

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

NCFRPC Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
May 15, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Linda Dixon, Chair	Jesus Gomez	James Alderman	Gerry Dedenbach
E. J. Bolduc	Brian Kanely	Len Buffington	Andrea Vogler
Marty Humphries	Chris Roeder	Orlando Cordero	
Meg Niederhofer	Reid Rivers	Marty Humphries	
Robert Norton		Gail Jones	
Dom Nozzi		Doreen Joyner-Howard	
Mehul Parekh		James Murray	
Cindy Smith		Stu Pearson	
Tim Strauser		Y. Roberts	
Suraya Teeple			

I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Linda Dixon, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Analyst, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and asked for introductions.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda. Tim Strauser seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. STATE ROAD (SR) 121 RESURFACING (FROM US 441 TO NW 202ND PLACE)

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, stated that, at its April meeting, the Design Team reviewed 30 percent plans for this project. He said that the Design Team requested that FDOT further research the feasibility of designating bike lanes in the urbanized area of SR 121, from US 441 to NW 202nd Place.

Mr. Marty Humphries, FDOT Roadway Design Engineer, discussed FDOT's response to concerns raised at the April Design Team meeting and answered questions. He said that FDOT can accommodate a left turn lane at NW 67th Place and SR 121 and will designate bikelanes from US 441 to just north of NW 67th Place.

The Design Team discussed why bikelanes will not be designated throughout the project area.

Mr. Humphries explained that FDOT did not designate bikelanes north of NW 67th Place because they feel that there is insufficient demand. He noted that, typically, FDOT does not designate bikelanes on a rural section such as the area along SR 121 from NW 67th to NW 202nd Place.

IV. HOGTOWN CREEK SEDIMENT PROJECT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its May meeting, the MTPO referred the Hogtown Creek Sediment Project to the Design Team. He said that representatives from the City of Gainesville Public Works Department, FDOT, and Earth Tech (FDOT's consultant) are present to discuss this project.

Mr. Stu Pearson, City of Gainesville Public Works Department Engineer, and Mr. Orlando Cordero, FDOT Maintenance Engineer, gave a status report concerning the Hogtown Creek Sediment project and answered questions.

The Design Team discussed design issues concerning this project.

Mr. Pearson stated that the City of Gainesville and FDOT are working towards a compromise concerning the design plans. He said that the City of Gainesville is encouraging FDOT to include more aesthetically pleasing amenities and landscaping in this project.

ACTION: Meg Niederhofer moved to request that FDOT:

- 1. present, to the Design Team, plans for this project before final cost estimates are prepared; and**
- 2. provide a status report concerning this project at the June Design Team meeting.**

Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. SR 26/26A SCOPE OF WORK

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its April meeting, the Design Team discussed the SR 26/26A scope of work. He said that, at this meeting, it was reported that the FDOT's involvement will be between the existing curbs and/or right-of-way. In addition, he noted that there is a shortfall of funding for this project for enhancements such as widened sidewalks, pedestrian scale lighting, street amenities (such as furniture or bus stops) and roundabouts. He added that FDOT suggested that the MTPO apply for, and prioritize, additional funding for SR 26/26A enhancements.

The Design Team discussed the cost estimates for enhancements for the SR 26/26A project.

Chair Dixon reported that the City of Gainesville City will submit, to FDOT, an application for enhancement funding for this project. She noted that the Design Team will not have the opportunity to review the application because of the June 1 application deadline.

Ms. Suraya Teeple, FDOT Regional Planning Administrator, stated that the City of Gainesville may not receive all requested enhancement funds and suggested that the Design Team prioritize the enhancements.

The Design Team discussed prioritization of the enhancements.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. rank the proposed enhancements for the SR 26/26A project as follows:**
 - A. landscaping;**
 - B. pedestrian-scale lighting;**
 - C. pavers and brick-hued pedestrian crosswalks;**
 - D. tree wells west of W 32nd Street;**
 - E. bulb-outs at the northeast and southwest corners of the intersections at SW 34th Street and SW 2nd Avenue and University Avenue, respectively;**
 - F. tree wells and wide sidewalks east of W 32nd Street; and**
 - G. street furniture; and**
- 2. request that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) amend their subcontractor's contract to develop design and cost estimates for the SR 26/26A enhancements.**

Meg Niederhofer seconded; motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

The Design Team discussed FDOT's plans for traffic management and pedestrian safety modifications from the SR 121 resurfacing project, from Archer Road to W University Avenue.

ACTION: Meg Niederhofer moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT consider shifting funds for traffic management and pedestrian safety modifications from the SR 121 resurfacing project, from Archer Road to W University Avenue, to the SR 26/26A project to address safety issues at the intersections of SR 121 and SR 26/26A. Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed seven to one with one abstention.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Dedenbach announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for June 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium and the next Design Team meeting is scheduled for June 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the NCFRPC conference room.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

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