

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

NCFRPC Conference Room  
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.  
March 15, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dom Nozzi, Vice Chair  
Linda Dixon  
Ron Barlow  
E. J. Bolduc  
Ben Chumley  
Cathy Dobbins  
Jesus Gomez  
Gina Hawkins  
Doreen Joyner-Howard  
Fred Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Meg Niederhofer, Chair  
Jennifer Auger  
Chris Bird  
Dave Cerlanek  
Bill Lecher  
Melissa Norman  
Gwendolyn Pra  
Julia Reiskind  
Cindy Smith

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Brinkley  
Chris Simoneaux  
Mike Manzano

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Thomas Hill  
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Dom Nozzi, City of Gainesville Senior Planner, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

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

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice Chair Nozzi requested action on the meeting agenda.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, requested discussion of the crosswalks at the Newberry Road and SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street intersection as the last agenda item.

**ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to add V<sub>B</sub>. Crosswalks at Newberry Road/SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson announced that the MTPO will meet on May 16 at 6:00 p.m. instead of May 5.

### III. STATE ROAD (SR) 26A- PEDESTRIAN SCALE LIGHTING PLANS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO referred the State Road 26A Lighting Plans back to the Design Team to develop cost estimates for acorn fixture pedestrian scale lighting from SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street east to W. University Avenue. He discussed the lighting features along SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

Ms. Cathy Dobbins, Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) Utility Engineer I, Mr. Fred Wright, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Project Consultant Manager, Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT District 2 Transportation Specialist, and discussed the SR 26A Lighting Plans, cost estimates for pedestrian scale lighting east of SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street and answered questions.

Ms. Dobbins stated that GRU supports the revised plans.

Mr. Chris Simoneaux, Comprehensive Engineering Services Vice President, discussed boring and trenching installation costs for the project.

Mr. E.J. Bolduc declared a conflict of interest.

**ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO seek an additional \$400,000 minimum in funding from all available sources beyond only FDOT for enhanced lighting on State Road 26A. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed 7 to 1, with one abstention.**

### IV. STATE ROAD (SR) 24 (ARCHER ROAD) AT INTERSTATE 75

Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that FDOT submitted 60 percent roadway and signalization design plans for the SR 24 at Interstate 75 for review and recommendation. He discussed the plans and answered questions.

**ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Florida Department of Transportation 60 percent roadway and signalization design plans for State Road 24 (Archer Road) at Interstate 75. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed 8 to 1.**

### V. SW 20<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE BRIDGE OVER INTERSTATE 75 FENCING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Alachua County Sheriff's Office requested that FDOT install fencing on the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge over Interstate 75. He said that FDOT's response to the request was that the fencing would be similar to the fencing on the NW 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge over Interstate 75. He noted that the MTPO, in 1999, had asked FDOT to install an aesthetically-pleasing screen on both side of the bridge.

**ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Florida Department of Transportation install fencing on both sides of the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge over Interstate 75 similar to the fencing on the NW 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge and also request that the fence be black in color, if funding is available. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed 7 to 2.**

V<sub>B</sub>. CROSSWALKS AT NEWBERRY ROAD/SW 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET INTERSECTION

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT requested discussion of the crosswalks at Newberry Road/SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street intersection.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard discussed the safety of the colorized crosswalks.

Mr. Wright noted that FDOT has placed a moratorium on installation of colorized crosswalks.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

**ACTION: Jesus Gomez moved to have the Design Team meet at 1:30 p.m. E.J. Bolduc seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**It was a consensus of the Design Team to have individual members request to receive construction design plans in 11"x17" format, if available.**

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to adjourn the meeting. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.