

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

NCFRPC Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
November 18, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

Meg Niederhofer Vice Chair
Ron Barlow
Jesus Gomez
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Kristen Nowicki
Dom Nozzi
Julia Reiskind
Jphn Sabatella

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Dixon, Chair
Jennifer Auger
E. J. Bolduc
Kathy Fanning
Gwendolyn Pra
Reid Rivers
Cindy Smith

OTHERS PRESENT

Sam Middleton
Karen Taulbee

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Meg Niederhofer, City of Gainesville Arborist, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

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

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice Chair Niederhofer requested that the Design Team approve the meeting agenda.

ACTION: Julia Reiskind moved to approve the meeting agenda. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR RAIL TRAIL

Vice Chair Niederhofer stated that the City of Gainesville Public Works Department requested an opportunity to present preliminary design plans for the Downtown Connector Rail Trail.

Mr. Emery Swearingen, City of Gainesville Public Works Manager, discussed the Downtown Connector Rail Trail design plans and answered questions. He noted that there is a website for this project, gainesville-hawthorne-railtrail.com.

IV. STATE ROAD (SR) 222 (NW 39TH AVENUE) RESURFACING PROJECT

Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that FDOT submitted the NW 39th Avenue Resurfacing Project 60 percent design plans. He reviewed the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board, Citizens Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee and MTPO staff recommendations and presented an overview of the project.

Mr. Hill and Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT District 2 Transportation Specialist, discussed the NW 39th Avenue from NW 43rd Street to NW 24th Boulevard Resurfacing Project [2076012-52-01] design plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Julia Reiskind moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the NW 39th Avenue from NW 43rd Street to NW 24th Boulevard Resurfacing Project [2076012-52-01] 60 percent design plans and forward the following comments to FDOT:

- 1. offset the westbound approach left turnlane at NW 34th Street and NW 39th Avenue to match the existing configuration;**
- 2. provide left turnlane striping at the NW 24th Boulevard and NW 39th Avenue for the Townshend residential development; and**
- 3. have Design Team members forward any comments regarding their review of left turnlane median opening that do not access any off street property for FDOT to consider closing.**

Dom Nozzi seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT has submitted its Tentative Five Year Work Program for review and comment. He said that it is time to identify projects for the scoping phase of the MTPO project design review process.

Mr. Dom Nozzi asked about having MTPO staff collect information on turnlanes to nowhere.

ACTION: Dom Nozzi moved to review NW 39th Avenue for turns to nowhere and present them to the Design Team. Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Joyner-Howard requested that MTPO correspondence include the FDOT project reference numbers.

ACTION: Julia Reiskind moved to recommend that the MTPO refer the following projects to the Design Team for addition to its review schedule for 2004:

Road	From	To	Description
NW 13 th Street	NW 10 th Avenue	NW 39 th Avenue	Signal Update
NW 39 th Avenue at NW 13 th Street	–	–	Signal Update
NW 39 th Avenue	I-75	NW 43 rd Street	Resurface
Waldo Road	University Avenue	NE 55 th Place	Resurface
US 441	Marion County	Williston Road	Resurface

Kristen Nowicki seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Vice Chair Niederhofer announced that the next MTPO meeting is November 20 and the next Design Team meeting is scheduled for December 16.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.