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

NCFRPC Conference Room      Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
Gainesville, Florida         April 15, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT
Linda Dixon, Chair
Meg Niederhofer Vice Chair
Kathy Fanning
Jesus Gomez
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Brian Kanely
Bill Lecher
Kristen Nowicki
Dom Nozzi
Julia Reiskind
Reid Rivers
Cindy Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT
E. J. Bolduc
Jodi Hopkins
Gwendolyn Pra

OTHERS PRESENT
Star Ayers
Arnall Downs
Robert Flint
Joe May
William McQuaig

STAFF PRESENT
Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Dixon, University of Florida Facilities Planning and Construction Planning Office Manager, called the meeting to order at 1:08.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, introduced Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner.

Chair Dixon requested that the Design Team approve the meeting agenda.

ACTION: Dom Nozzi moved to approve the meeting agenda IV. Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; motion passed unanimously.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Dixon introduced herself and asked those present to introduce themselves.
III. STATE ROAD (SR) 222 (NE 39TH AVENUE) RESURFACING PROJECT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff has submitted SR 222 resurfacing design plans. He discussed some photos of the project area.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT District 2 Transportation Planner, discussed the SR 222 resurfacing design plans and answered questions.

**ACTION:** Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the SR 222 resurfacing design plans. Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. US 441 (SW 13TH STREET) RESURFACING PROJECT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff has submitted US 441 resurfacing design plans.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed the US 441 resurfacing design plans and answered questions.

**ACTION:** Meg Niederhofer moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the US 441 resurfacing design plans with the following conditions:

1. have a decorative hard surface treatment replace the grass strip located between the roadway curb and the sidewalk;

2. where possible, intersperse the pedestrian pavement design with trees or tree wells; and

3. have sidewalks placed at the extremity of the right-of-way.

Dom Nozzi seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. W 13TH STREET SIGNAGE AND MAST ARM PROJECT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the City of Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) requested discussion of the W 13th Street signage and mast arm project. He discussed the CRA concerns.

Ms. Howard discussed the W 13th Street signage and mast arm project and answered questions.

Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation System Manager, discussed the signage coloring scheme and answered questions.

Ms. Arnall Downs, Citizen Liaison for the University Heights Advisory Board, discussed the Board’s concerns with the street signage. She noted the Board’s preference to retain the green-
and-white aluminum signage. She noted the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. designations are not included in the signage.

**ACTION:** Dom Nozzi moved to recommend that the MTPO amend its Urban Design Policy Manual to incorporate a street sign review checklist that design team members will consider during plan review and discussions. This checklist will be applied on a project by project basis where intersection design is a consideration and include the following topics:

1. double-sided signs;
2. signage color scheme;
3. signage illumination;
4. correct facility name and commemorative identification;
5. sign position on main mast arm or as separate mast arm;
6. continuity of signage design with surrounding area; and
7. adaptation of street signs to accommodate unusual intersection geometry.

Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**VI. STATE ROAD (SR) 26 (NEWBERRY ROAD) SKID HAZARD OVERLAY**

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT is requesting to test a new skid hazard overlay on SR 26.

Mr. Robert Flint, FDOT Resident Support Engineer, Mr. William McQuaig, FDOT Project Manager, and Mr. Joe May, M&W Construction of North Central Florida, Inc. President, discussed the proposed test skid hazard overlay and answered questions.

**ACTION:** Reid Rivers moved to test a new skid hazard overlay treatment on SR 26. Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the overlay be the herring bone pattern with running bond border, both in the MTPO-approved red brick hue. Kristen Nowicki seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Flint, Mr. McQuaig and Mr. May discussed using another test product on another resurfacing project.
A member of the Design Team asked about the transfer of property from the City to FDOT for the State Roads 26/26A project.

Ms. Howard said she would research the transfer of property.

A member of the Design Team asked about the status of the context sensitive corridors.

MTPO staff stated that a status report would be provided at the next design team meeting.

VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chair Dixon announced that the next MTPO meeting is June 19 and the next Design Team meeting is scheduled for May 20.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.