

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 16, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Linda Dixon, Chair Joye Brown, Vice Chair E. J. Bolduc James Bennett Jesus Gomez Brian Kanely Bill Lecher Robert Norton Dom Nozzi Reid Rivers Cindy Smith Tim Strauser Fred Wright	Meg Niederhofer Chris Roeder	Commissioner Byerly Pat Haygood Jim Knight Mehul Parekh Gene Quinn	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 1:05 p.m. and asked for introductions.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, recommended the following changes to the agenda:

1. move agenda items III., Hull Road Corridor and IV., SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue (W of 34<sup>th</sup> Street) after agenda item V., Main Street Reconstruction because Mr. Bill Lecher, Alachua County Public Works Department (ACPWD) Assistant Director, will not be present until later in the meeting to discuss these items;
2. defer agenda item VI., Hawthorne Road-CR 325 to US 301, to the next Design Team meeting, because the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is not ready to present plans for this corridor; and
3. add a new agenda item VII., State Road (SR) 26/26A Corridor Status Report.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda with the following changes:**

- 1. move agenda items III, Hull Road Corridor and IV., SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue (W of 34<sup>th</sup> Street) after agenda item V. Main Street Reconstruction;**
- 2. delete agenda item VI, Hawthorne Road- CR 325 to US 301; and**
- 3. add agenda item VII., SR 26/26A Corridor Status Report.**

**Joye Brown seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## II. MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its November meeting, the Design Team decided to continue discussion on the Main Street project at its next meeting regarding the following unresolved issues: bus bays, driveway access and onstreet parking, post-type traffic signals, signal removal at N 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and S 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue intersections, stormdrain locations, three-laning Main Street from N 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to N 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and turning movements at N 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Depot Avenue intersections.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT District 2 Project Design Engineer, discussed the Main Street reconstruction project and answered questions.

Chair Dixon stated that the City of Gainesville is pursuing possibilities for driveway sharing along this corridor in order to provide for more on-street parking.

Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed mastarm versus post-mounted signalization options for the Main Street corridor.

Mr. Bennett stated that FDOT will request that the MTPO approve the Main Street design plans at their February meeting. He added that FDOT will develop a construction schedule once the MTPO approves the design plans.

**ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to approve the Main Street design plans as presented by FDOT with the understanding that:**

- 1 FDOT and the City of Gainesville will further research signalization alternatives, such as mastarms and post-mounted signals, throughout the Main Street reconstruction project corridor; and**
- 2. the landscape details are to be determined once design details are finalized.**

**Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed eleven to one.**

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners consider reconstructing Main Street, from N. 8th Avenue to N. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, with two travel lanes and a center turn lane. Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Dedenbach stated that Mr. Lecher was not yet present to discuss the Hull Road and SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue agenda items. He suggested that the Design Team discuss agenda item VI., SR 24 Resurfacing.

**It was a consensus of the Design Team to discuss agenda item VI., SR 24 Resurfacing.**

#### VII. SR 24 RESURFACING

Ms. Joye Brown, FDOT District 2 Assistant Planning Manager, discussed the SR 24 resurfacing project and answered questions.

Cindy Smith requested that the Design Team discuss when traffic separators are of such size that they will require brick hued and imprinted concrete.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT include brick imprinted hued crosswalks as part of the SR 24 resurfacing project. Tim Strauser seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### VII. SR 26/26A CORRIDOR

Mr. E.J. Bolduc, City Beautification Board, declared a voting conflict of interest concerning this agenda item.

Ms. Brown provided a status report and timelines for resurfacing SR 26 from NW 38<sup>th</sup> Street to NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, and SR 26A from NW 38<sup>th</sup> Street to North-South Drive. She said that, because this is a resurfacing project, FDOT will not have sufficient funds for landscape, streetscape and lighting improvements.

The Design Team discussed the allocation of the Campus Development Agreement funds.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO maintain the commitment of University of Florida Master Plan - Campus Development Agreement funds to the SR 26 corridor until this corridor is constructed as approved by the MTPO in their Year 2020 Long-Range Transportation Plan. Tim Strauser seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**E.J. Bolduc declared a voting conflict of interest and abstained.**

### III. HULL ROAD CORRIDOR

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its December meeting, the MTPO referred the typical cross-section for the Hull Road extension back to the Design Team. He said that the University of Florida requested further discussion of the Hull Road extension right-of-way so that the MTPO could coordinate the typical cross-section for the Hull Road extension with the University's siting of the Orthopaedic Center.

Mr. Gene Quinn, Quinn & Associates President, FDOT's consultant for the Hull Road extension project, discussed the proposed roadway extension and answered questions. He said that the proposed Orthopaedic Center encroaches into the proposed right-of-way for the Hull Road extension. He noted that there would be very little space remaining for a bicycle/pedestrian trail.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, suggested that MTPO staff schedule a meeting with University of Florida staff, MTPO staff and Mr. Quinn to discuss potential problems with the proposed Orthopaedic Center and Hull Road extension.

**It was a consensus of the Design Team to request that staff schedule a meeting with Mr. Quinn and appropriate University of Florida personnel and MTPO staff to discuss potential conflicts with the proposed Orthopaedic Center and Hull Road extension.**

Mr. Bill Lecher, ACPWD Assistant Director, stated that a developer has presented plans to the County to build an apartment complex on a portion of the proposed right-of-way for this project.

### IV. SW 24<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE (WEST OF SW 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET)

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its December meeting, the MTPO approved the typical cross-section for SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue, except for the 660-foot section west of SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street. He said that the MTPO referred this section back to the design team to look at additional alternatives for accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians. He noted that Alachua County Public Works, City of Gainesville (including Regional Transit System) and MTPO staffs have conducted a field study to consider additional alternatives for bicyclists and pedestrians. He added that staff recommends that the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners pursue acquiring additional right-of-way along SW 38<sup>th</sup> Terrace for these facilities.

A member of the Design Team suggested that Alachua County and Butler Enterprises identify and locate appropriate southbound bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO:**

- 1. adopt the SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue cross-section as presented by the ACPWD; and**
- 2. request that the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners pursue the acquisition of additional right-of-way north and south of SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue and along SW 38<sup>th</sup> Terrace in order to improve accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians.**

**Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Dedenbach suggested that the Design Team meet on a bi-monthly basis in order for staff and other agencies to prepare more thorough information for the meetings.

**It was a consensus of the Design Team to retain its regular third Tuesday monthly schedule. However, meetings should not be held unless materials are available and ready for Design Team review.**

#### VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.