

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO)
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

5:30 p.m.
Thursday
June 8, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chuck Clemons, Chair
John Barrow
Charles Chestnut III
Chuck Chestnut IV
Mayor Paula DeLaney
Pegeen Hanrahan
Huey Hawkins
Robert Hutchinson
Dave Newport
Warren Nielsen
Ed Poppell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Penny Wheat

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Michael Escalante
Lynn Franson-Godfrey
Andrea Vogler

CALL TO ORDER

MTPO Chair Chuck Clemons called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, asked that the meeting agenda be modified to delete discussion of Agenda Item VII, Archer Road and SW 91st Street Roundabout, and to add discussion of proposed Regional Transit System (RTS) Route 35 after Agenda Item IX.

ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to approve the consent agenda and the meeting agenda with two revisions to delete discussion of Agenda Item VII and to add discussion of proposed RTS Route 35 after Agenda Item IX. Mayor DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ALACHUA COUNTY COORDINATOR

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO issued a request for proposal (RFP) for Alachua County Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) in January 2000. He said that there were three applicants for the Alachua County CTC. He noted that the RFP Selection Team met on April 26

to evaluate and rank the proposals. He added that the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board endorsed the Selection Team's recommendation at its May 10 meeting. He concluded by saying that the MTPO needs to make a CTC recommendation to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

Ms. Lynn Franson-Godfrey, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, discussed the RFP process and answered questions.

Mr. William Kennedy spoke concerning this agenda item.

ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to recommend to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged the following ranking for Alachua County Community Transportation Coordinator:

- (1) ATC/Intelitran, Inc.**
- (2) Coordinated Transportation System, Inc.**
- (3) Southeast Transit Management, Inc.**

Mayor DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to conduct the Main Street public hearing at 7:00 p.m. and, therefore, proceed with the rest of the meeting agenda until that time.

VI. FISCAL YEARS 2001-2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TIP is the most important document that is approved annually by the MTPO. He noted that this year's document authorizes about \$34 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area (GMA). He added that, in order for Federal funds to be spent in the GMA, they must be approved by the MTPO and included in this report.

The following individuals spoke concerning this agenda item:

Santo Battaglia Mindy Heath Mark Goldstein Teresa Scott

ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to:

- 1. approve the draft Fiscal Years 2001-2005 Transportation Improvement Program; and**
- 2. ask the Alachua County Commission to include paved shoulders as part of the following resurfacing projects:**
 - A. Monteocha Road (CR 225)- Race Track Road to NE 156th Avenue; and**
 - B. NW 32nd Avenue- NW 186th Street to NW 143rd Street.**

Commissioner Newport seconded; motion passed 8 to 1.

VIII. PROPOSED BUTLER PLAZA EXPANSION PLANS

Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group, Inc. Vice President, discussed the modeling for the Butler Plaza-SW 20th Avenue Charrette area and answered questions.

The following individuals spoke concerning this agenda item:

Representative Bob Casey Mark Goldstein Jim Konish David Welch

ACTION: **Commissioner Chestnut III moved to approve the MTPO contract with Renaissance Planning Group, Inc. to prepare a Year 2020 traffic analysis for the proposed Butler Plaza expansion project, that would be funded by Butler Enterprises Inc. Commissioner Barrow seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IX. REGIONAL TRANSIT CENTER PROJECT

Mr. Jeff Logan, RTS Director, discussed the proposed Regional Transit Center project alternatives.

The following individuals spoke concerning this agenda item:

Zachary Andrews Mark Dunmore, Sr. Joe Wilson

ACTION: **Commissioner Hanrahan moved to forward the following comments to the City of Gainesville:**

- 1. use the Federal Transit Administration grant money to purchase new buses, rather than construct the initially proposed transit center;**
- 2. have the suitability of the transit center studied as part of a RTS Comprehensive Operational Analysis; and**
- 3. keep the property that was purchased for the transit center and continue to designate it for use as a transit center.**

Commissioner Chestnut IV seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chair Clemons adjourned the meeting for a ten minute recess.

Chair Clemons called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

IX₂. PROPOSED RTS TRANSIT ROUTE 35

Mr. Logan discussed the proposed RTS Route 35 and answered questions. He said that there would be request for funding made to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County.

