

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 22, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Meg Niederhofer V-Chair E. J. Bolduc Jesus Gomez Brian Kanely Bill Lecher Jeff Logan Kristen Nowicki Dom Nozzi Julia Reiskind Cindy Smith Suraya Teeple Fred Wright	Linda Dixon, Chair Melissa Norman Gwendolyn Pra Reid Rivers Chris Roeder Tim Strauser	Kim Holland Doreen Joyner-Howard Monique Markey Ryan McGinnis Joe Montalto Christopher Simoneaux Arther Shipley Karen Talbee Despina Veilleaux	Marlie Sanderson Gerry Dedenbach Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Meg Niederhofer, City of Gainesville Arborist, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

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

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, requested that the Design Team approve the meeting agenda.

Vice-Chair Niederhofer asked the Design Team to consider adding discussion of North Main Street Trees to the agenda.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda, as amended to add discussion of North Main Street Trees as agenda item IV. E.J. Bolduc seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. State Roads (SR) 26/26A

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Design Team, at its January 7 meeting, approved a motion to continue discussion of the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) SR 26/26A thirty percent design plans.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT Project Manager, Mr. Joe Montalto, Lochrane Engineering Principal, and Mr. Chris Simoneaux, Comprehensive Engineering Services President, provided a status report on the SR 26A thirty percent design plans.

Mr. Dedenbach read comments on the SR 26A thirty percent design plans provided by Chair Linda Dixon, University of Florida Strategic Planner for Campus Master Planning.

Mr. Wright, Mr. Montalto, and Mr. Simoneaux, Ms. Despina Veilleaux, Lochrane Engineering Traffic Operations Engineer, Ms. Kim Holland, Lochrane Engineering SR 26A Project Manager, answered questions on the SR 26 thirty percent design plans.

Mr. E.J. Bolduc declared a voting conflict of interest regarding actions on this project.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the FDOT revise the SR 26A design plans, consistent with the MTPO-approved motion to:

“reconstruct State Road 26A west of W. 34th Street with one lane eastbound and one lane westbound with center turnlanes and landscape medians sidewalks and bikelanes”

by eliminating all dedicated right turnlanes except for the one at SR 121 (SW 34th Street), which also needs to be reduced in length . Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed 6 to 2, with one abstention (E.J. Bolduc).

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend to the MTPO that SR 26A be a multimodal design concept, with the knowledge of:

- 1. two pedestrians have been involved in crashes in the corridor; and**
- 2. that there are four buses per hour currently operating with a projection of up to eight buses per hour within five years,**

the following design criteria:

- 1. 11-foot travel lanes;**
- 2. instreet bikelanes, rather than a seperated bikepath;**
- 3. minimal turning radii to reduce high-speed turning movements;**

4. **12-foot shared-use path on the southside of the corridor; and**
5. **maximize the area between the back of curb and the sidewalks/paths to provide opportunities for shade trees along the corridor.**

Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed 6 to 2, with one abstention (E.J. Bolduc).

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the FDOT present the City of Gainesville's design option for the western confluence of SR 26 and SR 26A. Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed 6 to 2, with one abstention (E.J. Bolduc).

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the FDOT present the results of a cost comparison of the City of Gainesville's domus and acorn lighting options. Jeff Logan seconded; motion passed 6 to 2, with one abstention (E.J. Bolduc).

A member of Design Team discussed her concerns for the right-of-way requirements for the SR 26 and NW 22nd Avenue intersection in the thirty percent design plans.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the FDOT consider redesigning the eastern confluence of SR 26 and SR 26A such that the inside westbound lane feeds into SR 26A and the outside lane is used for the westbound through movement that shifts to the inside lane such that at the NW 22nd Street intersection the outside lane is used for a dedicated right turn movement. Jeff Logan seconded; motion passed 8 to 0, with one abstention (E.J. Bolduc).

Ms. Monique Markey, Lochrane Engineering SR 26 Project Manager, answered questions on the thirty percent design plans.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO:

1. **approve the SR 26 thirty percent design plans with the request that FDOT design the medians to be as lengthy as possible; and**
2. **ask the FDOT to consider more shade-tolerant species, besides crepe myrtles, for the median landscaping.**

Jeff Logan seconded; motion passed 8 to 0, with one abstention (E.J. Bolduc).

IV. NORTH MAIN STREET TREES

It was a consensus of the Design Team to discuss North Main Street Trees at its next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.