

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

NCFRPC Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

Monday, 1:00 p.m.
January 7, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Linda Dixon, Chair E. J. Bolduc Tim Folsom Jesus Gomez Doreen Joyner-Howard Bill Lecher Earline Luharman Melissa Norman Kristen Nowicki Dom Nozzi Reid Rivers Cindy Smith Tim Strauser Fred Wright	Brian Kanely Gwendolyn Pra Chris Roeder	Ken Gamble Kim Holland Steve Kincaid Bruce Landis Thuc Le Monique Markey Ryan McGinnis Joe Montalto Russel Ottenberg Christopher Simoneaux Arther Shipley Karen Talbee Lt. Don Tyson	Marlie Sanderson Gerry Dedenbach Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Dixon, University of Florida Strategic Planner for Campus Master Planning, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Dixon introduced herself and asked those present to introduce themselves.

Ms. Earline Luharman, City of Gainesville Parks Division Urban Forestry Inspector, stated that she was representing Ms. Meg Niederhofer, City Arborist.

Ms. Kristen Nowicki, Alachua County Department of Growth Management Associate Planner, stated that she was Mr. Ken McMurry's replacement.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to approve the meeting agenda. Melissa Norman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. STATE ROAD (SR) 24/SW 63RD BOULEVARD

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has proposed traffic signalization design plans for the SR 24/ SW 63rd Boulevard intersection.

Mr. Tim Folsom, FDOT Traffic Operations Project Manager, discussed the proposed design plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the proposed design plans provided that the mast arms also include the Opticon traffic signal preemption device. Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. SR 26/26A

Mr. Dedenbach stated that FDOT requested an opportunity to discuss the SR 26/26A project.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT Project Manager, provided a status report and answered questions. He noted that the roundabout study is not part of this project.

Mr. Joe Montalto, Lochrane Engineering Principal, and Mr. Chris Simoneaux, Comprehensive Engineering Services President, discussed the SR 26 thirty percent design plans and answered questions.

It was a consensus of the Design Team to meet on January 22 at 1:00 pm to discuss the SR 26/26A thirty percent design plans.

Mr. Wright, Mr. Montalto, and Mr. Simineaux and Ms. Kim Holland, Lochrane Engineering Project Manager, discussed SR 26A traffic count, crash data, turning radii and Regional Transit System review information that the Design Team had requested and answered questions.

III. US 441- PAYNES PRAIRIE BICYCLE SAFETY STUDY STATUS REPORT

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

Mr. Bruce Landis, Sprinkle Consulting Vice President, and Mr. Russell Ottenberg, Sprinkle Consulting Planner, discussed the status of the US 441 Paynes Prairie Bicycle Safety Study and answered questions. Their discussion included the following seven conceptual cross-section options:

1. Ten-foot separated side path on both sides;
2. Seven-foot shoulder (five-foot bikelane with two-foot rumble strip on both sides);
3. Nine-foot shoulder (seven-foot bikelane with two-foot rumble strip on both sides);
4. Jersey barriers with seven-foot bikelanes;

5. Median reduction with Jersey barrier with 11-foot shoulder (nine-foot bikelane with two-foot rumble strip on both sides)
6. four-lane to two-lane reduction with bikeway and parking; and
7. four-lane to two-lane reduction.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to delete the Jersey barriers with seven-foot bikelanes option from the conceptual options list. Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Lieutenant Don Tyson, Alachua County Sheriff's Office, discussed his concerns for the need of guardrails.

ACTION: Dom Nozzi moved to add a four-lane to two-lane reduction with bikeway and parking option to the conceptual option list. Tim Strauser seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.

Mr. Ottenberg gave an overview of the US 441- Paynes Prairie Bicycle Safety Study workshop format.

VI. WEST 13TH STREET SIGNAL UPGRADE

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the FDOT has proposed traffic signalization design plans for the West 13th Street signal upgrade project.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Planner, and Mr. Thuc Le, FDOT Project Manager, discussed the proposed design plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Tim Strauser moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the proposed design plans provided that the mast arms also include the Opticon traffic signal preemption device. E.J. Bolduc seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chair Dixon noted that the special Design Team meeting is scheduled for January 22 and the next regular Design Team meeting is scheduled for February 23.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.