Chair Clemons stated that RTS should come to the next County Commission meeting to discuss this issue.

III. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN- MAIN STREET PUBLIC HEARING

A. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to consider reducing portions of Main Street, between N 8th Avenue and Depot Avenue, from four travel lanes to two travel lanes. He said that, one of the goals of this project, is to increase the walkability of the downtown area by providing additional onstreet parking and enhanced pedestrian facilities.

C. UNIVERSITY AVENUE/MAIN STREET CORRIDOR TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

Mr. Blanton made a presentation concerning the University Avenue/Main Street Traffic Analysis.

Ms. Linda Dixon, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Analyst, discussed several design issues related to the Main Street project.

B. PROPOSED PLAN AMENDMENT

Chair Clemons opened the public comment period on the proposed plan amendment.

The following persons spoke concerning the proposed amendment.

Santo Battaglia	Sam Goforth,	Don McIntyre	Cindy Smith
Thelma Carlisle	Mark Goldstein	Rick Moore	Kyle Suconi
Bob Casey	James Higman	Sara Poll	Kinnon Thomas
Bruce DeLaney	Clyde Kiker	Anthony Porter	David Welch
Mark Dunmore, Sr.	Joe Little	Mark Sexton	Joe Wilson
Nancy Gildersleeve	Kyle Magrill	Susan Smart-Reynolds	
Jim Grantham	Marge Malagodi	Glen Smerage	

D. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Chair Clemons closed the public comment period on the proposed Main Street plan amendment.

IV. PROPOSED MAIN STREET PLAN AMENDMENT

ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to:

1. **approve the UM Alternative (two lanes on University Avenue from W 34th Street to Waldo Road and two lanes on Main Street from Depot Avenue to N 16th Avenue) as the long range solution;**
2. **conduct a comprehensive operational analysis (COA) study of RTS in conjunction with the implementation of the UM Alternative;**
3. **include parallel parking, bus bays and instreet bikelanes in the Main Street project design;**
4. **approve the UM2 Alternative (two lanes on University Avenue from W 34th Street to North/South Drive and two lanes on Main Street from Depot Avenue to N 16th Avenue) as the initial phase of the UM Alternative implementation because funding is programmed for these projects; and**
5. **amend the MTPO's adopted Year 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan to include the Main Street project, from Depot Avenue north to N 8th Avenue, as the new project priority number three.**

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Mayor DeLaney moved to:

1. **reconstruct Main Street, from Depot Avenue to N 8th Avenue, and University Avenue, from W 13th Street to Waldo Road, as two lane divided facilities;**
2. **conduct a COA study of RTS in conjunction with the implementation of the Main Street reconstruction project; and**
3. **include parallel parking, bus bays and instreet bikelanes in the Main Street project design.**

Commissioner Newport seconded; motion passed 7-1.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to amend the MTPO's adopted long range transportation plan to include the Main Street project, from Depot Avenue north to N. 8th Avenue, as the new project priority number three. Mayor DeLaney seconded.

Chair Clemons asked for a rollcall vote:

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Commissioner Chestnut III		Yes
Commissioner Chestnut IV	No	
Mayor DeLaney	Yes	
Commissioner Hanrahan	Yes	
Commissioner Hutchinson		Yes
Commissioner Newport		Yes
Commissioner Nielsen	Yes	
Commissioner Barrow	Yes	
Commissioner Clemons		No

Motion passed.

V. STATE ROADS (SR) 26 AND 26A-

1. WEST OF W. 34TH STREET

Mr. Sanderson discussed the recommendations made by the MTPO Advisory Committees and staff concerning the proposed State Roads 26/26A projects. He noted that the outcome of these changes could require the City of Gainesville, Alachua County and the University to have to renegotiate the Campus Development Agreement.

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, gave a presentation on the recommendations made by the MTPO Advisory Committees and Council of University Neighborhood Associations (CUNA).

