

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

NCFRPC Conference Room  
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.  
April 18, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dom Nozzi, Vice Chair  
Tom Collett  
Linda Dixon  
Beth Jordan  
Doreen Joyner-Howard  
Bill Lecher  
Kristen Nowicki  
Julia Reiskind  
Doug Robinson  
Emery Swearingen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Meg Niederhofer, Chair  
Jennifer Auger  
Dave Cerlanek  
Kathy Fanning  
Gwendolyn Pra  
Reid Rivers

OTHERS PRESENT

Mathew Bay  
Tony Falatico  
Tony Fligert  
Rocky Lee  
Brent McMurtrie  
Karen Taulbee  
Myrna Widmer

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Brian Waterman  
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Dom Nozzi, City of Gainesville Senior Planner, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Nozzi introduced himself and asked those present to introduce themselves.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice Chair Nozzi requested action on the meeting agenda.

**ACTION: Julia Reiskind moved to approve the meeting agenda. Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLANDS ALONG EAST UNIVERSITY AVENUE

Mr. Brian Waterman, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff was present to discuss the pedestrian refuge islands along East University Avenue. He said that the Design Team, at its January meeting recommended that the MTPO:

1. approve Option 6- East University Avenue Pedestrian Refuge Islands; and

2. recommend that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) develop recommendations for raised medians along East University Avenue from NE Boulevard to E 9<sup>th</sup> Street that maximizes the length of the medians and accommodates business access.

He added that since that meeting, FDOT has developed two options for the Design Team to consider.

Mr. Brent McMurtrie, FDOT Project Manager, and Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Specialist, discussed the pedestrian refuge islands along East University Avenue alternatives and answered questions.

**ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to recommend that the MTPO:**

1. approve Option 6A;
2. request that the Design Team review the E University Avenue Resurfacing Project Scope; and
3. request that FDOT discuss right-in/right-out turns into Kirby Smith from E. University Avenue.

**Kristen Nowicki seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.**

#### IV. STATE ROAD (SR) 329 (MAIN STREET) MEDIAN CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Mr. Waterman stated that FDOT has submitted SR 329 60 percent design plans for the installation of medians on S Main Street between S 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Depot Avenue. He noted that construction a pedestrian island at the Main Street and S. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection would result in the elimination of the existing southbound right turnlane on Main Street.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed the State Road 329 Median Construction 60 percent design plans and answered questions. She noted that this facility would be turned over to the City and County.

**ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Florida Department of Transportation's State Road 329 60 percent design plans, with the following recommendations:**

1. request that the City plant 10 shade trees in the medians, provided the issue of maintenance is addressed; and
2. request that FDOT construct a pedestrian island, separating northbound and southbound traffic, at the intersection of Main Street (SR 329) and S. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue (SR 226) (Policy 5.1), which would result in the removal of the southbound right turnlane with concurrence with the City and County.

**Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.**

## V. STATE ROAD (SR) 26 RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING PLANS

Mr. Waterman stated that FDOT has submitted 90 percent design plans for the reconstruction and resurfacing of State Road 26 between SR 222 and County Road 234.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed the State Road 329 reconstruction and resurfacing 90 percent design plans and answered questions.

**ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the State Road 329 reconstruction and resurfacing 90 percent design plans amended to also construct a raised median separating the right turn movement from the through movement. Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## VI. URBAN VILLAGE: SW 20<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE TRANSPORTATION DESIGN PROPOSAL

Mr. Waterman stated that the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Transportation Design Proposal has been submitted for review and recommendation to the MTPO. He reviewed the updated staff recommendation.

Mr. Martin Gold, University of Florida Assistant Professor, discussed the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Transportation Design Proposal and answered questions. He agreed to address County Staff's concern regarding annexation recommendations for the draft document submitted to the MTPO.

**ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO:**

- 1. accept this final Design Study; and**
- 2. request that Alachua County and the City of Gainesville utilize this document for corridor studies and joint land use plans.**

**Tom Collett seconded.**

**ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to table this action until the next Design Team meeting. Doug Robinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## VII. CONTEXT SENSITIVE DESIGN

Vice Chair Nozzi stated that the Design Team would discuss this agenda item at its next meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION: Emory Swearingen moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.