

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 21, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
E. J. Bolduc Jesus Gomez Marty Humphries Bill Lecher Melissa Norman Dom Nozzi Reid Rivers Cindy Smith Tim Strauser Suraya Teeple Fred Wright	Brian Kanely Meg Niederhofer Gwendolyn Pra Chris Roeder Mehul Parekh	Bob Alderman Orlando Cordero Linda Dixon Doreen Joyner-Howard Kim Holland Steve Kinkaid Monique Markey Joe Montalto Yongman Roberts Karen Taulbee	Marlie Sanderson Gerry Dedenbach Marcy Wilson

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. He said that Chair Linda Dixon was not present to Chair the meeting. He suggested that the Design Team nominate an acting Chairperson

It was a consensus of the Design Team to nominate Mr. Dedenbach as Acting Chairperson.

Mr. Dedenbach noted that Item V., Main Street at Depot Avenue Roundabout, would be delayed until Mr. James Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation Project Engineer, arrived at the meeting.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Dedenbach introduced himself and asked those present to introduce themselves.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda. Reid Rivers seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. STATE ROAD (SR) 222 MEDIAN OPENINGS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Gainesville/Alachua County Regional Airport Authority wants to modify or close two medians immediately west of the airport to eliminate driver confusion at the entrance of the airport, and prevent accidents. He noted that FDOT has performed traffic studies at this location, and does not recommend closing these medians at this time.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Planner, explained the process for closing medians.

It was a consensus of the Design Team to delay action on this item until after the resurfacing of SR 222 was programmed.

IV. BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN TRAIL STANDARDS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at the June MTPO meeting, the MTPO discussed the county-wide Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan and approved a motion to request that the MTPO Advisory Committees and staff develop standards for lighting along bicycle/pedestrian trails. He said that the Design Team needs to determine how to proceed with MTPO's request by incorporating current standards of the City, County and FDOT. He noted that staff recommends that the Design Team appoint a subcommittee with representatives from the City and County Public Works Departments, FDOT, City of Gainesville Arborist, Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board, Gainesville Regional Utilities and a landscape architect, to put a unified code together as a Subcommittee recommendation.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to form a Design Team Subcommittee to develop a unified code for bicycle and pedestrian trails based on the City and County's comprehensive plans and FDOT guidelines for developing bicycle/pedestrian trail standards. Reid Rivers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

VI. SW 34TH STREET RESURFACING PROJECT-UTILITY CONFLICTS WITH SIGNALS

Mr. Dedenbach noted that FDOT has informed the MTPO that there are conflicts with utilities and the installation of mast arm traffic signals within the existing right-of-way at the SW 34th Street intersections at SW 20th Avenue and Radio Road.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. request a separate project to purchase the right-of-way necessary to facilitate the two mast arm signals at 20th Avenue and Radio Road and;**
- 2. contact the appropriate individuals necessary to facilitate this discussion.**

Reid Rivers seconded; motion carried unanimously.

VII. SIGNAGE CLEARINGHOUSE

Mr. Dedenbach reported that the MTPO Roadway and Traffic Control Signage Subcommittee has requested that the Design Team establish a signage clearinghouse. He said that staff recommends that the Design Team establish the clearinghouse.

It was a consensus of the Design Team to report to the MTPO that the Design Team will establish a signage clearinghouse at the request of the MTPO Roadway and Traffic Control Signage Subcommittee.

VIII. STATE ROAD (SR) 26A- STATUS REPORT

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT Project Engineer, provided a status report concerning the SR 26A project.

Ms. Cindy Smith expressed concern with the allocation of FDOT's budget for this project.

Mr. Wright discussed FDOT's budget for this project and answered questions.

IX. HULL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY- STATUS REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach noted that, at its last meeting, the MTPO approved the purchase of right-of-way to construct the MTPO-approved typical cross section and build a bicycle/pedestrian trail.

Mr. Wright provided a status report concerning the purchase of right-of-way for this project and answered questions.

The Design Team discussed the schedule and completion date for this project.

X. HOGTOWN CREEK SEDIMENT PROJECT

Mr. Dedenbach noted that the MTPO had requested that staff schedule a special meeting to discuss the Hogtown Creek Sediment Project. He said that this meeting has been scheduled for September 13, from 2:00 to 4:45 p.m. at the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He noted that this is a regular MTPO meeting, and after this agenda item is discussed, the meeting will be adjourned and reconvened at Williams Elementary School for an MTPO Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee Meeting.

V. MAIN STREET AT DEPOT AVENUE ROUNDABOUT

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT Project Engineer, presented alternatives for the Depot Avenue roundabout realignment. He stated that he has been working with City of Gainesville staff concerning these design plans. He noted that no changes can be accepted once the horizontal geometry is set. He provided a detailed description of the project and answered questions.

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the design plans for the Main Street at Depot Avenue roundabout. Reid Rivers seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed the City of Gainesville's progress working with FDOT concerning signalization for the Main Street project.

Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Director, stated that there has been discussion at the City regarding a statue of General Gaines in the circle.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.