

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 19, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Linda Dixon, Chair Meg Niederhofer Vice Chair E. J. Bolduc Doreen Joyner-Howard Melissa Norman Kristen Nowicki Dom Nozzi Mehul Parekh Julia Reiskind Reid Rivers Cindy Smith Fred Wright F.M. Lynch	Jodi Hopkins Brian Kanely Gwendolyn Pra Tim Strauser	Kim Holland Steve Kincaid Monique Markey Jim Scott Chris Simoneaux Karen Taulbee	Marlie Sanderson Gerry Dedenbach Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Dixon, University of Florida Strategic Planner for University Master Planning, called the meeting to order at 1:05 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. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, noted that agenda item V. could be deleted as a result of discussion that occurred at the March MTPO meeting.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda, amended to delete item V. Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. US 441 Overhead Roadway Signage

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, stated that the MTPO, at its December 13 meeting, approved a motion:

“to refer to City, County and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff the redesign of a panel sign to replace the current signs at the intersection of US 441 and University Avenue.”

He said that the MTPO Roadway and Traffic Signage Review Subcommittee, at its March 7 meeting, reinforced the earlier action of the MTPO and requested that staff prepare a mock-up of the sign panel and include this item on the Design Team’s next agenda. He noted that FDOT, at the February 19 Design Team meeting, said that the plans for the West 13th Street Traffic Signal Upgrade Project were complete and that any signage changes would have to be a new project. He discussed several proposed signage alternatives.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Planner, and Mr. Jim Scott, FDOT Traffic Operations Engineer, discussed the US 441 overhead signage and answered questions. They said that FDOT would not remove the existing mast arms on the north, east or west approaches.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT remove the:

- 1. directional signage from northbound US 441 approach; and**
- 2. the museum signage from the eastbound and westbound approaches.**

Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. State Roads 26/26A Lighting Alternatives Analysis

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Design Team, at its January 22 meeting, requested a cost comparison of the City of Gainesville’s lighting options. He said that FDOT’s consultant has prepared an analysis of the following alternatives:

1. Decorative black “cobrahead” luminaires;
2. Lumec Traditional Globe “Acom” luminaires;
3. Lumec Domus Series luminaires with decorative arms; and
4. Lumec Renaissance Series luminaires mounted on decorative steel poles.

Mr. Reid Rivers, Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) Engineering Manager for Energy Delivery, noted that the City has not yet adopted the Lumec Renaissance Series luminaires.

Mr. Chris Simoneaux, Comprehensive Engineering Services President, and Mr. Rivers discussed the lighting alternatives and answered questions.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT District 2 Project Consultant Engineer, discussed lighting budget issues.

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

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the FDOT install Lumec Renaissance Series (teardrop) luminaires on concrete poles with bracket arms to project lighting onto the roadway. Reid Rivers seconded; motion passed 8 to 1 with one abstention.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the FDOT design: the lighting to:

- 1. consider neighborhood ambiance;**
- 2. illuminate the sidewalks (for pedestrian safety);**
- 3. minimize light spillage into adjacent homes; and**
- 4. minimize the number of poles within the corridor.**

Reid Rivers seconded; motion passed 8 to 1 with one abstention.

VI. Transportation Design for Livable Communities (TDLC)

Chair Dixon stated that a member of the Design Team had requested discussion of TDLC strategies. She noted that some of these strategies were presented at the March 2002 meeting of the San Felasco Section, Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed TDLC strategies and answered questions.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. amend its Urban Design Policy Manual to incorporate FDOT's TDLC strategies;**
- 2. retroactively designate State Road 26/26A from NW 38th Street to North-South Drive as a TDLC corridor; and**
- 3. identify other TDLC corridors at a future meeting.**

Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed 8 to 0 with one abstention.

VII. Upcoming Meetings

Chair Dixon noted that the meeting schedule was in the meeting packet.

VIII. Information Items

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.