

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

City Commission Meeting Room  
City Hall  
Gainesville, Florida

1:30 p.m.  
Thursday  
March 9, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chuck Clemons, Chair  
John Barrow  
Bruce Delaney  
Pegeen Hanrahan  
Robert Hutchinson  
Ed Jennings  
Dave Newport  
Gerald Schaffer

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Chestnut  
Paula DeLaney  
Penny Wheat

OTHERS PRESENT

Don Ahrens  
Rob Ayers  
Whit Blanton  
Wayne Bowers  
Jesus Gomez  
Huey Hawkins  
Mindy Heath  
Brian Kanely  
Jeff Logan  
Marion Mark  
Robert Norton  
Chandler Otis  
Aage Schroeder  
Teresa Scott

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Gerry Dedenbach  
Lynn Franson-Godfrey  
Andrea Vogler

CALL TO ORDER

MTPO Chair Chuck Clemons called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that staff recently received correspondence concerning the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge over Interstate 75. He requested that the MTPO add this issue to the regular meeting agenda.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the consent agenda and the meeting agenda with one addition to the regular meeting agenda to discuss signing and pavement markings on SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Commissioner Delaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. W. UNIVERSITY AVENUE/MAIN STREET TRAFFIC ANALYSIS CONTRACT

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its August 17, 1999 meeting, the MTPO received a presentation on the proposed University Avenue/Main Street Corridor Traffic Analysis. He said that, during discussion of this agenda item, the MTPO referred the W. University Avenue preferred alternative to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (B/PAB), Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 and Ms. Melanie Carr, FDOT Management Systems Coordinator, for review and comment. He said that FDOT District 2's review comments are included in the meeting materials.

Mr. Sanderson said that the CAC, TAC and MTPO staff all recommend that the MTPO approve Option 1 in the Scope of Services. He said that, in addition, MTPO staff recommend that the MTPO approve the contract in Attachment 1 and the Unified Planning Work Program amendment in Attachment 2.

Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group Vice President, discussed the W. University Avenue/Main Street traffic analysis and answered questions.

Mr. Don Ahrens, Ahrens Z Car Specialist, Inc. Owner, spoke concerning his opposition to the proposed medians on Main Street.

**ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to approve:**

- 1. option one of the University Avenue/Main Street Corridor Traffic Analysis;**
- 2. the University Avenue/Main Street Traffic Corridor Analysis Contract Agreement; and**
- 3. the Unified Planning Work Program amendment.**

**Commissioner Barrow seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) UPDATE-

Mr. Sanderson gave an overview presentation concerning the LRTP update and answered questions.

A. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Mr. Blanton discussed the LRTP goals and objectives and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Hanrahan moved to approve the proposed goals and objectives in Exhibit 1 with the Citizens Advisory Committee's recommended revisions. Commissioner Barrow seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

B. URBAN FORM CONCEPTS

Mr. Blanton gave a presentation concerning the proposed four urban form concepts and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO asked Mr. Blanton if he was going to identify the land use and zoning changes that will need to be made in order to implement the selected urban form. Mr. Blanton stated that he would provide this information.

A member of the MTPO requested that a focus group for the outlying Alachua County municipalities be scheduled.

A member of the MTPO requested that Mr. Blanton provide cost figures for each urban form concept in terms of both roadway and transit improvements, including infrastructure such as park and ride lots, bus shelters and sidewalk improvements.

A member of the MTPO requested that existing transportation dollars be added to the "Bus Requirements for Each Urban Form Alternative" graph in Mr. Blanton's presentation.

A member of the MTPO requested that an analysis of the demand for, and the costs of establishing, park-and-ride lots surrounding the Gainesville Metropolitan Area be included in the testing and evaluation of the urban form concepts.

A member of the MTPO requested that a glossary be included in the LRTP update documents.

Mr. Blanton stated that this glossary will also be included in future LRTP newsletters.

