

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

NCFRPC Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
June 15, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Dixon, Chair
Ron Barlow
E. J. Bolduc
Dave Cerlanek
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Kristen Nowicki
Dom Nozzi
Julia Reiskind
Reid Rivers

MEMBERS ABSENT

Meg Niederhofer Vice Chair
Jennifer Auger
Jesus Gomez
Brian Kanely
Melissa Norman
Gwendolyn Pra
Cindy Smith

OTHERS PRESENT

Luis Diaz
Donnie Ellington
Mike Hemmen
Ron Hoogland
Sam Middleton
Michael Wallwork
Robert Wadpole

STAFF PRESENT

Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante
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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Dixon, University of Florida Planning Office Manager, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Dixon introduced herself and asked those present to introduce themselves.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Dixon requested action on the meeting agenda.

ACTION: Julia Reiskind moved to approve the meeting agenda. E.J. Bolduc seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. TOWER ROAD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that there are 30 percent design plans for the Tower Road Enhancement Project. He said that Mr. Donnie Ellington, Causseaux & Ellington Vice President, was present to discuss the project.

Mr. Ellington, Mr. Michael Wallwork, Alternative Street Design President, and Mr. Mike Hemmen, TEI Engineers and Planners Project Manager, discussed the Tower Road Enhancement Project 30 percent design plans and answered questions.

Mr. Sam Middleton, Alachua County Public Works Department Civil Engineer I, stated that 60 percent design plans incorporating Design Team member comments would be brought back to the Design Team.

IV. STATE ROAD (SR) 26 (NEWBERRY ROAD) RESURFACING

Mr. Hill stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is requesting comments and approval of the design concepts for the Newberry Road resurfacing project from NW 109th Drive to NW 80th Boulevard.

Mr. Reid Rivers, Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) Energy Delivery Manager, noted that there was only streetlighting on one side of the roadway.

Mr. Hill and Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT District 2 Transportation Specialist, discussed the design concepts and answered questions.

Chair Dixon requested that FDOT consult with the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team regarding the midblock crossing north of NE 8th Avenue.

ACTION: Dom Nozzi moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the Florida Department of Transportation resurfacing design concepts for State Road 26 (Newberry Road) from NW 109th Drive to NW 80th Boulevard, incorporating the following elements:**
 - A. install the MTPO-approved stamped/colored crosswalks at the signalized intersections;**
 - B. improve any sidewalk sections that are not in compliance with FDOT and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards;**
 - C. examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc.) for potential operational improvements; and**
- 2. request that FDOT incorporate a 13-foot wide outside curblane and an 11-foot wide inside lane.**

Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed 8 to 1.

V. STATE ROAD (SR) 24 (WALDO ROAD) RESURFACING PROJECT

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT is requesting comments and approval of the design concepts for the Waldo Road resurfacing project from East University Avenue to NE 55th Place.

Mr. Hill and Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed the Waldo Road resurfacing design concepts and answered questions.

ACTION: Reid Rivers moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the Florida Department of Transportation resurfacing design concepts for State Road 24 (Waldo Road) from State Road 26 (East University Avenue to NE 55th Place, incorporating the following elements:**
 - A. install the MTPO-approved stamped/colored crosswalks at the signalized intersections;**
 - B. improve any sidewalk sections that are not in compliance with FDOT and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards;**
 - C. examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc.) for potential operational improvements;**
 - D. extend the southbound double left turnlane at State Road 26; and**
- 2. request that FDOT incorporate raised medians, where feasible, between East University Avenue and NE 8th Avenue.**

Ron Barlow seconded; motion passed 8 to 1.

Mr. Rivers noted that GRU was in the process of removing the powerlines along Waldo Road.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chair Dixon announced that the next Design Team meeting is scheduled for July 20. She requested that MTPO staff agenda Design Team Chair and Vice Chair elections and review of the State Road 26A Landscaping Plans

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.