

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

NCFRPC Conference Room  
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.  
January 17, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Meg Niederhofer, Chair  
Dom Nozzi, Vice Chair  
Tom Collett  
Beth Jordan  
Doreen Joyner-Howard  
Bill Lecher  
Kristen Nowicki  
Julia Reiskind  
Reid Rivers  
Doug Robinson  
Emery Swearingen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Auger  
Dave Cerlanek  
Linda Dixon  
Kathy Fanning  
Gwendolyn Pra

OTHERS PRESENT

Tony Falatico  
Brent McMurtrie  
Jim Scott

STAFF PRESENT

Brian Waterman  
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.

Mr. Brian Waterman, MTPO Senior Planner, noted that Vice Chair Dom Nozzi requested an opportunity to discuss Context Sensitive Design.

**ACTION: Julia Reiskind moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to add Agenda Item V<sub>B</sub> Context Sensitive Design. Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLANDS ALONG EAST UNIVERSITY AVENUE

Mr. Waterman stated that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff was present to discuss the pedestrian refuge islands along East University Avenue

Ms Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Specialist, stated that FDOT Traffic Operations staff would discuss this project.

Mr. James Scott, FDOT Traffic Operations Engineer and Mr. Brent McMurtrie, FDOT Project Manager, discussed the pedestrian refuge islands along East University Avenue and answered questions.

**ACTION: Reid Rivers moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Option 6- East University Avenue Pedestrian Refuge Islands . Emory Swearingen seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: Dom Nozzi moved to request that the 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. Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. SAFETY PROJECT- GLEN SPRINGS ROAD (NW 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO NW 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET)

Mr. Emory Swearingen, City of Gainesville Public Works Manager, discussed the status of the Glen Springs Road Safety Project and answered questions.

#### V. RETAINING WALLS ALONG URBAN CORRIDORS

Ms. Beth Jordan, City of Gainesville Beautification Board, discussed the Board's desire to have landscaping along retaining walls and answered questions.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed FDOT's requirements for having landscaping along retaining walls and answered questions.

#### V<sub>B</sub> CONTEXT SENSITIVE DESIGN

Mr. Waterman stated that, at its last meeting, the Design Team decided to discuss context sensitive design and have members bring in ideas for discussion.

Mr. Nozzi discussed context sensitive design issues and answered questions. He suggested that context sensitive design criteria be incorporated into the MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual.

It was a consensus of the Design Team to continue discussion of context sensitive design at its next meeting.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Waterman stated that the MTPO will meet on February 9<sup>th</sup> and that the next Design Team meeting, if necessary, is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.