

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

NCFRPC Conference Room  
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.  
February 19, 2002

| MEMBERS PRESENT  | MEMBERS ABSENT   | OTHERS PRESENT                                     | STAFF PRESENT                      |
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| Linda Dixon, Chair<br>Meg Niederhofer Vice Chair<br>Tom Cavin<br>Doreen Joyner-Howard<br>Brian Kanely<br>Kristen Nowicki<br>Mehul Parekh<br>Julia Reiskind<br>Reid Rivers<br>Cindy Smith | E. J. Bolduc<br>Jodi Hopkins<br>Jeff Logan<br>Melissa Norman<br>Dom Nozzi<br>Gwendolyn Pra<br>Tim Strauser | Deborah Leistner<br>Robert Pearce<br>Karen Taulbee | Marlie Sanderson<br>Mike Escalante |

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Dixon, University of Florida Strategic Planner for Campus Master Planning, called the meeting to order at 1:05 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.

Ms. Meg Niederhofer, City of Gainesville Arborist, stated that agenda item V. could be deleted because the City has made a compromise regarding the North Main Street trees.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda, amended to delete agenda item V. Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. US 441 Bicycle Safety Study

Chair Dixon stated that Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. staff was present to provides a status report on the US 441 Bicycle Safety Study.

Mr. Bruce Landis, Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. (SCI) Vice President, discussed the status of the US 441 Bicycle Safety Study and answered questions.

Mr. Russell Ottenberg, SCI Planner, discussed and answered question regarding the conceptual design alternatives evaluation matrix for the following design alternatives:

1. seven-foot shoulder (five-foot bikelane with two-foot rumble strip on both sides);
2. nine-foot shoulder (seven-foot bikelane with two-foot rumble strip on both sides);
3. four-lane to two-lane reduction with bikeway and parking;
4. side -path on both sides;
5. Jersey barriers (both sides with bikelane); and
6. existing conditions (do nothing).

**ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO:**

- 1. request that FDOT construct the seven-foot shoulder option (five-foot bikelane with two-foot rumble strip on both sides) because it meets budget and safety eligibility; and**
- 2. consider the linear park issues (such as the four-lane to two-lane option) for the corridor.**

**Mehul Parekh seconded. Reid Rivers called the question; question call passed 6 to 3. Motion passed 5 to 4.**

#### IV. US 441 Overhead Signage

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that the MTPO referred the US 441 overhead signage to City, County and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff. He reported that the MTPO was looking for a more aesthetic form to indicate the State Highway System designations than those currently on the column-and-spanwire configuration.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Planner, noted that the plans for the West 13<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic Signal Upgrade Project were complete and that any signage changes would have to be a new project.

**It was a consensus of the Design Team to discuss this issue at its next meeting.**

V. Election of Officers

Chair Dixon stated that it was time to select a new committee chair and vice-chair.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to reappoint Linda Dixon as Design Team Chair. Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to reappoint Meg Niederhofer as Design Team Vice-Chair. Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VI. Upcoming Meetings

Chair Dixon noted that the meeting schedule was in the meeting packet.

VII. Information Items

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.