MTPO, at its May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting discussed the Urban Village: Southwest 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Transportation Design Proposal. During this discussion, the MTPO approved a motion to send letters to Alachua County, the City of Gainesville, the Florida Department of Transportation and the University of Florida requesting that they work with MTPO staff to develop within 60 days proposals and action items to implement the Urban Village: SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Transportation Design Proposal. He discussed that Action Plan and answered questions.

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the following recommended action items contained in the attached report entitled Urban Village- Action Plan,**

- 1. appoint an MTPO Village Subcommittee comprised of two City Commissioners and two County Commissioners, assisted by**
  - A. City, County and MTPO staffs; and**
  - B. a Steering Committee and include representation from the University of Florida;**
- 2. use the MTPO Village Subcommittee to oversee joint City of Gainesville/ Alachua County land use planning for the Village area;**
- 3. request that FDOT complete its Project, Development and Environmental Study for SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue using the MTPO approved auto-merge (a) design; and**
- 4. request that a partnership be formed to fund an Alachua County general planning consultant to develop by December 31<sup>st</sup>:**
  - A. proposed Alachua County comprehensive plan amendments needed to implement the Village vision contained in the Urban Village: Southwest 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Transportation Design Proposal;**
  - B. recommendations concerning the specific type of concurrency management system that should apply to the Village area;**
  - C. a Village design template for transit-orientated development; and**

**D. recommendations concerning if a community development district should be designated for the Village area;**

**Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VI. HULL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) ALIGNMENT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO at its May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, decided to have the Advisory Committees develop recommendations concerning whether the MTPO should continue to include in the community's long range transportation plan a project to acquire 150 foot of right-of-way for the Hull Road Extension. He said that MTPO staff has developed and tested numerous alignment scenarios to determine if Hull Road is needed and, if so, the functional classification of this facility. He suggested that because of the complexity of this issue, that the TAC review the Hull Road ROW in stages, 1. the proposed alignment, 2. the functional classification, 3. the facility cross-section, and 4. the alignment of the Hull Road Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail.

Mr. Brian Waterman, MTPO Senior Planner, discussed the Hull Road extension modeling analyses and answered questions.

**ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to recommend that the MTPO:**

- 1. approve Option J- Grid Network, Two Lane Hull Road (Major Collector or above) and Radio Road Extension as the future roadway network for the Village area north of SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and**
- 2. request that the Advisory Committees develop a recommended cross-section.**

**Ewen Thomson seconded. Bob Reller called the question; question call passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously.**

VII. 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 2007/2008 - 2011/2012 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 2007/2008 - 2011/2012 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. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Landscaping Priorities and answered questions.

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 2 Landscaping Priorities, amended to add as Priority #3 Landscaping on SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street (State Road 121) from Radio Road to SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (State Road 26A). Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed 8 to 4.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed creating a project, development and environment (PD&E) study priorities table and answered questions.

**ACTION: Bob Reller moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 3 Project, Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Priorities. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Public Transportation Priorities and answered questions.

**ACTION: Bob Reller moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 4 Public Transportation Priorities. Brooke Bass seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

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. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

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

**ACTION: Bob Reller moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 6 Safe Routes to School Priorities, amended to delete Priority #2 and Priority #3. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Safety Priorities and answered questions.

**ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 7 Safety Priorities. Ewen Thomson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

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

**ACTION: Tom Collett 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: Sheryl Conner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 9 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities. Brooke Bass seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

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

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

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

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

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

**ACTION: Larry Vettel moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 14 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### VIII. STATE ROAD (SR) 329 MEDIAN CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and CAC, at their April 19<sup>th</sup> meetings recommended that the issue of the pedestrian island constructed in the intersection of S. Main Street at S. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue (north approach) be deferred until City of Gainesville and Alachua County Public Works Department staff have the opportunity to discuss the traffic operations issues with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff. He reported that the City of Gainesville Public Works Department staff has reviewed the construction plans for this intersection and concluded that the inclusion of the pedestrian island would create an unworkable intersection. He recommended that this pedestrian island should not be constructed.

**ACTION: Bob Reller moved to recommend that the MTPO:**

- 1. approve the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) 60 percent plans revised to eliminate the 2-foot median strips;**
- 2. review the 90 percent plans as an information-only item; and**
- 2. have the City plant 10 shade trees in the medians, provided the issue of maintenance is addressed.**

**Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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Date

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Jan Frentzen, Chair