

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

NCFRPC Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
August 19, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Dixon, Chair
Meg Niederhofer Vice Chair
Jesus Gomez
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Kristen Nowicki
Dom Nozzi
Julia Reiskind
Reid Rivers
Chris Zeigler

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Auger
E. J. Bolduc
Kathy Fanning
Brian Kanely
Gwendolyn Pra
Cindy Smith

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Schwartz
Emery Swearingen
Karen Taulbee

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 1:12 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

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

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

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

III. NEWBERRY ROAD TURN LANES

Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, noted that, at the June 19 MTPO meeting, representatives of the Council of University Neighborhood Associations (CUNA) expressed their concerns regarding the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) plans to modify the three median openings on Newberry Road between NW 43rd Street and NW 39th Road. He said that, in response to CUNA's concerns, the MTPO requested that FDOT meet with the local citizen groups to discuss the issues and try to reach an agreement on planned median opening modifications. He reported that FDOT met with CUNA representatives and other local citizens and reached an agreement on

the Newberry Road median opening modifications. He noted that FDOT will continue with plans to add a left-turn lane to the two medians immediately west of NW 39th Road, but will close the median opening just east of NW 43rd Street.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that the MTPO, at its August meeting, approved a motion to:

approve the Florida Department of Transportation's recommendations discussed in its June 30 memorandum.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT District 2 Transportation Planner, discussed the 60 percent design plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the 60 percent design plans for the Newberry Road Turnlanes Project (FPN #20769901). Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed 8 to 1.

IV. DEPOT AVENUE CORRIDOR

Mr. Hill stated that the City of Gainesville requested an opportunity to present preliminary design sketches for the Depot Avenue corridor reconstruction.

Mr. Emery Swearingen, City of Gainesville Engineer, state that the City has developed preliminary plans for the Depot Avenue corridor.

Mr. Fred Schwartz, Kimley-Horn Traffic Engineer, and Mr. Swearingen discussed the design plans and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Plan East Gainesville transportation plan recommendations and answered questions.

ACTION: Reid Rivers moved to recommend that the MTPO recommend to the City of Gainesville that for SW 9th Road from SW 13th Street to SW 11th Street, use Cross-section #1- a two-lane undivided facility including:

- 1. instreet parking on the south side;**
- 2. sidewalks and landscaping on both sides; but**
- 3. without instreet bikelanes.**

Dom Nozzi seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Dom Nozzi moved to recommend that the MTPO recommend to the City of Gainesville that Roundabout Alternative B be used for Depot Avenue/SW 9th Road/SW 11th Street intersection. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Dom Nozzi moved to recommend that the MTPO recommend to the City of Gainesville that for Depot Avenue from SW 11th Street to Main Street use Cross-section #5- a three-lane divided facility including:

1. a 12-foot shared-use trail on the south side;
2. landscaped buffer between shared-use path and street on the south side;
3. instreet bikelanes on both sides;
4. raised landscaped median;
5. sidewalk adjacent to the street on the north side;
6. landscaped buffer in the remaining right-of-way on the north side;

with the following additional recommendations:

7. crossings lowered to road grade level; and
8. maximizing the landscaping space between the street and the trail.

Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Reid Rivers moved to recommend that the MTPO recommend to the City of Gainesville that for Depot Avenue from Main Street to SW 4th Street use Cross-section #5- a three-lane divided facility including:

1. a 12-foot shared-use trail on the south side;
2. landscaped buffer between shared-use path and street on the south side;
3. instreet bikelanes on both sides;
4. raised landscaped median;
5. sidewalk adjacent to the street on the north side; and
6. landscaped buffer in the remaining right-of-way on the north side,

such that it is integrated with the Depot Avenue Stormwater Park design. Dom Nozzi seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Meg Niederhofer moved to recommend that the MTPO recommend to the City of Gainesville that a roundabout be used for the Depot Avenue/SE 4th Street/SE 7th Street intersection. Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Dom Nozzi moved to recommend that the MTPO recommend to the City of Gainesville that for SE 7th Avenue from SE 7th Street to Williston Road use Cross-section #7- a two-lane undivided facility including:

1. 11-foot travel lanes; and
2. 7-foot sidewalks and landscaped buffers on both sides.

Reid Rivers seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. MAIN STREET SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Dixon stated that outstanding landscaping concerns were referred to a Design Team subcommittee. She noted that these concerns have been addressed.

Ms. Meg Niederhofer, City of Gainesville Arborist, discussed the Main Street Reconstruction Project landscaping and answered questions.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chair Dixon announced that the next MTPO meeting is October 30 and the next Design Team meeting is scheduled for September 16.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.