

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
November 28, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Wilson, Chair
Anne Barkdoll
Richard Fletcher
Jan Frentzen
James Higman
Matthew Hurst
Doug Hornbeck
Tony Porter
Cindy Smith
Mike Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nancy Gildersleeve
Scherwin Henry

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Dixon
Carol Higman
Fred Wright

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Wilson, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

It was a consensus of the CAC to approve the meeting agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Jan Frentzen moved to approve the October 24, 2001 minutes. Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, announced that the next Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for December 13 at 1:30 p.m. and the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 13 at 7:00 p.m. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for January 2. He also noted that the Plan East Gainesville staff meeting is scheduled for December 13 at 1:00 pm in the Community Treasures Room of the Alachua County Administration Building.

V. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED- LISTED IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

A. DR. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, in 1997, the MTPO approved the annual Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award. He said that this award will be presented each year by the MTPO to someone selected by the CAC in recognition for their contribution to the area's planning process. He reviewed the past recipients of the award. He asked the CAC to select someone for the award.

Chair Wilson opened the floor for nominations.

Cindy Smith nominated Chandler Otis, Ruth Steiner, and James Bennett.

ACTION: Doug Hornbeck moved to request that the MTPO award the Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award for 2001 to Chandler Otis. Mike Wright seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. HULL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, based on concerns raised by the University of Florida, the MTPO referred its approved 150-foot Hull Road extension right-of-way cross-section to its advisory committees for recommendations. He discussed the cross-section and answered questions. He reported the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board, Design Team and Technical Advisory Committee's recommendations.

Ms. Linda Dixon, University of Florida Strategic Planner for Campus Master Planning, discussed the University's concerns regarding Hull Road right-of-way.

Mr. Fred Wright, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Project Manager Planner, discussed the Hull Road right-of-way and answered questions.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO continue with the currently approved plans to acquire the 150-foot right-of-way. Richard Fletcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member of the CAC asked Ms. Dixon about the grade-separated crossing at Hull Road.

Ms. Dixon and Mr. Wright discussed the grade-separated crossing at Hull Road and answered questions.

C. STATE ROAD (SR) 121 RESURFACING

Mr. Dedenbach stated that FDOT has informed the MTPO that it will include bikelanes as part of the SR 121 Resurfacing Project. He said that the MTPO has concerns about the protection of the existing landscaped medians and the student memorial. He reported that FDOT's plans have been modified to include protection of the medians and make the contractor liable to replace any materials damaged, at current size, with like materials.

ACTION: Jan Frentzen moved to recommend that the MTPO approve FDOT's SR 121 revised cross-section with bikelanes. Richard Fletcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT investigate inclusion of hued bikelanes. James Higman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

D. REVIEW OF PROPOSED CITY OF GAINESVILLE AND ALACHUA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, discussed the MTPO staff review of proposed City of Gainesville and Alachua County comprehensive plans and answered questions. He reported the Technical Advisory Committee's previous recommendations and the additional MTPO staff recommendations.

ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO request that City, County, FDOT and MTPO staff:

- 1. continue to work together in a joint planning effort to address consistency issues related to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County Comprehensive Plans and the MTPO's Livable Community Reinvestment Plan;**
- 2. through the land development code, develop and implement tools such as multimodal districts and other incentive/disincentive tools that support the implementation of the Livable Community Reinvestment Plan, particularly the development of a limited number of highly-developed mixed-use centers;**

3. **consider designation of transportation concurrency exception areas within the unincorporated areas of Alachua County along the Archer Road corridor from Tower Road to US 441, that includes a specific plan to properly balance mixed-use centers and support multimodal transportation;**
4. **review and develop recommendations concerning:**
 - A. **whether the City's Transportation Concurrency Exception Area should be revised to provide for growth to occur in a limited number of highly developed mixed-use centers; and**
 - B. **whether City and County Comprehensive plans should be revised to include a highly developed mixed-use center land use category and designate a limited number of these centers on the land use map; and**
5. **create and implement plans to properly balance mixed-use centers and support multimodal transportation, especially in transportation concurrency exception areas.**

Doug Hornbeck seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.

E. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the MTPO adopted the Public Involvement Plan in 1994. He said that, each year, this Plan is reviewed and revised, if necessary, in order to ensure that the MTPO's planning program provides for a proactive public involvement process. He noted the changes to the Plan.

A member of the CAC asked about the status of the Main Street reconstruction project.

Mr. Dedenbach stated that a Main Street reconstruction project status report will be provided as an information item in next month's agenda and that staff would work with the interested CAC member via email.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the revisions to the MTPO Public Involvement Plan. Doug Hornbeck seconded; motion passed 8 to 2.

A member of the CAC requested that MTPO staff research streamlining transportation projects for discussion at the next CAC meeting.

Mr. Dedenbach stated that MTPO staff would research streamlining transportation projects, provide an information item in next month's agenda and work with the interested CAC member via email.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

**ACTION: James Higman moved to hold future CAC meetings at a downtown site.
Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Date

Joseph N. Wilson, Chair

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