

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

NCFRPC Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
July 16, 2002

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Linda Dixon, Chair Meg Niederhofer Vice Chair E. J. Bolduc Doreen Joyner-Howard Brian Kanely Bill Lecher Shenley Neely Kristen Nowicki Dom Nozzi Julia Reiskind Reid Rivers Geoff Sample	Jodi Hopkins Gwendolyn Pra Cindy Smith Tim Strauser	Dakova Beaty Gary Huttman Peter Moore Chuck Pigeon Karen Taulbee Rick Vallier	Marlie Sanderson Gerry Dedenbach Mike Escalante Ryan Hulslander

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Dixon, University of Florida Strategic Planner for University Master Planning, called the meeting to order at 1:07 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.

Mr. Dom Nozzi, City of Gainesville Senior Planner, asked whether the agenda could be amended to include discussion of State Road jurisdictional exchanges.

ACTION: Dom Nozzi moved to approve the meeting agenda, amended to include discussion of State Road jurisdictional exchanges. Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. SW 62ND BOULEVARD/SW 24TH AVENUE CORRIDOR

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, stated that the Alachua County Public Works Department has submitted 60 percent plans for the design of SW 24th Avenue from SW 43rd Street to SW 34th Street. He said that Berryman & Henigar, Inc., the County's design consultant on this project, has also submitted a set of landscape plans to accompany the roadway design.

Mr. Bill Lecher, Alachua County Public Works Department (ACPWD) Civil Engineer II, discussed the 60 percent design plans and answered questions. He introduced the project consultants.

Mr. Chuck Pigeon, Berryman & Henigar Principal Engineer, and Mr. Peter Moore, Berryman & Henigar Project Engineer, discussed the 60 percent design plans and answered questions.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, discussed a letter from a MTPO Citizens Advisory Committee member regarding landscaping issues.

Ms. Meg Niederhofer, City of Gainesville Arborist, discussed City's Road Plan Evaluation.

Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation Services Manager, recommended that Mr. Michael Wallwork review the roundabout design.

Mr. Reid Rivers, Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) Energy Services Delivery Manager, discussed the placement of utilities within the corridor.

Mr. Lecher discussed the Alachua County and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff meeting regarding traffic control issues for the SW 34th Street intersection, the draft landscape plans and answered questions.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Planner, discussed the traffic signal exemption process and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the Alachua County Commission and the MTPO approve the SW 24th Avenue 60 percent design plans with the following conditions:

1. revise the landscape plans to:
 - A. maximize preservation of existing trees;
 - B. incorporate the written comments of the City of Gainesville Arborist;
 - C. balance plant diversity and streetscape continuity;
 - D. replace median trees with shade-tree species; and
 - E. coordinate the tree-planting plan with the streetlighting plan;
2. consult with Mr. Michael Wallwork to review the roundabout plan for possible over-design, including over-exaggerated sidewalk curvature;

- 3. move the pedestrian crossing in the roundabout closer to the yield line consistent with Federal highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines;**
- 4. provide a signalized intersection at State Road 121; and**
- 5. install Cobrahead lights, that meet City of Gainesville standards, with black fixtures and black concrete aggregate poles.**

Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. STATE ROADS JURISDICTIONAL EXCHANGES

Mr. Nozzi discussed state road jurisdictional exchanges.

Mr. Sanderson discussed roadway exchanges and answered questions. He noted that the ACPWD is hosting a meeting regarding roadway exchanges on July 19.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the draft Alachua County Corridor Design Manual. He noted that this document would be reviewed by the Design Team at its next meeting.

ACPWD staff distributed the Alachua County Corridor Design Manual on CD-ROM.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Dedenbach announced that the next MTPO meeting is July 18, a Plan East Gainesville Open House is July 16 at 4:30 at the Gainesville Technology Enterprise Center (GTEC) and the next Design Team meeting is scheduled for August 20.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.