

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
October 15, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Wilson, Chair
Jan Frentzen, Vice Chair
Richard Fletcher
James Foust
Jim Painter
Mandy Parks
Tony Porter
Cindy Smith
Robert Reller
Mike Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Doug Hornbeck
John Skelly
Phil Emmer (Excused)
[2 Vacancies]

OTHERS PRESENT

Doreen Joyner-Howard
Bill Lecher
Sam Middleton
Chuck Pigeon
Myrna Widmer

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jan Frentzen called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. (Chair Joe Wilson arrived at 7:15 pm).

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Jan Frentzen asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

ACTION: Robert Reller moved to approve the agenda. Tony Porter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Richard Fletcher moved to approve the July 30, 2003 minutes. Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for October 30 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for December 3. He said that the TAC Level of Service Subcommittee is scheduled to meet October 21 at 2:00 p.m.

V. SR 331 (WILLISTON ROAD) RESURFACING PROJECT

Mr. Hill stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has submitted design concepts for the SR 331 resurfacing project. He noted that this was the scoping phase of the design process, discussed the design concepts for the SR 331 resurfacing project and answered questions.

ACTION: Richard Fletcher moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the design concepts for the Williston Road Resurfacing Project (FPN #2077343). Tony Porter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. SW 24TH AVENUE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mr. Hill stated that the Alachua County Public Works Department requested an opportunity to present 30 percent design plans for the SW 24th Avenue construction project. He discussed the project and answered questions

Mr. Bill Lecher, Alachua County Civil Engineer Design/Contract Manager, noted that the County's consultants were in attendance to present 30 percent design plans.

Mr. Lecher and Mr. Chuck Pigeon, Berryman & Henigar Principal Engineer, discussed the 30 percent design plans and answered questions.

Mr. Robert Reller withdrew from voting on this issue stating concerns with a possible conflict of interest.

Chair Joe Wilson requested that the MTPO staff find a contact person at the Florida Department of Transportation who would be able to answer questions regarding signal spacing requirements on SW 34th Street.

ACTION: Richard Fletcher moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the County's thirty percent design plans with the following considerations:

- A. provide pedestrian stamped crossings at SW 38th Terrace for north-south and east-west crossings;**
- B. identify options for landscaping including shade trees consistent with the median width and clear zone requirements contained in the Alachua County Corridor Design Manual;**

- C. mitigate the loss of heritage live oak trees;**
- D. obtain an FDOT permit for traffic signals at the SW 34th Street / SW 24th Avenue intersection to accommodate eastbound left turns from SW 24th Avenue onto SW 34th Street;**
- E. accommodate the operational needs of transit routing onto SW 24th Avenue and/or Windmeadows Boulevard, which require the ability for buses to make left turns at SW 34th Street;**
- F. address traffic flow issues related to the removal of the traffic signal at SW 34th Street and Windmeadows Boulevard and the associated median closing on SW 34th Street with impact to businesses in Butler Plaza and surrounding areas;**
- G. analyze and mitigate traffic impacts to the Archer Road and SW 34th Street intersection resulting from the elimination of left turns at SW 34th Street and Windmeadows Boulevard;**
- H. provide funding for the necessary modifications to the intersection of SW 34th Street and Windmeadows Boulevard and for a connecting roadway between Windmeadows Boulevard and SW 24th Avenue; and**
- I. accommodate underground utility distribution lines and equipment within the SW 24th Avenue corridor.**

Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed nine to one.

VII. STATE ROAD 24A BYPASS

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that The City of Gainesville Public Works Department is proposing to designate State Road 226 (S 16th Avenue) as a temporary truck bypass route for SR 24. He said this proposed bypass route will connect SR 24 (Archer Road) to SR 331 (Williston Road) and divert heavy vehicle traffic away from the University and downtown areas. He reported that field analysis by the City indicates that the current SR 24 route through the downtown area does not provide adequate roadway configurations to accommodate the operational movements of heavy vehicles. He noted that due to limited turning radii at several intersections, trucks must maneuver across the pedestrian sidewalk or into the oncoming traffic lane to negotiate a right-hand turn. He said that this situation creates hazardous conditions for traffic operations and creates unsafe conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists.

ACTION: Tony Porter moved to recommend that the MTPO recommend that the Florida Department of Transportation designate State Road 226 (S 16th Avenue) as a temporary truck bypass route for State Road 24. Richard Fletcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII MTPO TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO Chair has recommended that the MTPO conduct a transportation symposium later this year. He described the topics to be presented at the symposium.

X. RESURFACING PROJECTS

A. USE OF FEDERAL AND/OR STATE FUNDS TO RESURFACE CITY AND COUNTY ROADS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO requested information regarding funding resurfacing projects with federal funds.

B. ELIGIBLE CITY AND COUNTY ROADS

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Federal-Aid eligible facility report and answered questions.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Date

Joseph N. Wilson, Chair