

MINUTES
GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO)
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

NCFRPC
Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
October 25, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Wilson, Chair
Anne Barkdoll
Richard Briggs
Richard Fletcher
Jan Frentzen
Nancy Gildersleeve
Doug Hornbeck
Matthew Hurst
Jonathan Reiskind
Cindy Smith
Mike Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Byerly
James Foust
Phyllis Saarinen
[1 vacancy]

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Lecher
Phil Mann

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
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, stated that the City Commission has requested the addition of an agenda item to review the proposed Bike Route System.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of the Proposed Bike Route System as agenda item I. Richard Briggs seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 30 MINUTES

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the August 30 minutes with noted corrections. Richard Fletcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach announced that the next MTPO meeting is November 9 at 1:30 p.m. and the next CAC meeting is scheduled for November 29. He stated that, due to the need to adopt the Long Range Transportation Plan by December 14, an additional Committee meeting is currently scheduled for November 15.

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

A. SW 24TH AVENUE CROSS SECTION

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at the August 30 meeting, representatives from the Alachua County Public Works Department (ACPWD) presented, for review and comments, the roadway cross-sections developed for the SW 24th Avenue/SW 62nd Boulevard project. He said that the CAC referred this issue to the MTPO's Design Team. He noted that, at its September 19th meeting, the Design Team received a presentation from ACPWD staff, however, they took no action regarding this item. He added that they did, however, encourage ACPWD staff to construct the road consistent with the MTPO's adopted standards as contained in the Urban Design and Streetscape Policies. He concluded that the CAC needs to develop a recommendation to the Alachua County Commission, and the MTPO, concerning the proposed SW 24th Avenue and SW 62nd Boulevard cross sections.

Mr. Bill Lecher, ACPWD Assistant Director, discussed the SW 24th Avenue construction project and answered questions.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the ACPWD include in the SW 24th Avenue construction project:

- 1. a 10' sidewalk on the north side of the roadway;**
- 2. a neighborhood-street design;**
- 3. equestrian access under the Hogtown Creek bridge; and**
- 4. consideration of transit operations during the design phase.**

Richard Briggs seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. TRAFFIC CITATION INFORMATION

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its July meeting, the MTPO discussed bicycle and pedestrian safety at intersections. He said that, during this discussion, the MTPO requested information, from law enforcement, concerning traffic citations issued for failure to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians. He noted that a table which summarizes the data received from the University of Florida Police Department, Gainesville Police Department and the Alachua County Sheriff's Office is included in the meeting materials. He added that staff requested, but did not receive, information from the Florida Highway Patrol.

ACTION: Jonathan Reiskind moved to:

- 1. recommend that the MTPO request that the City of Gainesville and Alachua County encourage the Gainesville Police Department and Alachua County Sheriff's Office to enforce traffic laws concerning failure to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.**

Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its July meeting, the MTPO discussed pedestrian safety at intersections. He said that, during this discussion, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) offered to make a presentation concerning this issue to the MTPO and its Advisory Committees. He noted that staff from the City of Gainesville's Public Works Department, in conjunction with FDOT staff, prepared a presentation concerning pedestrian signals and gave this presentation at the September 19 Design Team and October 11 Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (ACTDCB) meetings. He reviewed the ACTDCB recommendation and the Design Team comments.

Mr. Phil Mann, City of Gainesville Public Works Department Traffic Engineer II, gave a presentation concerning pedestrian signals.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. include audible traffic signals, where appropriate, in new transportation projects and plans as directed by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century;**
- 2. include accessible pedestrian signals during the Main Street reconstruction project;**
- 3. add the installation of accessible pedestrian signals, where appropriate, to the MTPO's Urban Design and Streetscape Policies; and**

4. **consider the addition of exclusive pedestrian crossing phases in high pedestrian-traffic areas.**

Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passed unanimously.

D. PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its March 20 meeting, the MTPO discussed whether brick or textured-paver crosswalks and sidewalks were difficult for individuals with disabilities to navigate because of the unevenness of the textured surface. He said that, during this discussion, the MTPO agreed to refer this issue to the ACTDCB. He reviewed the ACTDCB and Design Team recommendations.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO:

1. **Use street print with colored asphalt to highlight pedestrian crosswalks where constrained by cost or State design requirements. Elsewhere, allow flexibility to utilize pavers, bricks and alternate treatments that meet the following criteria:**
 - a. **minimize:**
 1. **the gaps between paving slabs; and**
 2. **any vertical deviation between textured pavers;**
 - b. **define the junction between the footway and roadway with a full-height curb or tactile paving; and**
 - c. **construct all crosswalks and curbs in the most safe and stable manner.**

Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passed unanimously.

E. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, on December 14, 1994, the MTPO adopted its Public Involvement Plan. He said that this Plan is reviewed annually.

ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO accept the Public Involvement Plan as a completed planning document with the following revisions and considerations:

1. change page 32, number 1 to “a member of the MTPO’s Citizens Advisory Committee”;
2. hold evening meetings on a quarterly basis; and
3. direct MTPO staff to actively recruit minorities, the elderly and persons with disabilities to serve on the CAC.

Richard Briggs seconded; motion passed unanimously.

F. ARCHER ROAD/SW 23RD TERRACE TREES

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its July meeting, the MTPO approved a motion to refer to the Advisory Committees, for their review and comment, the discussion of opportunities for tree plantings along Archer Road and SW 23rd Terrace. He said that, at its September meeting, the Design Team, discussed the City of Gainesville Arborist’s comments concerning this issue. He reviewed the joint Design Team, City of Gainesville and MTPO staff recommendation.

ACTION: Jan Frentzen moved to recommend that the MTPO:

1. approve the Design Team, City of Gainesville Arborist and staff recommendations to:
 - a. plant 210 trees on SW 23rd Terrace as part of the 2000-2002 “Treemendous Gainesville” program;
 - b. request that Alachua County work together with the City of Gainesville in planting and maintaining trees along the Old Archer Road corridor;
 - c. encourage the City Commission to authorize City staff to work outside the city limits on this project; and
 - d. maintain a fourteen foot buffer along S.W. Archer Road for future expansion, from S.W. 23rd Terrace to S.W. 13th Street, of the Depot Avenue multi-purpose trail; and
2. encourage public participation (“adopt a tree”) and tree mitigation banking to provide trees for this project.

Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.

G. TRANSPORTATION OUTREACH PROGRAM

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

H. ANNUAL CAMPUS MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT PACKET

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, recently, staff was asked to review the proposed year 2000 Amendment Packet for the University of Florida Comprehensive Master Plan. He said that staff reviewed this material and reported back to Mr. Maruniak that we did not have any review comments to provide him at this time. He said that members of the CAC should inform staff whether they want additional information concerning any proposed amendment.

The CAC expressed concern that there were no transit projects listed in the Plan.

I. PROPOSED BIKE ROUTE SYSTEM

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the proposed Bike Route System.

ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO ask the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board to:

- 1. refine the Bike Route sign with consideration given to reducing the logo size and adding a bike route map to the front of the sign; and**
- 2. focus on bicycle/pedestrian off-road routes and the connection between those and designated bike paths on-street.**

Richard Briggs seconded; motion passed eight to one.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Dedenbach reviewed the Lane Transit District - Bus Rapid Transit website.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date

Joseph N. Wilson, Chair