

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, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jan Frentzen, Chair  
Rob Brinkman, Vice Chair  
John Carlson  
Sheryl Conner  
Sharon Hawkey  
Thomas Hawkins  
Chandler Otis  
Greg Sholar  
Ewen Thomson  
Gary Weed

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tom Reilly  
Larry Vettel

OTHERS PRESENT

Ben Chumley  
Tony Folatico  
Doreen Joyner-Howard  
Michael MacMillan  
Jim Scott

STAFF PRESENT

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. John Carlson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

**ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to approve the October 24, 2007 minutes. John Carlson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the CAC's next meeting is scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Regional Planning Council.

#### V. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has submitted its Tentative Five Year Work Program to the MTPO for review and comment. He discussed the MTPO staff's review of the Work Program and answered questions.

Ms. Taulbee explained Tentative Work Program projects and answered questions.

**ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO authorize the MTPO Chair to forward the following FDOT Tentative Work Program review comment-request that FDOT move \$250,000 in Fiscal Years 2011, 2012 and 2013 for paratransit vans to the number two priority in the Year Livable Community Reinvestment Plan Cost Feasible Plan- widen SE 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Main Street to Williston Road) to four lanes. Greg Sholar seconded; motion passed 8 to 2.**

**ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO authorize the MTPO Chair to forward the following FDOT Tentative Work Program review comment- request that FDOT re-stripe that travel lanes on US 441 (from Archer Road to NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue) to add instreet bikelanes as part of the upcoming Year 2009 resurfacing project (FIN #2078499). Thomas Hawkins seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### VI. SPEED LIMITS AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL WARRANTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the CAC requested a presentation on speed limits and traffic signal warrants by FDOT staff.

Mr. Tony Folatico, FDOT Assistant District Traffic Operations Engineer, discussed speed limit legislation and criteria, speed studies and speed zoning. He and Mr. Jim Scott, FDOT District Traffic Operations Engineer, also answered questions.

A member of the CAC discussed her concerns with pavement depressions on Newberry Road between NW 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Mr. Scott said that he would refer the pavement depressions on Newberry Road between NW 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to FDOT maintenance staff.

## VII. RECOMMENDED LAND USE SCENARIO FOR THE URBAN VILLAGE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO Urban Village Planning Team has completed its report.

Mr. Ben Chumley, Alachua County Senior Planner, discussed the Urban Village Implementation Plan and answered questions.

**ACTION: Thomas Hawkins moved to recommend that the MTPO:**

- 1. request that the City and County Commissions initiate joint Comprehensive Plan Amendments to implement the "Plan #5" land use scenario for the Urban Village, including establishment of a joint Multimodal Transportation District (MMTD);**
- 2. request that the Planning Team ask the Florida Department of Community Affairs if they have any creative options that will allow unlimited densities in the Urban Village;**
- 3. discuss the following Urban Village issues:**
  - A. whether to have higher maximum densities and/or higher minimum densities;**
  - B. whether to prohibit any additional surface parking lots by requiring all future parking to be in structured parking (parking garages);**
  - C. the need for additional road connectivity;**
  - D. how the recommended land use plan will affect future annexations; and**
  - E. consider the adoption of architectural and urban design guidelines in order to provide an environment that is safe, comfortable and attractive to the pedestrian.**

**Ewen Thomson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## IX. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated the each year, the MTPO reviews the Public Involvement Plan (PIP). He discussed the plan revisions and answered questions.

**ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approved the revised PIP. John Carlson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

X. DR. SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD- 2007

Mr. Sanderson 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 Frentzen said that the CAC may choose any format to select the recipient.

The CAC discussed possible candidates and each named their favorite candidate.

**It was a consensus of the CAC to award the Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award for 2007 to Martin Gold.**

XI. DESIGN TEAM- CAC POSITION

Mr. Sanderson stated that the CAC Chair requested discussion of the Design Team's CAC representative.

**ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to appoint Gary Weed as the Design Team Representative. Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Date

Jan Frentzen, Chair