

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

NCFRPC Conference Room  
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.  
November 21, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Dixon, Chair  
Joye Brown, Vice Chair  
James Bennett  
Jesus Gomez  
Brian Kanely  
Meg Niederhofer  
Melissa Norman  
Dom Nozzi  
Mehul Parekh  
Cindy Smith  
Fred Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

E. J. Bolduc  
Reid Rivers  
Chris Roeder  
Tim Strauser  
Tim Vaughn

OTHERS PRESENT

Pat Haygood  
Commissioner Nielsen

STAFF PRESENT

Gerry Dedenbach  
Michael Escalante

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

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to include discussion on the US 441 Resurfacing Project as Item VI. Meg Niederhofer seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

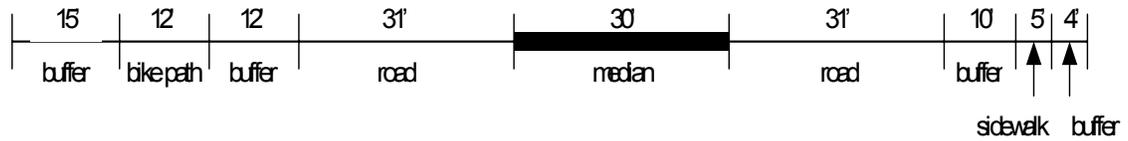
III. HULL ROAD EXTENSION MEDIAN WIDTH

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, reviewed the MTPO and Design Team recommendations concerning this agenda item. He said that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested that the MTPO specify the width of the Hull Road extension median. He noted that FDOT has suggested that the median be a minimum of 22 feet wide. He added that the Design Team needs to recommend a median width to the MTPO.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT Project Manager, discussed the draft typical corridor cross-section and answered questions.

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

**Road extension typical cross-section be 150 feet wide, including a median that is 30 feet wide. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed unanimously.**



#### IV. MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mr. Dedenbach reviewed the MTPO's two-lane facility recommendations. He said that FDOT staff has prepared design plans consistent with the MTPO's recommendation. He said that the Design Team needs to develop MTPO recommendations concerning this agenda item.

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

Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation System Manager, discussed the status of the Alachua County Courthouse expansion. He said that the City would coordinate with FDOT regarding the courthouse project and the City would conduct a turning movement study on the Main Street and Depot Avenue intersection in order to provide FDOT a recommendation on the eastbound right-turn design for a possible roundabout.

**It was a consensus of the Design Team to continue discussion on the Main Street project at its next meeting regarding the following unresolved issues so that the appropriate agencies could collect the information and report back to the Design Team:**

- 1. bus bays;**
- 2. driveway access and onstreet parking;**
- 3. post-type traffic signal safety;**
- 4. signal removal at N 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and S 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue intersections;**
- 5. stormdrain locations;**
- 6. three-laning Main Street from N 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to N 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and**
- 7. turning movements at N 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Depot Avenue intersections.**

## V. HAWTHORNE ROAD- CR 325 TO US 301

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its April 8, 1999 meeting, the MTPO discussed FDOT's proposed State Road (SR) 20 (Hawthorne Road) construction project and approved a motion to have the existing MTPO Design Team plus a representative from the City of Hawthorne review FDOT's SR 20 road construction project plans. He said that FDOT staff has prepared design plans for the SR 20 construction project from County Road 325 east to US 301. He said that the Design Team needs to develop MTPO recommendations concerning this agenda item.

Mr. Bennett discussed the Hawthorne Road project and answered questions.

**It was a consensus of the Design Team members present to recommend that the Alachua County Commission request that FDOT:**

- 1. ask its Environmental Management Office (EMO) to contact appropriate agencies, such as Mr. Jim Weimer of Paynes Prairie State Park, Mr. Steve Humphries of the University of Florida and appropriate Water Management District and Alachua County Department of Environmental Protection staff persons to investigate the feasibility of a dryland underpass for wildlife;**
- 2. landscape along the perimeter of the Hawthorne High School football field parking lot with canopy trees; and**
- 3. plant trees, as well as other plant material, for a vegetative buffer for the residences along Hawthorne Road in Grove Park.**

## VI. US 441 RESURFACING PROJECT

Ms. Cindy Smith, CAC member, discussed the traffic separators that were constructed along with the traffic signal installation. She noted that the separators were not built in conformance with MTPO Design Policy.

## VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

There was no discussion of upcoming meetings.

## VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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