

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

NCFRPC Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.
November 15, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Meg Niederhofer, Chair
Dom Nozzi, Vice Chair

Tom Collett
Jesus Gomez
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Bill Lecher
Kristen Nowicki
Julia Reiskind
Emery Swearingen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Auger
Dave Cerlanek
Linda Dixon
Melissa Norman
Gwendolyn Pra
Reid Rivers
[1 Vacancy]

OTHERS PRESENT

Heather Martin
Jimmy Merritt
Hon. John Miller

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Brian Waterman
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Meg Niederhofer, City of Gainesville Arborist, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

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

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Niederhofer requested action on the meeting agenda and previous meeting's summary.

ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to approve the meeting agenda and meeting summary. Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. LANDSCAPE PLANS- STATE ROAD 20

Chair Niederhofer recognized Mr. Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the State Road 20 Landscape Plans and answered questions. Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard provided additional information regarding this project.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend approval of FDOT's landscape plans and requested that FDOT work with the City of Hawthorne's elected officials and citizens to obtain their review comments for the area within the City of Hawthorn. Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. DESIGN TEAM PROJECT REVIEWS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO staff is resubmitting the Draft MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual to the MTPO Advisory Committees. He said that the committees made various modifications to the draft recommendation that should be reviewed. He discussed the staff recommendation and answered questions. Ms. Julie Reiskind disputed the recommendation made by the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board.

After discussing the staff recommendation and other issues related to this item, the Committee proceeded to take action on each issue individually.

Issue #1- Should future resurfacing projects be reviewed by the Design Team and the MTPO Advisory Committees?

ACTION: Tom Collett moved the staff recommendation that future resurfacing projects not be reviewed by the Design Team and the MTPO Advisory Committees. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed 5 - 4.

Issue #2- Should City of Gainesville and Alachua County projects be subject to review by the Design Team and the MTPO Advisory Committees or only FDOT projects?

ACTION: Tom Collett moved that all FDOT, City of Gainesville and Alachua County projects functionally classified as arterials and major collectors be reviewed by the Design Team and the MTPO Advisory Committee. Emery Swearingen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The Design Team also recommended that staff regularly inform the members of the availability of FDOT's Work Program, Transportation Improvement Program, and other related documents.

V. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO will meet on December 5th and that the next Design Team meeting, if necessary, is scheduled for December 20th.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice-Chair Dom Nozzi, City of Gainesville Community Development Senior Planner, introduced and committee members discussed the option of developing and/or revising the MTPO Urban Design Manual to include a section dealing with Context Sensitive Design. The Design Team Members were tasked to research this item and bring back their ideas to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.