

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 20, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jan Frentzen, Vice Chair  
Sheryl Conner  
Sharon Hawkey  
Cindy Smith  
John Skelly  
Ruth Steiner  
David Welch  
Mike Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joe Wilson, Chair  
Jim Painter  
[five vacancies]

OTHERS PRESENT

Doreen Joyner-Howard  
Karen Taulbee  
Fred Wright

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Thomas Hill  
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jan Frentzen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Frentzen asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Vice Chair Frentzen asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, recommended placing Agenda Item IX. Year 2025 Transportation Plan Update- Evaluation Factors after Agenda Item XII. Gainesville Regional Airport Master Plan.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to place Agenda Item IX. Year 2025 Transportation Plan Update- Evaluation Factors after Agenda Item XII. Gainesville Regional Airport Master Plan. David Welch seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IV. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

**ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to approve the August 18, 2004 minutes. Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for November 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for December 1. He noted that the December MTPO meeting has been rescheduled for December 9. He discussed the Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award and asked the committee members to begin thinking about selecting a recipient for the award.

V. LANDSCAPING PLANS- STATE ROAD 26A

Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is requesting comments and approval of the State Road 26A Landscaping Plans.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT Transportation Consultant Project Manager, discussed the State Road 26A Landscaping Plans and answered questions.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the State Road 26A Landscaping Plans amended such that within two years of completion of the project, FDOT will evaluate, and if needed, remove and relocate the sidewalks in the eastern gateway triangle to accommodate pedestrian choice. Mike Wright seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: David Welch moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the State Road 26A Landscaping Plans amended to reorient the south end of the sidewalk adjacent to the University of Florida President's residence to maintain a utility strip of at least three feet to a point past the south end of the traffic separator. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO authorize its Chair to send a letter to the FDOT District 2 Secretary thanking the District for funding the SR 26/26A gateway pond. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VI. ARCHER ROAD/S. 16<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE CHARRETTE-  
LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO at its meeting on July 15, discussed the Archer Road/S. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Charrette. He said that during this discussion, the MTPO approved a motion to:

1. ask FDOT to fund (or conduct an in-house study), in the first year of FDOT's Work Program, the State Roads 24/226 Intersection Realignment Study and authorize the MTPO Chair to send a letter to FDOT making this request; and
2. include an intersection study of US 441 and Archer Road without the sliplane in the "Now" section of the Charrette implementation plan.

He added that FDOT has asked that the MTPO revise its *List of Priority Projects* to include the requested intersection realignment study at Archer Road and S. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He noted that City of Gainesville Public Works Department staff has commented on the needs of funding the signal system in order to manage congestion in the urban area.

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO amend the traffic operations priorities in Table 6 (see Exhibit 1) in this year's List of Priority Projects as follows:**

- A. to insert as priority number three, the MTPO's July 15 request that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) fund (or conduct an in-house study) in the first year of FDOT's Work Program, the proposed State Roads 24/226 Intersection/Relocation Study plus any other impacted intersections; and**
- B. to insert, as priority number four, the proposed State Road 24/US 441 Slip Lane Study. This study should consider the future east-west connection with Depot Avenue.**

**Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VIII. UNIVERSITY AREA "NO TURN ON RED" SIGNS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the CAC, at its August 18 meeting, discussed the "No Turn On Red" signage that have been recently installed as part of the traffic signal update projects adjacent to the University of Florida. He said that the Technical Advisory Committee recommended that the "No Turn On Red" signs be replaced by signs that read "Turning Traffic Must Yield to Pedestrians." He reported that the CAC recommended that the "No Turn On Red" signs be replaced by a variable message sign. He noted that FDOT staff said that any sign changes need to be approved by FDOT and that the City would have to pay for the change.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Specialist, reported that the mast arms would support the variable message sign and that the FDOT would fund the purchase of the signs, but that the City would have to install and maintain the signs.

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the use of a lighted “No Turn On Red” variable message sign that would come on during the hours when there is considerable pedestrian activity, with the understanding that FDOT would fund the purchase of the signs and the City would have to install and maintain the signs. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### X. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (PIP)

Mr. Sanderson and Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Principal Planner, discussed the PIP and answered questions.