It was a consensus of the MTPO not to change the name of the *Westward Growth* urban form concept to the *Continue Current Conditions* urban form concept.

**ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to approve the proposed four urban form concepts for testing and evaluation with the understanding that the transportation components associated with each urban form are examples only and will be modified and refined later. Commissioner Delaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to change the name of the *Activity Center* urban form concept to the *Village/Town Center* urban form concept. Commissioner Delaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IV. SIGNING AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON SW 20<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

Mr. Sanderson stated that MTPO staff recently received from FDOT a letter concerning the signing and pavement markings on the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge over Interstate 75. He said that FDOT recommends that the paved shoulder remain designated as a bike lane only. He said that Alachua County Public Works Department (ACPWD) staff is present to discuss this issue.

Ms. Mindy Heath, ACPWD Senior Planner, stated that, in November, the MTPO directed the ACPWD to mark bicycle and pedestrian lanes on both the bridge and the approach to the bridge. She stated that FDOT objects to these markings because a designated pedestrian lane on the approach to the bridge would not be wide enough to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Mr. Rob Ayers, FDOT District 2 Regional Planning Administrator, discussed the signing and pavement markings on the bridge.

**ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to:**

- 1. not use any signage or painted pavement to mark the bicycle or pedestrian lanes; and**
- 2. separate the paved shoulder from the vehicle travel lanes with double painted lines and reflective markers.**

**Commissioner Barrow seconded.**

The following citizens spoke concerning the motion:

Brian Kanely              Rob Ayers              Chandler Otis

**Commissioner Newport called the question. The question call failed because a majority of the City Commission did not vote in favor of calling the question.**

The MTPO continued to discuss this agenda item.

**ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to:**

- 1. not use any signage or painted pavement to mark the bicycle or pedestrian lanes; and**
- 2. separate the paved shoulder from the vehicle travel lanes with double painted lines and reflective markers.**

**Commissioner Barrow seconded; motion failed because a majority of the City Commission did not vote in favor of the motion.**

**ACTION: Commissioner Hanrahan moved to:**

- 1. mark a bicycle lane on the approach to the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge over Interstate 75;**
- 2. mark bicycle and pedestrian lanes on the deck of the bridge;**
- 3. not use any signage, other than painted pavement, to indicate the bicycle and pedestrian lanes; and**
- 4. separate the bicycle/pedestrian lanes from the vehicle travel lanes with double painted lines and reflective markers.**

**Commissioner Jennings seconded; motion passed 7 to 1.**

#### V. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for March 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium.

#### VI. COMMENTS

##### A. MTPO Members

A member of the MTPO requested that staff distribute flyers concerning the March 20 public hearing to businesses located along Main Street.

A member of the MTPO mentioned that a bill has been filed which would qualify counties for enhancement grants if local funds, such as gas tax revenues, were used for the 20 percent local match. He requested that the bill, if it passes, be included on a future MTPO agenda.

A member of the MTPO announced that a member of the City Commission will be meeting with the Regional Transit System (RTS) Advisory Board on March 22 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the governance and the area that is provided transit service.

A member of the MTPO Audit Committee stated that landscape maintenance issues and problems between the City of Gainesville and FDOT were discussed at its March 8 meeting. He noted that this issue would be discussed by the MTPO Landscape Subcommittee.

A member of the MTPO Landscape Subcommittee stated that the Subcommittee would be meeting on March 21. She said that the Subcommittee could provide the MTPO, at its next meeting, with some recommendations following the March 21 meeting.

MTPO Chair Clemons directed MTPO staff to agenda the landscape maintenance issue for the next MTPO meeting.

B. Citizens

Mr. Ayers discussed whether it was appropriate to hold a public hearing concerning the Main Street Reconstruction project on March 20.

Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Department Director, introduced Mr. Jeff Logan, the new RTS Transit Director.

C. Chair's Report

There was no Chair's report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

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Date

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Robert Hutchinson  
Secretary/Treasurer