

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
October 24, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Joe Wilson, Chair Anne Barkdoll Richard Fletcher Jan Frentzen Nancy Gildersleeve Scherwin Henry James Higman Matthew Hurst Doug Hornbeck Tony Porter Cindy Smith Mike Wright	None	Doreen Joyner-Howard John Sabatella	Gerry Dedenbach Andrea Vogler

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Wilson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Wilson introduced himself and asked those present to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, requested that the CAC approve the meeting agenda with one amendment to indicate that agenda item F., Downtown Parking Garage, is for information only and that no action is required.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda with one amendment to indicate that agenda item F., Downtown Parking Garage, is for information only. Doug Hornbeck seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the August 29, 2001 minutes. Scherwin Henry seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for November 8 at 1:30 p.m. He said that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for November 28.

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

A. WEST 6th STREET SAFETY PROJECT

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, reviewed action taken by the Design Team, concerning this issue, at its June 19 meeting . He reported that, due to funding constraints, precluding the purchase of the abandoned CSX railroad right of way, this project originally reviewed and approved by the Design Team has been reduced to the intersection of West 6th Street / West 5th Terrace and West University Avenue only.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Transportation Planner, discussed the West 6th Street Safety Project and answered questions.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the West 6th Street safety project design plans as presented; and**
- 2. request that FDOT include hued imprinted crosswalks across NW 5th Terrace both north and south of University Avenue.**

Doug Hornbeck seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. ALACHUA COUNTY FUNDING WORKSHOP

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its June 7 meeting, the MTPO discussed the Fiscal Years 2002 - 2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and approved a motion to schedule a transportation funding workshop. He said that staff has prepared a funding report, which provides answers to questions received from MTPO members, concerning this issue. He noted that the report also contains a funding summary for Alachua County from Fiscal Years 1991/1992 through 2000/2001. He reviewed the Technical Advisory Committee recommendations concerning this report.

A member of the Subcommittee requested that staff conduct an analysis of transit funding compared to transit ridership for Alachua and comparable counties throughout the State.

ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO accept the report as a completed planning document and request that the report include analyses of:

- A. FDOT District 2 transit funding; and
- B. the 1993, 1995 and Cost Feasible Plans (CFPs) to determine if the CFP funding projections were met; and
- C. the percent of Alachua County funding allocated to the Florida Intrastate Highway System.

Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. FDOT TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Dedenbach stated that FDOT has requested an opportunity for the MTPO to comment on the Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2002/2003 to 2006/2007. He said that the CAC needs to recommend whether the MTPO should request changes to existing or proposed projects or request that new projects to be added to, or existing projects to be deleted from this document.

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Principal Transportation Planner, discussed the Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2002/2003 to 2006/2007 and answered questions.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. request that FDOT revise its Tentative Five Year Work Program to:
 - A. add an additional project to fund any unfunded SR 26/26A enhancements to coincide with the SR 26/26A resurfacing and reconstruction project schedules, if FDOT research indicates that this project is not fully funded; and
 - B. add an additional project to purchase right-of-way to construct the MTPO-approved cross-section and build the bicycle/ pedestrian trail on the Hull Road Extension-north corridor;

2. **refer the Gainesville Metropolitan Area projects in Exhibit D with preliminary engineering in Year 2001/02 to the Design Team;**
3. **request that project number 2078012, Williston Road at SE 16th Avenue Traffic Signals, remain in Fiscal Year 2003/2004; and**
4. **request that FDOT provide a detailed project schedule for the Main Street reconstruction project.**

Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

D. HIGH VOLUME PEDESTRIAN AREAS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its February 15 meeting, the MTPO discussed issues concerning pedestrian safety at intersections and approved motions to:

- “1. *consider the addition of exclusive pedestrian phases in high volume pedestrian-traffic areas; and*
2. *refer this issue to the MTPO’s Advisory Committees to identify and prioritize high volume pedestrian traffic areas in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.”*

He said that staff researched this issue and prepared an inventory of areas which may be suitable for implementation of exclusive pedestrian phase signals. He reviewed the TAC recommendation concerning this issue and answered questions.

ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO direct the Design Team to consider the feasibility of including exclusive pedestrian phase signals and/or increasing the pedestrian crossing phase of the signal timing when reviewing all transportation projects. James Higman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

E. US 441 AT PAYNES PRAIRIE- BICYCLE SAFETY STUDY

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its August 16 meeting, the MTPO approved a contract with Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. to conduct a bicycle safety study on US 441 from SW 114th Way to SW 63rd Avenue. He said that the purpose of this study is to develop US 441 corridor cross-section options and to evaluate the options to enhance the safety of bicyclists along this corridor. He noted that the consultant is responsible for developing conceptual corridor designs with cost estimates for each design. He added that, due to the nature of this project, the Design Team seems to be the appropriate group to act as the steering committee for this project.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO direct the Design Team to serve as the US 441 at Paynes Prairie Bicycle Safety Study Steering Committee with the following additional members added:

1. a representative from the Alachua County Sheriff's office;
2. a representative appointed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Recreation, Paynes Prairie State Preserve;
3. a representative appointed by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission;
4. a representative appointed by the Old Florida Heritage Highway Corridor Management Council; and
5. two representatives designated by the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board, one representing onroad cycling interests and one representing offroad cycling interests.

Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passed unanimously.

F. DOWNTOWN PARKING GARAGE

Mr. Dedenbach stated that a member of the CAC requested a discussion of the plans for the downtown parking garage including street changes and traffic flow. He explained that this is not an MTPO project. However, he said, the CAC can discuss this project, or make recommendations for the MTPO to forward to the appropriate agencies.

A member of the CAC distributed information concerning, and discussed, the proposed downtown parking garage. He explained that the plans indicate that SW 2nd Street, between SW 2nd Avenue and University Avenue, will be modified as a two-lane facility in order to allow traffic from the parking garage to flow onto this street. He expressed concern that SW 2nd Street is narrow and may not safely accommodate traffic from the proposed parking garage.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the City of Gainesville Public Works Committee and Development Review Board:

1. maintain SW 2nd Street as a one-way facility between University Avenue and SW 1st Avenue; and
2. locate the entrance and egress of the parking garage on SW 2nd Avenue.

Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passed eleven to one.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A member of the CAC discussed the service changes on Route 5 proposed by the Regional Transit System (RTS).

It was a consensus of the CAC to request that staff include a report from RTS concerning the proposed service changes on the next meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Date

Joseph N. Wilson, Chair

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