**ACTION: David Welch moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the revised draft PIP. Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### XI. SW 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE BIKELANES

Mr. Sanderson stated that MTPO staff has received an email regarding bicycle safety concerns on the SW Avenue bikelanes between SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Street. He reported that the Technical Advisory Committee deferred this agenda item so that City staff could research the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board recommendations.

A member of the CAC asked about accommodating delivery vehicles.

A member of the CAC asked MTPO staff to contact Mr. Dan Burden about this issue.

#### XII. GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Gainesville Regional Airport Master Plan is currently being updated and will be presented to the MTPO and its Advisory Committees next spring. He reported that Mr. Rick Crider, Gainesville Regional Airport Director, has asked MTPO staff to find out if the MTPO and its Advisory Committees would like a presentation concerning the information that has been developed so far.

**ACTION: Mike Wright moved to request a presentation concerning the information that has been developed so far for the Gainesville Regional Airport Master Plan. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IX. YEAR 2025 TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE-  
EVALUATION FACTORS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the consultant for the Year 2025 Transportation Plan Update has requested that the committee members complete the evaluation factor forms.

Committee members completed the forms and gave them to MTPO staff.

XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Date

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Jan Frentzen, Vice Chair

**EXHIBIT 1**

**TABLE 6**

**FISCAL YEARS 2005/2006 - 2009/2010  
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS PRIORITIES  
(within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area)**

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

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<i>1</i> <i>Partially</i> <i>Funded</i>	<i>Traffic Signal System</i>	<i>Systemwide</i>	<i>Implement Gainesville traffic signal master plan</i>
<i>2</i> <i>Partially</i> <i>Funded</i>	<i>Traffic Signal System</i>	<i>Systemwide</i>	<i>Implement annual corridor signal retiming study</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Archer Road</i>	<i>AT: SW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue</i>	<i>Conduct the State Roads 24/226 Intersection/Relocation Study in first year of FDOT Work Program</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Archer Road</i>	<i>AT: SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street</i>	<i>Conduct an intersection study without the sliplane; this study should consider the future east-west connection to Depot Avenue</i>
<i>5</i>	Main Street  N 16 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	FM: NW 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue TO: NW 16 <sup>th</sup> Avenue  AT: NW 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue  AT: Main Street	Corridor capacity enhancement strategies- consistent with the Alachua County North Main Street three-lane reconstruction design plans  Reconstruct traffic signals with MTPO-approved mast-armed design  Reconstruct intersection and install MTPO-approved mast-arm design traffic signals
<i>6</i>	<i>NE 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue</i>	<i>FM: Main Street TO: NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street</i>	<i>Install continuous left turnlane</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>NW 55<sup>th</sup> Street</i>	<i>AT: NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue</i>	<i>Add northbound right turnlane</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>S 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue</i>	<i>FM: SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street TO: SE 7<sup>th</sup> Street</i>	<i>Add medians; traffic signal upgrade; and restripe with onstreet parking and bikelanes</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>E University Avenue</i>	<i>FM: Downtown Library TO: E 9<sup>th</sup> Street</i>	<i>Pedestrian refuge islands</i>

**TABLE 6 (Continued)**  
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**TRAFFIC OPERATIONS PRIORITIES**  
**(within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area)**

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<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
10	Waldo Road	AT: E University Avenue	Pedestrian refuge islands and other modifications to improve bicycle/ pedestrian crossings
11	SW 34 <sup>th</sup> Street	AT: SW 20 <sup>th</sup> Avenue AT: Radio Road	Install mast-armed traffic signals <sup>1</sup>
12	NW 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	AT: NW 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street	Upgrade traffic signals
13	SW 23 <sup>rd</sup> Terrace	AT: SW 35 <sup>th</sup> Place	Construct roundabout <sup>2</sup>
14	NW 13 <sup>th</sup> Street	FM: 2100 block TO: 2200 block	Access management and pedestrian refuge islands
15	NW 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	AT: NW 18 <sup>th</sup> Terrace	Traffic signal reconstruction using MTPO-approved mast-arm design and with interconnectivity to traffic signal at NW 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and NW 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street

<sup>1</sup> FDOT will be replacing all signal heads and controllers and adding fiber-optic interconnect in conjunction with the SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street resurfacing project.

<sup>2</sup> Project identified as locally funded if funds become available.