

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 19, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Meg Niederhofer, Chair
Dom Nozzi, Vice Chair
Tom Collett
Linda Dixon
Ron Barlow
E. J. Bolduc
Jesus Gomez
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Bill Lecher
Kristen Nowicki
Julia Reiskind
Reid Rivers
John Sabatella
Myrna Widmer

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Auger
Melissa Norman
Gwendolyn Pra

OTHERS PRESENT

James Bennett
Gina Hawkins

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Meg Niederhofer, City of Gainesville Arborist, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

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

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Niederhofer requested action on the meeting agenda.

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

III. UNDERSTANDING DESIGN PLANS 101

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that City of Gainesville Public Works staff would discuss how to read design plans.

Mr. Ron Barlow, City of Gainesville Traffic Engineer, discussed design plan reading and answered questions

Mr. Sanderson introduced Mr. Tom Collett as the new Citizens Advisory Committee representative.

IV. NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL: STATE ROAD (SR) 26 AND NW 48TH BOULEVARD

Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that FDOT submitted a traffic warrant analysis and design plans for installing a traffic signal at the Newberry Road and NW 48th Boulevard intersection.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT District 2 Transportation Specialist, discussed the traffic warrant analysis and traffic signal design plans and answered questions. She said that she would research the District's policy on pedestrian countdown signals.

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to recommend that the MTPO approve:

- 1. the Florida Department of Transportation Traffic Signal Update Project for the Newberry Road and NW 48th Boulevard intersection; and**
- 2. request that the Florida Department of Transportation**
 - A. conduct a speed study after the traffic signal is installed;**
 - B. install pedestrian countdown signals; and**
 - C. install stamped pedestrian crosswalks that could be hued once an acceptable material is identified.**

E.J. Bolduc seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. RESURFACING PROJECT- STATE ROAD 24 (WALDO ROAD) FROM EAST UNIVERSITY AVENUE NORTH TO NE 55TH PLACE

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT submitted 60 percent design plan for the SR 24 Resurfacing Project for review and recommendation. He discussed the plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Florida Department of Transportation 60 percent resurfacing design plans for State Road 24 (Waldo Road) from East University Avenue North to NE 55th Place with the caveat that there be stamped crosswalks that could be hued once an acceptable material is identified. Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. RESURFACING PROJECT- NW 39TH AVENUE (I-75 EAST TO NW 43RD STREET

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT submitted 60 percent design plan for the SR 222 Resurfacing Project for review and recommendation. He discussed the plans and answered questions.

Ms. Myrna Widmer, FDOT Project Manager, discussed the resurfacing project and answered questions. She noted that there would be five median closings

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Florida Department of Transportation 60 percent resurfacing design plans for NW 39th Avenue from Interstate-75 east to NW 43rd Street. Dom Nozzi seconded; motion failed 4 to 6.

ACTION: Julia Reiskind moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Florida Department of Transportation 60 percent resurfacing design plans for NW 39th Avenue from Interstate-75 east to NW 43rd Street modified to show the closings of median opening stations 6, 8, 15, 20 and 26 and to leave open median opening station 7. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed 6 to 3.

VII. RESURFACING PROJECT- STATE ROAD 121

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT is seeking input on the proposed design concepts for the scoping phase of the State Road 121 from NW 5th Avenue to US 441 resurfacing project.

ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Florida Department of Transportation incorporate the following design concepts for the State Road 121 from NW 5th Avenue to US 441 Resurfacing Project:

- 1. incorporate the MTPO approved stamped/hued crosswalks at signalized intersections, with the caveat that there be stamped crosswalks that could be hued once an acceptable material is identified;**
- 2. improve any sidewalk sections that are not in compliance with FDOT and Federal ADA standards; and**
- 3. examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc...) for potential safety and operational improvements;**
- 4. upgrade and add guardrails as required; and**
- 5. repair or replace damaged cross drains.**

Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Julia Reiskind moved to recommend that the MTPO include in its long range transportation planning process for NW 34th Street, from NW 8th Avenue to US 441, capacity enhancements without adding additional throughlanes. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. RESURFACING PROJECT- STATE ROAD 20

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT is seeking preliminary design concept recommendations for the State Road 20 from Main Street to US 441 resurfacing project.

ACTION: Dom Nozzi moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Florida Department of Transportation, as part of the State Road 20 resurfacing Project, restripe the facility as a two-lane divided with bikelanes and raised medians and consider reconstruction of the State Road 20 and US 441 intersection. Julia Reiskind seconded; motion failed 2 to 7.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Florida Department of Transportation incorporate the following design concepts for the State Road 20 from Main Street to US 441 Resurfacing Project:

- 1. incorporate the MTPO approved stamped/hued crosswalks at signalized intersections, with the caveat that there be stamped crosswalks that could be hued once an acceptable material is identified;**
- 2. improve any sidewalk sections that are not in compliance with FDOT and Federal ADA standards;**
- 3. examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc...) for potential safety and operational improvements; and**
- 4. consider reconstruction of the State Road 20 and US 441 intersection.**

Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed 7 to 2.

IX. CONSTRUCTION PROJECT- STATE ROAD 329 (MAIN STREET)

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT is seeking preliminary design concept recommendations for the Main Street Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) from S. 16th Avenue to Depot Avenue access management project. He noted that the raised medians may impact the existing onstreet parking.

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Florida Department of Transportation incorporate the following design concepts for the Main Street from S. 16th to Depot Avenue Strategic Intermodal System Project:

1. add raised medians; and
2. that onstreet parking be kept, if possible.

Tom Collett seconded; motion passed 8 to 1.

X. SIGNAL UPDATES- STATE ROAD 226 (SW 16TH AVENUE)

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT is seeking preliminary design concept recommendations for the SW 16th Avenue at SW 6th Street and at S. Main Street Traffic Signal Update Project. He noted that the FDOT proposal does not include the MTPO policy-recommended mast arms.

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Florida Department of Transportation incorporate the following design concepts for the SW 16th Avenue at SW 6th Street and at S. Main Street Traffic Signal Update Project:

1. update existing controller cabinet;
2. add traffic signal preemption system device;
3. update existing signal heads and pedestrian heads with light-emitting diode (LED) equipment; and
4. include pedestrian countdown signals.

Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Niederhofer requested a motion for adjournment.

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.