

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

NCFRPC Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
April 17, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Linda Dixon, Chair E. J. Bolduc Jesus Gomez Marty Humphries Brian Kanely Meg Niederhofer Melissa Norman Dom Nozzi Mehul Parekh Cindy Smith Suraya Teeple Fred Wright	Bill Lecher Gwendolyn Pra Chris Roeder Reid Rivers Tim Strauser	Larry Hines Doreen Joyner-Howard	Marlie Sanderson Gerry Dedenbach Andrea Vogler

I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Linda Dixon, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Analyst, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and asked for introductions.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, asked the Design Team approve the meeting agenda with the addition of agenda item V., Hogtown Creek Sediment Project.

It was a consensus of the Design Team to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of agenda item V., Hogtown Creek Sediment Project.

III. STATE ROAD 121 RESURFACING

A. FROM ARCHER ROAD TO W UNIVERSITY AVENUE

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requested an opportunity to respond to questions from the Design Team's February meeting.

Mr. Marty Humphries, FDOT Roadway Design Engineer, discussed FDOT's response to

concerns raised at the February Design Team meeting and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the thirty percent plans for the resurfacing of SW 34th Street from Archer Road to W University Avenue with the understanding that FDOT will shift funding from this project to the State Roads (SR) 26/26A project to install mastarm signals at the intersections of SW 34th Street and SR 26 and 26A as part of the SR 26/26A project. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed with one abstention.

B. FROM US 441 TO NW 202ND PLACE

Mr. Humphries discussed FDOT's response to concerns raised at the February Design Team meeting and answered questions. He said that FDOT can accommodate a left turn lane at SW 67th Place and SR 121. However, he noted, FDOT may not be able to designate bike lanes in the urbanized area of the project corridor.

It was a consensus of the Design Team to request that FDOT further research the feasibility of designating bike lanes in the urbanized area of SR 121, from US 441 to NW 202nd Place.

IV. SR 26/26A SCOPE OF WORK

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the SR 26A scope of work. He said that recently, the City of Gainesville's Public Works Department met to discuss the project. He reported that, at that meeting, it was learned that FDOT's involvement will be between the existing curbs and/or right-of-way. He said that, because there is a shortfall of funding for this project, items such as widened sidewalks, pedestrian scale lighting, street amenities (such as furniture or bus stops) and roundabouts would not be considered under the current scope. He noted that it was suggested, by FDOT, that the MTPO apply for funding for SR 26/26A enhancements and prioritize them accordingly.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT Project Manager, discussed the SR 26A project and answered questions. He reiterated that the MTPO could apply for enhancement funds.

The Design Team discussed whether FDOT could amend the subcontractor's contract to develop design and cost estimates for the additional landscaping and pedestrian and roadway lighting.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO send a letter to FDOT to request that they amend their subcontractor's contract to develop design and cost estimates for additional landscaping and pedestrian-scale and roadway lighting for the SR 26A project. Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed with one abstention.

V. HOGTOWN CREEK SEDIMENT PROJECT

The Design Team discussed design issues concerning FDOT's scope for the Hogtown Creek Sediment Project and asked why this project was not brought before the Design Team.

Ms. Suraya Teeple, FDOT Regional Planning Administrator, explained that this is a maintenance project and, therefore, is not required to be reviewed by the Design Team.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to request that the MTPO refer the Hogtown Creek Sediment Project to the Design Team. Melissa Norman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for May 10 and the next Design Team meeting is scheduled for May 15. He announced that Ms. Teeple, with the assistance of Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Planner, have replaced Ms. Joye Brown, FDOT District 2 Assistant Planning Manager, as the FDOT representative on the Design Team.

Ms. Teeple stated that Ms. Brown was the Vice Chair. She said that FDOT is on the Design Team as an advisory body. She noted that FDOT feels it is inappropriate for their employees to serve as Vice Chair of this Committee. She requested that the Design Team elect a new Vice Chair.

It was a consensus of the Design Team to add Item VIII., Elect Vice Chair, to the meeting agenda.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

VIII. ELECT VICE CHAIR

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to nominate Meg Neiderhofer as Vice Chair. Brian Kanely seconded.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to close nominations and adopt the slate. E.J. Bolduc seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.