

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  
September 28, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Welch, Chair  
Jan Frentzen, Vice Chair  
Rob Brinkman  
Sven Hanson  
Sharon Hawkey  
Chandler Otis  
Robert Reller  
Ruth Steiner  
Ewen Thomson  
Gary Weed

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gerald Bodoh  
Thomas Collett  
Sheryl Conner  
[two vacancies]

OTHERS PRESENT

Gerry Dedenbach  
Sally Dickenson  
Linda Dixon  
Donny Ellington  
Rae Marie Gilbert  
Jesus Gomez  
Monique Heathcock  
Bill Lecher  
Shenley Neely  
Greg Sholar

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Brian Waterman  
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Welch called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Welch asked if there were any changes for the meeting agenda.

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

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

**ACTION: Bob Reller moved to approve the August 24, 2005 minutes. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Welch announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### VII. UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA (UF) CAMPUS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that UF Campus Planning staff was present to discuss the Campus Master Plan update.

Ms. Linda Dixon UF Planning Office Manager, discussed the Campus Master Plan and answered questions.

#### VIII. ARCHER ROAD SUB-AREA STUDY- ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS

Mr. Sanderson stated that UF staff was present to discuss the Archer Road Sub-Area Study.

Ms. Dixon discussed the Archer Road Sub-Area Study alternatives and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson noted that Regional Transit System (RTS) staff was present. He noted that the CAC had requested that RTS staff come to a CAC meeting to answer questions about RTS service.

Mr. Jesus Gomez, Interim RTS Director, discussed RTS service and answered questions.

#### IX. TOWER ROAD (SW 75<sup>TH</sup> STREET) ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Mr. Sanderson stated that Alachua County staff has submitted Tower Road design plan for review and comment. He said that the County's consultant was present to discuss the project.

Mr. Bill Lecher, Alachua County Design/Contract Manager, discussed the Tower Road from Archer Road to SW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Reconstruction Project and answered questions.

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, Causseaux & Ellington (C&E) GIS Director, introduced the Tower Road project team consisting of Mr. Donny Ellington, C&E Principal, Ms. Monique Heathcock, C&E Project Manager, and Mr. Michael Wallwork, Alternative Streets Design Principal.

Mr. Dedenbach, Mr. Ellington, Ms. Heathcock and Mr. Wallwork discussed the Tower Road 60 percent design plans and answered questions. During this discussion, Mr. Ellington said that C&E staff would work with Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) staff to simulate GRU's truck movements through the roundabout.

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the Alachua County Commission approve the Tower Road (from Archer Road to SW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue) 60 percent roadway design plans Option #3- Nine Roundabouts Alternative with appropriate pedestrian-scale lighting and consideration of half-bus bay pullouts. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

X. RESURFACING PROJECT- NW 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET/NW 8<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT will not install medians along NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue as part of the State Road 20 Resurfacing Project. He discussed the State Road 20 Resurfacing Project and answered questions.

**It was a consensus of the CAC to defer discussion of the following agenda items:**

- XI. Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan- Adopted Needs Plan/Revenue Forecasts; and
- XII. Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan- Cost Feasible Plan.

**It was a consensus of the CAC to have a workshop on October 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan- Adopted Needs Plan/Revenue Forecasts and Cost Feasible Plan projects.**

XIV. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Sanderson stated the each year, the MTPO reviews the Public Involvement Plan (PIP). He discussed the plan revisions and answered questions.

**ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approved the revised PIP.**

**Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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Date

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David Welch, Chair

