

MINUTES

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

Grace Knight Conference Room  
12 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
October 29, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Jan Frentzen, Chair  
Rob Brinkman, Vice Chair  
George Blake Fletcher  
Harvey Budd  
Nelle Bullock  
Sheryl Conner  
Sharon Hawkey  
Lauren Hertel  
Chandler Otis  
James Samec  
Greg Sholar  
Ruth Steiner  
Ewen Thomson  
Gary Weed

Stephen Browning  
Alex Craig  
Jordan Green  
Jerry Jones  
Milton Locklear  
Tanner Martin  
Terry Shaw  
Jennifer Spagnoli  
David Stroud  
Emery Swearingen  
Karen Taulbee

Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Rob Brinkman called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Brinkman introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

Vice Chair Brinkman passed the gavel to Chair Jan Frentzen.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Frentzen asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

**ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to approve the meeting agenda. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

### III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

A member of the CAC discussed her concerns regarding Alachua County staff comments in agenda item V. SW 91<sup>st</sup> Street 30 Percent Design Plans.

**ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to approve the October 1, 2008 minutes amended to change the reference to the September 4<sup>th</sup> Scenic Road Committee meeting to September 4<sup>th</sup> Alachua County Public Works SW 91<sup>st</sup> Street workshop in agenda item V. SW 91<sup>st</sup> Street 30 Percent Design Plans. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

### IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Senior Planner, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the CAC's next meeting is scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup>. He announced that there would be a Bus Rapid Transit Open House at the Terwilliger Elementary School on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### V. INTERSTATE 75 MASTER PLAN

Mr. Escalante stated that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff was present to discuss the I-75 Master Plan update.

Mr. Jordan Green, FDOT District 2 Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the I-75 Master Plan update and answered questions.

### VI. SIXTH STREET TAIL TRAIL PROJECT-SCOPING PLANS

Chair Frentzen stated that City of Gainesville staff has submitted scoping plans for the W 6<sup>th</sup> Street Rail/Trail project.

Mr. Emery Swearingen, City of Gainesville Public Works Manager, discussed the W 6<sup>th</sup> Street Rail/Trail project scoping plans and answered questions. He noted that the project was bifurcated into two phases, with Phase 1 from SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street to south of University Avenue and Phase 2 from south of University Avenue to NW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He announced that the City would bring 60 percent plans to the CAC for its January meeting.

**ACTION: Harvey Budd moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the W 6<sup>th</sup> Street Rail/Trail Project with consideration of the rail/trail being located as far as possible from the street pavement south of SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. George Blake Fletcher declared a conflict of interest for agenda item VII. SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard Connector.

#### VII. SW 20<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE- SCOPING PLANS

Mr. Escalante stated that FDOT staff has submitted scoping plans for SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue from SW 43<sup>rd</sup> Street to SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mr. Stephen Browning, FDOT Project Manager, discussed the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue scoping plans and answered questions.

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Alternative 1 Cross-Section for the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Scoping Plans with modifications to:**

- 1. provide additional width in the pedestrian space to accommodate tree plantings;**
- 2. consider accommodating stormwater in median swales; and**
- 3. a typical section to show 11-foot travel lanes, 1-foot separation, and 5-foot bikelanes (similar to Millhopper Road).**

**James Samec seconded; motion passed 11 to 3.**

#### VII. SW 62<sup>ND</sup> BOULEVARD CONNECTOR

Chair Frentzen stated that the Alachua County consultant has submitted the SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard Connector alignment and cross-section alternatives.

Mr. Terry Shaw, HNTB Project Manager, discussed the SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard Connector alignment and cross-section alternatives and answered questions.

**ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Corridor 4- Minimum Four Lane Alignment- 4B-2. Harvey Budd seconded.**

#### **SUBSTITUTE ACTION:**

**Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Corridor 3- Initial Alignment (see Exhibit 1) with the Two General Purpose Lane Plus Two Dedicated Transit Lane cross-section (see Exhibit 2) augmented with a two-lane SW 52<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard/SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue extension and SW 40<sup>th</sup> Boulevard extension (Corridor 2- Two Lane Alternative Alignment). Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed 8 to 5 with one abstention.**

IX. SW 62<sup>ND</sup> BOULEVARD- INTERIM PROJECTS

Mr. Escalante state that the Alachua County consultant has submitted the SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard Interim Projects scoping plans.

Mr. Shaw discussed the three SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard Interim Projects scoping plans and answered questions.

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO:**

- 1. approve the scoping plans for the three interim projects with the understanding that the mast arms will be painted black; and**
- 2. request that Alachua County execute a maintenance agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) if such an agreement is required by FDOT in order to have black mast arms.**

**James Samec seconded; motion passed 13 to 1.**

VI. INFORMATION ITEM

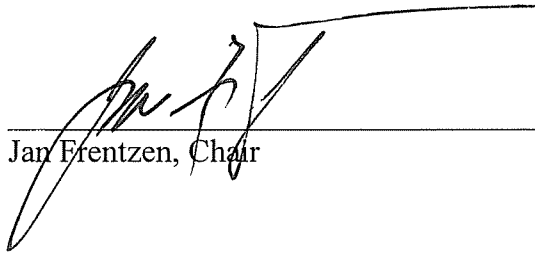
There was no discussion of the information item.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date

12/3/08

  
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Jan Frentzen, Chair