

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

NCFRPC Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Len Buffington, Chair
Rob Ayers
Jesus Gomez
Brian Kanely
Bill Lecher
Meg Niederhofer
Dom Nozzi
Reid Rivers
Cindy Smith
Tim Strauser

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Dixon
Cynthia Moore
David Mayo
Teresa Scott

OTHERS PRESENT

Tom Adkins
Jeff Bailey
Nelson Bedenbaugh
Dick Bush
Reid Ewing
F. Lynch
Ladd Roberts
Clifton Ward
Jim Whitley

STAFF PRESENT

Gerry Dedenbach
Michael Escalante
Andrea Vogler

I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Buffington called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. and asked for introductions.

Ms. Meg Niederhofer stated that the January 18 minutes reflect Ms. Teresa Scott attending. She said that she believed that Ms. Scott was not in attendance and requested that staff review and correct the minutes.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

It was a consensus of the Design Team to approve the meeting agenda.

III. NW 34TH STREET TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) Senior Planner, stated that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requested an opportunity to discuss the traffic signal upgrades on NW 34th Street at the NW 8th and NW 16th Avenue intersections.

Mr. Rob Ayers, FDOT District 2 Regional Planning Administrator, discussed the intersection modifications and answered questions.

Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation Systems Manager, discussed the intersection modifications and answered questions.

It was a consensus of the Design Team to refer consideration of a triangular pedestrian refuge island at each new right turn lane at the intersection of NW 34th Street and NW 8th and NW 16th Avenue to the traffic safety team.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to request that FDOT contact the Alachua County School Board to determine the feasibility of relocating the Littlewood Elementary School bus turnaround in order to preserve greenspace when the southbound right turn lane is constructed. Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. SR 20/HAWTHORNE ROAD - STATUS REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that Landers-Atkins, Inc. requested an opportunity to discuss the status of the SR 20/Hawthorne Road project.

Mr. Ladd Roberts, Landers-Atkins, Inc. Landscape Architect, discussed the 60 percent design plans for Hawthorne Road and answered questions.

Mr. Ayers stated that the project needs to be completed prior to the end of the May 2000 planting season.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to accept the SR 20/Hawthorne Road concept and to request that FDOT consider implementing the project in phases. Meg Niederhofer seconded; motion passed unanimously.

It was a consensus of the Design Team to request that Landers-Atkins, Inc. review the planting plans with the City of Gainesville Arborist and present the preliminary planting schedule at the March 21 Design Team meeting.

V. US 441 @ GAINESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Dedenbach stated that FDOT requested an opportunity to discuss the design plans for access modifications on US 441 at Gainesville High School.

Mr. Ayers reviewed the design plans for access modifications on US 441 at Gainesville High School and answered questions.

The Design Team requested that FDOT determine the feasibility of constructing bike lanes in this corridor.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the next MTPO regular business meeting is scheduled for March 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium and the next Design Team meeting is scheduled for March 21 in the NCFRPC conference room.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

Mr. Ayers expressed concern that the City of Gainesville and Alachua County are not required to refer road projects to the Design Team for review.

It was a consensus of the Committee to request that the City of Gainesville and Alachua County refer road projects to the Design Team for review.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Date

Len Buffington, Chair

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