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

NCFRPC Conference Room Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. January 21, 2003

Mike Escalante

MEMBERS PRESENT MEMBERS ABSENT OTHERS PRESENT STAFF PRESENT

Meg Niederhofer Vice Chair James Bennett E. J. Bolduc Jesus Gomez

Doreen Joyner-Howard

Brian Kanely
Bill Lecher
John Mousa
Kristen Nowicki
Dom Nozzi
Julia Reiskind
Reid Rivers
Cindy Smith

Linda Dixon, Chair Linda Crider
Jodi Hopkins Karen Taulbee
Gwendolyn Pra

# CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Meg Niederhofer, City of Gainesville Arborist, called the meeting to order at 1:10.

# II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice-Chair Niederhofer requested that the Design Team approve the meeting agenda.

A member of the Design Team requested that discussion of the Hogtown Creek landscaping be added as Item IV.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda, amended to add Hogtown Creek Landscaping as Item IV. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

# I. INTRODUCTIONS

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

### III. MAIN STREET AT DEPOT AVENUE ROUNDABOUT

Vice-Chair Niederhofer stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff has submitted revised Main Street at Depot Avenue Roundabout design plans. She noted that this design is different from the MTPO-approved design.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT Project Manager, discussed the revised design plans and answered questions.

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Principal Planner, asked about the status of the landscaping and streetlighting components of the Main Street Reconstruction Project.

Mr. Bennett noted that landscaping along Main Street would be a separate project. He also noted that the City of Gainesville has already selected a modified post-and-mast-arm fixture for streetlighting of the project.

### IV. HOGTOWN CREEK LANDSCAPING

Vice-Chair Niederhofer stated that the MTPO at its December meeting amended its Transportation Improvement Program to delete the Hogtown Creek Landscaping project. She noted that the City of Gainesville had informed FDOT that it would not maintain the additional landscaping.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT District 2 Transportation Planner, discussed the Hogtown Creek landscape mitigation plans and answered questions. She noted that information on whether spraying of a mulch-seed mixture could be used for the mitigation project would be reported at the next meeting.

### V. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Vice-Chair Niederhofer announced that the next MTPO meeting is February 13 and the next Design Team meeting is scheduled for February 18.

### VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A member of the Design Team asked about FDOT District 2's hued-crosswalk maintenance program. She noted that the crosswalks in West Palm Beach last longer than those in Gainesville.

Ms. Joyner-Howard stated that FDOT uses the crosswalk criteria specified by the City of Gainesville. She said that she would inquire about hued-crosswalk installation and maintenance in FDOT District 7

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.