

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

NCFRPC Conference Room  
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.  
January 18, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rob Ayers  
Jeff Bailey  
Nelson Bedenbaugh  
Jesus Gomez  
Brian Kanely  
Bill Lecher  
Meg Niederhofer  
Robert Norton  
Dom Nozzi  
Teresa Scott  
Cindy Smith  
Tim Strauser

MEMBERS ABSENT

Len Buffington, Chair  
Linda Dixon  
David Mayo  
Reid Rivers

OTHERS PRESENT

Kim Gabel  
Doug Hornbeck  
Linda McGurn  
Ladd Roberts  
Carol Worsham  
Kenneth Scher  
Richard Welch

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Gerry Dedenbach  
Michael Escalante

I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and asked for introductions. He stated that Chair Len Buffington was unable to attend.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

**It was a consensus of the Design Team to approve the meeting agenda, as amended to discuss the NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic Signal Upgrades as the first agenda item.**

V. NW 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES

Mr. Dedenbach stated that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requested an opportunity to discuss the traffic signal upgrades on NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street at the NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersections.

Mr. Jeffrey Bailey, FDOT District 2 Project Manager, discussed the intersection modifications and answered questions.

**It was a consensus of the Design Team, regarding the NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street traffic signal upgrade project, that FDOT look into incorporating the following elements:**

- 1. a landscaped buffer between the street and the sidewalk;**

2. **traffic signal coordination;**
3. **traffic control devices that indicate “no right turn on red” to accommodate the elementary and middle school pedestrian traffic;**
4. **pedestrian refuge islands at the NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersections;**
5. **consideration of 11-foot travel lanes;**
6. **pedestrian crosswalks that conform to the MTPO Streetscape Policy at the NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersections;**
7. **six-foot traffic separators for both northbound and southbound approaches to the NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersections; and**
8. **emphasis of greenspace on the east side of the NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street corridor.**

### III. MTPO STREETScape DESIGN POLICY

Mr. Dedenbach discussed consolidating the various MTPO design policies into a document entitled “MTPO Streetscape Policy” and answered questions.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO design policies be consolidated into a document entitled “MTPO Streetscape Policy” and that this policy be reviewed annually. Dom Nozzi seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

### IV. MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the FDOT has been developing design plans for the reconstruction of Main Street, from Depot Avenue to University Avenue. He said that the Design Team needs to make final recommendations on the project.

Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation Services Manager, discussed the Main Street reconstruction project design and answered questions.

Mr. Rob Ayers, FDOT Regional Planning Administrator, discussed the Main Street reconstruction project design and answered questions.

Ms. Linda McGurn, McGurn Investment Company President, discussed a letter the MTPO that requests the following modifications to the proposed Main Street reconstruction project design:

1. the median in front of the Sun Center accommodate access from SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and southbound left turns on S Main Street into the Sun Center parking lot; and
2. delete the proposed curb cut closures on the west side of the 300 block of S Main Street.

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the other MTPO Advisory Committee recommendations.

**ACTION:** Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO support the provision of a westbound right-turn slip lane with a pedestrian refuge island and crosswalks at N. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Teresa Scott seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Dom Nozzi moved to recommend that the MTPO:

1. request a Main St. traffic analysis to investigate the feasibility of reducing this road from four lanes to two lanes to allow permanent on-street parking; and
2. pursue the two lane road, even before the modeling.

Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed 8-1.

**ACTION:** Meg Niederhofer move to recommend that the MTPO support the one-way westbound option with on-street parking on both sides of the street for the unit block of NW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Teresa Scott seconded; motion passed 7-2.

**ACTION:** Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO request, as part of the project, the replacement the grass strip and preservation the sub-base with soil for the planting of trees, between the street and sidewalk, with bricks matching the existing sidewalk north of University Avenue along Main Street. Meg Niederhofer seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Dom Nozzi moved to recommend that the MTPO request the provision of crosswalks at unsignalized intersections and mid-block locations throughout the corridor. Teresa Scott seconded; motion passed 5-3.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to withdraw the previous recommendation to consider reversing the one-way direction of SE 4<sup>th</sup> Place. Rob Ayers seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### VI. SR 20/HAWTHORNE ROAD- STATUS REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that FDOT requested an opportunity to discuss the status of the SR 20/Hawthorne road project.

Mr. Ayers stated that the FDOT consultant for the Hawthorne Road Landscaping Project was present to discuss the 30 percent design plans for Hawthorne Road, from Lakeshore Drive to County Road 325.

Ms. Carol Worsham, Landers-Atkins, Inc. Vice President, and Mr. Ladd Roberts, Landers-Atkins, Inc. Landscape Architect, discussed the 30 percent design plans for Hawthorne Road and answered questions. Ms. Worsham stated that 60 percent design plans for Hawthorne Road would be presented to the Design Team at its next meeting.

#### VIII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the next MTPO regular business meeting is scheduled for January 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium.

#### IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items discussed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

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Len Buffington, Chair