

MEETING SUMMARY
GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO)
DESIGN TEAM

NCFRPC Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
August 15, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Dixon, Chair
Joye Brown, Vice Chair
Jesus Gomez
Bill Lecher
Debrah Miller
Meg Niederhofer
Robert Norton
Dom Nozzi
Reid Rivers
Chris Roeder

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brian Kanely
E. J. Bolduc
Cindy Smith
Tim Strauser

OTHERS PRESENT

Dick Harrell
Larry Parks
Ghulam Qadir

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Michael Escalante

I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Linda Dixon, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Analyst, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and asked for introductions.

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, noted that Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Director, asked to be removed as a voting member from the MTPO Advisory Committees. He said that her request is due to the fact that daily interaction with other committee members might preclude necessary activities as a department director. He added that, therefore, Design Team quorum requirements have changed.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to approve the meeting agenda. Dom Nozzi seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. NW 39TH AVENUE / INTERSTATE 75 INTERCHANGE LIGHTING ALTERNATIVES

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Design Team needs to provide a recommendation on the proposed lighting alternatives for the NW 39th Avenue / Interstate 75 interchange. He discussed the joint Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) / Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendation. He said that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff was present to discuss this project.

Ms. Debrah Miller, FDOT Project Engineer, and Mr. Larry Parks, FDOT Project Engineer, discussed proposed lighting alternatives for the NW 39th Avenue / Interstate 75 interchange and answered questions.

ACTION: Meg Niederhofer moved to recommend that the MTPO request, for the Interstate 75 Interchange Project, that FDOT install conventional lighting, with cutoff luminaires, that:

- 1. is mounted consistent with the MTPO Urban Design Guidelines; and**
- 2. along NW 39th Avenue, has the minimum possible height to match the existing lighting in the corridor.**

Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. RETENTION / DETENTION BASINS

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the MTPO's referral of the retention/detention policy development to the Design Team. He gave a status report on the draft policy development. He noted that MTPO staff is delaying submission of the final draft MTPO Urban Design and Streetscape Policies Guidelines document to the MTPO Landscape Subcommittee in order to incorporate the retention/detention policy language. He said that the Design Team needs to develop an MTPO recommendation regarding progress and a revised time line for completion of this referral.

Mr. Bill Lecher, Alachua County Public Works Department Assistant Director, discussed the September, 2000 draft Alachua County Landscape Design, Open Space and Tree Preservation Ordinance.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that the Design Team needs to provide the MTPO with a status report on this referral. After further Design Team discussion of this issue, he said that this item could be on next month's agenda, however, that a status report should be provided to the MTPO by the one-year anniversary of the referral.

Chair Dixon directed staff to:

- 1. arrange a Design Team Working Group meeting , that includes Mr. Dick Bush and Mr. Ken Cheek from FDOT, Ms. Candace Wood from City of Gainesville Public Works Department and Mr. Michael Fay from Alachua County Public Works Department, to discuss the draft retention/detention basin policy; and**
- 2. re-agenda this item for the next Design Team meeting so that the Design Team can provide the MTPO with a status report at its October meeting.**

V. PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (ACTDCB) recommendation and answered questions.

ACTION: Dom Nozzi moved to support the ACTDCB recommendation, however, in order to be flexible, for low speed and pedestrian-oriented corridors, such as Main Street and College Park, the use of other pedestrian crosswalk materials may be possible. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed 7 to 2.

ACTION: Robert Norton moved to have a Design Team Working Group meet with the ACTDCB to discuss options for pedestrian crossings. Reid Rivers seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

There was no discussion of upcoming meetings.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.