

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

NCFRPC Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.
September 20, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Meg Niederhofer, Chair
Dom Nozzi, Vice Chair
Dave Cerlanek
Tom Collett
E. J. Bolduc
Jesus Gomez
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Bill Lecher
Kristen Nowicki
Reid Rivers
Emery Swearingen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Auger
Linda Dixon
Melissa Norman
Gwendolyn Pra
Julia Reiskind

OTHERS PRESENT

Donny Ellington
Gina Hawkins
Monique Heathcock
Mike Hemmen
Jose Hernando
Michael Wallwork

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.

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

III. TOWER ROAD [SW 75TH STREET] ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Chair Niederhofer recognized Mr. Bill Lecher, Alachua County Contract/Design Manager.

Mr. Lecher stated that the County's consultant would provide a presentation on the 60 percent roadway design plans for Tower Road from Archer Road to SW 8th Avenue.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, noted that the Design Teams recommendations would go to the Citizens Advisory Committee and then to the Alachua County Commission.

Mr. Donny Ellington, Causseaux & Ellington (C&E) Principal, introduced the Tower Road project team consisting of Ms. Monique, Heathcock, C&E Project Manager, Mr. Mike Hemmen, HNTB Project Manager, and Mr. Michael Wallwork, Alternative Street Designs Principal.

Ms. Heathcock discussed the 60 percent roadway design plans for Tower Road and answered questions.

Mr. Hemmen discussed VISSIM analysis for this design.

Ms. Heathcock, Mr. Hemmen and Mr. Wallwork continued with their discussion on the 60 percent design plans for Tower Road and answered questions.

ACTION: Reid Rivers moved to recommend that the Alachua County Commission approve the Tower Road (from Archer Road to SW 8th Avenue) 60 percent roadway design plans Option #3- Nine Roundabout Alternative with appropriate traffic calming and consideration of half-bus bay pullouts. Dom Nozzi seconded; motion passed 10 to 1.

IV. DESIGN TEAM REVIEW OF LOCALLY CONSTRUCTED PROJECTS AND
V. PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE MTPO'S URBAN DESIGN POLICY MANUAL

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has sent a letter to the MTPO regarding Design Team review of Local Area Program projects that include federal funds. He said that FDOT wants to know if federally funded projects constructed by local governments should be reviewed by the Design Team. He discussed the Design Team review process and answered questions. He noted that MTPO staff recommends some revisions to the Urban Design Policy Manual. He said that many of the revisions were administrative. He noted that there were two significant revisions involving adding a new streelighting policy and changes to the project referral criteria policy. He discussed the proposed revisions and answered questions.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT District 2 Transportation Specialist, discussed FDOT's project review concerns and answered questions.

ACTION: Tom Collett moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the proposed revisions to draft MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual including:

- 1. administrative corrections and updates;**
- 2 addition of Policy 7.9 Streelighting Fixture Policy; and**

- 3. changes to Policy 10.2 MTPO Design Team Project Referral Criteria, Policy 10.3 MTPO Design Team Project Referral Criteria and Policy 10.4 MTPO Design Plan Percentage Review to limit design review of Florida Department of Transportation new construction, reconstruction and enhancement projects.**

Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr Sanderson stated that the MTPO will meet on October 17th and that the next Design Team meeting, if necessary, is scheduled for October 18th.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.