

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

NCFRPC Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
September 19, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Dixon, Chair
Joye Brown, Vice Chair
Jesus Gomez
Bill Lecher
Meg Niederhofer
Robert Norton
Tim Strauser
Tim Vaughn

MEMBERS ABSENT

E. J. Bolduc
Brian Kanely
Dom Nozzi
Chris Roeder
Cindy Smith

OTHERS PRESENT

Phil Mann
Commissioner Nielsen
Mehul Parekh
Chuck Pidgeon
Ghulam Qadir

STAFF PRESENT

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

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to approve the meeting agenda. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. BICYCLE/PED ISSUES AT INTERSECTIONS

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, stated that, at its July 13, 2000 meeting, the MTPO discussed bicycle and pedestrian safety at intersections. He said that, during this discussion, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) offered to make a presentation concerning this issue to the MTPO and its Advisory Committees. He noted that Mr. Phil Mann, City of Gainesville Public Works Department (GPWD) Traffic Engineer II, will present information developed jointly with FDOT.

Mr. Mann presented information concerning bicycle and pedestrian crossing signals and answered questions.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, requested that Mr. Mann present this information to the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board at their next meeting. He suggested that the Center for Independent Living also be invited to attend that meeting.

Several members of the Design Team raised concerns that there was not sufficient time allotted for elderly individuals, or those with disabilities, to cross a roadway.

The Design Team discussed pedestrian signal options including the feasibility of installing "countdown" pedestrian signals to notify the public exactly how much time they have remaining to safely cross a roadway.

IV. SW 24th AVENUE CROSS SECTION

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at the August 30, 2000 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, representatives from the Alachua County Public Works Department (ACPWD) presented, for review and comments, proposed roadway cross sections developed for the SW 24th Avenue/SW 62nd Boulevard project.

Mr. Bill Lecher, ACPWD Assistant Director, discussed the typical sections for the SW 24th Avenue/SW 62nd Boulevard project and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson questioned whether the section of SW 24th Avenue, which is located in the City of Gainesville, would be constructed in the same manner as the section in Alachua County.

Ms. Dixon stated that, for SW 62nd Boulevard, the City of Gainesville will not require a developer to build a curb and gutter cross section. She said that, if this cross section is deemed preferable, then the County will need to contribute funds.

The Design Team discussed the typical sections presented by the ACPWD.

Ms. Meg Niederhofer, City of Gainesville Arborist, stated that the City and County portions of this roadway should meet the requirements of the MTPO Urban Design and Streetscape Policy which is to be adopted in the near future.

Mr. Dedenbach reviewed the CAC and Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (B/PAB) recommendations concerning this agenda item.

V. ARCHER ROAD/SW 23RD AVENUE TREES

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its July 13, 2000 meeting, the MTPO approved a motion to refer to the Advisory Committees, for their review and comment, the discussion of opportunities for tree plantings along Archer Road and SW 23rd Terrace. He said that MTPO staff recommends that the Design Team approve the City of Gainesville Arborists's recommendations which are included in the meeting materials.

ACTION: Meg Neiderhofer moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. plant 210 trees on SW 23rd Terrace as part of the 2000-2002 “Treemendous Gainesville” program;**
- 2. request that Alachua County work together with the City of Gainesville in planting and maintaining trees along the Old Archer Road corridor; and**
- 3. encourage the City Commission to authorize City staff to work outside the city limits on this project.**

Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. RETENTION / DETENTION BASINS

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the MTPO’s referral of the retention/detention policy development to the Design Team. He gave a status report on the draft policy. He noted that, since the mailout, FDOT, ACPWD and City of Gainesville staff have all noted additional modifications to this policy that need to be included in the final draft.

Ms. Joye Brown, FDOT Assistant District Planning Manager, suggested that MTPO staff schedule another Design Team Working Group meeting to finalize the policy.

Mr. Robert Norton, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (ACEPD) Senior Environmental Planner, stated that the ACEPD also has some additional modifications to this policy.

It was a consensus of the Design Team to hold a Working Group meeting on Friday, October 6 at 9:30 a.m. at the ACPWD offices in Hague.

VII. URBAN DESIGN/STREETSCAPE POLICY (UDSP)

Mr. Dedenbach recommended that the Design Team approve the current UDSP using the current retention/detention basin policy language as a placeholder for the final language to be developed on October 6.

The Design Team reviewed and discussed the UDSP.

ACTION: Meg Neiderhofer moved to

- 1. request that the MTPO Landscape Subcommittee pass on to the MTPO the draft policies under Section 4.0 of the September 2000 draft Urban Design and Streetscape Policy with the following changes:**
 - A. delete Sections 4.4.4, 4.4.5 and 4.5; and**
 - B. in Section 4.1.3, after “a tree survey “, add “or report from a certified arborist showing regulated trees”; and**
- 2. note that it is to be clearly understood that these policies are adopted only temporarily while the design team formulates final permanent policies.**

Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

There was no discussion of upcoming meetings.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.