The following individuals spoke concerning State Road 26 west of W. 34th Street:

Wayne Bowers	Marge Malagodi	Glen Smerage	David Welch
Clyde Kiker	Gail Sasnett	Cindy Smith	

ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to resurface State Road 26 west of W 34th Street as a four-lane facility. Mayor DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The following individuals spoke concerning State Road 26A west of W. 34th Street:

Rob Ayers	Clyde Kiker	Gail Sasnett	Joe Wilson
Richard Briggs	Marge Malagodi	Cindy Smith	

ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to reconstruct State Road 26A west of W 34th Street as a three-lane facility, two lanes westbound and one lane eastbound. Mayor DeLaney seconded; motion failed 6-2.

ACTION: Mayor DeLaney moved to reconstruct State Road 26A west of W 34th Street with one lane eastbound and one lane westbound with center turnlanes, landscape medians, sidewalks and bikelanes. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded.

Chair Clemons asked for a rollcall vote:

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Commissioner Chestnut IV	No	
Mayor DeLaney	No	
Commissioner Hanrahan	Yes	
Commissioner Hutchinson		Yes
Commissioner Newport		Yes
Commissioner Nielsen	Yes	
Commissioner Barrow	Yes	
Commissioner Clemons		No

Motion passed.

2. W. 34TH STREET TO NORTH/SOUTH DRIVE

Mr. Sanderson discussed the recommendations made by the MTPO Advisory Committees and staff concerning proposed State Roads 26/26A projects from W 34th Street east to North/South Drive.

The following individuals spoke concerning this agenda item:

Harvey Budd	Marge Malagodi	Glen Smerage
Bruce DeLaney	Gail Sasnett	Cindy Smith

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to:

1. reconstruct SR 26/University Avenue east of W 34th Street to a two-lane facility with center turnlanes, landscape medians and bikelanes; and
2. resurface SR 26A/SW 2nd Avenue with no modifications to the lanes other than the addition of bike lanes from W 34th Street to the Golfview Subdivision.

Mayor DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to refer the following design related issues for further study and to include them in this year's MTPO List of Priority Projects:

1. the proposed roundabout versus the half signal at the eastern intersection of SR 26/26A;
2. the proposed roundabout at the western intersection of SR 26/26A;

3. **the proposed reduction in the number of travel lanes on W 34th Street from SR 26A north to SR 26 from seven to five; and**
4. **all of the other items in Exhibit 1 not listed above.**

Commissioner Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to refer the remaining design issues, such as closing median openings, mast arm traffic signals and texture and hue of pedestrian crosswalks to the MTPO Design Team. Commissioner Newport seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Clemons adjourned the meeting at 11:40 p.m.

Date

Robert Hutchinson
Secretary/Treasurer

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EXHIBIT 1

OTHERS PRESENT AT JUNE 8, 2000 MTPO MEETING

FDOT STAFF

Rob Ayers
Ryan Solis-Rios
Scott Woodman

ALACHUA COUNTY STAFF

Laura Dedenbach
Mindy Heath
Randall Reid
Dave Wagner

CITY OF GAINESVILLE STAFF

Wayne Bowers
Linda Dixon
Jesus Gomez
Brian Kanely
Jeff Logan
Dean Mimms
Teresa Scott
Tim Vaughan

OTHER CITIZENS

Zachary Andrews	Jim Grantham	Gregory Mansill	Mark Sexton,
Santo Battaglia	Sam Goforth	Marion Mark	John Skelly
Bob Baxter	Mark Goldstein	Mikhail Marshall	Susan Smart-Reynolds
Whit Blanton	James Higman	Don McIntyre	Glen Smerage
Richard Briggs	Mr. Houston	Rick Moore,	Cindy Smith
Harvey Budd	Jack Hughes	Steve Palmer	Dave Stauffer
Thelma Carlisle	Beth Ingersoll	Sara Poll	Kinnon Thomas
Bob Casey	Jean Kallman	Anthony Porter	Nohe Weisner
Nathan Collier	William Kennedy	Linda Porter	David Welch
Bruce DeLaney	Clyde Kiker	Marty Robinson	Marcia Wick
Mark Dunmore Sr.	Joe Little	Gail Sasnett	Joe Wilson
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Nancy Gildersleeve	Marge Malagodi	Kyle Seconi	