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

Jack Durrance Auditorium  
Alachua County Administration Building  
Gainesville, Florida  

1:30 p.m.  
Thursday  
May 11, 2000  

MEMBERS PRESENT  
Chuck Clemons, Chair  
John Barrow  
Charles Chestnut  
Mayor Paula DeLaney  
Bruce Delaney  
Pegeen Hanrahan  
Huey Hawkins  
Ed Jennings  
Dave Newport  
Penny Wheat  

MEMBERS ABSENT  
Robert Hutchinson  
Ed Poppell  

OTHERS PRESENT  
See Exhibit 1  

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. He noted that this was Commissioners Bruce Delaney and Ed Jennings’ last meeting as members of the MTPO.  

Commissioners Delaney and Jennings thanked the MTPO, staff and citizens for their hard work, dedication and the opportunity to serve the City of Gainesville and the MTPO.  

Mr. Ernie Taylor, Alachua County Public Works Department (ACPWD) Assistant Operations Director, introduced Mr. Matt Dominy, the new ACPWD Director.  

Mr. Dominy stated that he looked forward to working with the MTPO.  

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA  

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that Mr. Clark Butler, Butler Enterprises President, has requested that Agenda Item VIII., Proposed Butler Plaza Expansion Plans, be moved to Item II.  

ACTION: Mayor DeLaney moved to approve the meeting agenda and consent agenda as amended. Commissioner Jennings seconded; motion failed.
ACTION: Mayor DeLaney moved to approve the meeting agenda and consent agenda. Commissioner Delaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to fill three vacant positions on its CAC. He said that three applicants have applied for these vacancies. He said that staff recommends that the MTPO fill three vacant positions on the CAC with the three applicants and specify which appointment receives a term through December 2000 and which two receive terms through December 2001. He added that, alternatively, the MTPO could appoint all three applicants to the CAC and request that the CAC have a drawing, at its next meeting, to decide which member will be appointed for a one year term and which members will be appointed for a two year term.

ACTION: Mayor DeLaney moved to appoint Jonathan Reiskind, Mike Wright and Nancy Gildersleeve to the CAC. Commissioner Wheat seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. UNIVERSITY AVENUE/MAIN STREET CORRIDOR TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its meeting on March 9, the MTPO approved the University Avenue/Main Street Corridor Traffic Analysis contract with Renaissance Planning Group (RPG). He said that, at today’s meeting, Mr. Whit Blanton, RPG Vice President, will discuss the results of this traffic analysis that have been developed so far. He noted that, so far, five alternative two-lane configurations have been tested. He added that RPG will also test one additional configuration. He requested that the MTPO recommend which additional configuration should be tested.

Mr. Blanton gave a presentation concerning the University Avenue/Main Street Corridor Traffic Analysis and answered questions.

The MTPO discussed which additional configuration should be tested.

ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to recommend that the:

1. sixth alternative to be tested have two lanes on West University Avenue from W. 34th Street to North/South Drive and two lanes on Main Street from Depot Avenue to N. 16th Avenue; and

2. consultant provide information concerning the percent changes in roadway traffic as a result of the sixth alternative test and qualitative changes on the regional roadway network which affect quality of life issues compared to the other alternatives.

Commissioner Hanrahan seconded.

The MTPO continued to discuss which additional two-lane configuration should be tested.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Commissioner Newport moved to recommend that the:
1. sixth alternative to be tested have two lanes on West University Avenue from W. 34th Street to North/South Drive and two lanes on Main Street from Depot Avenue to N. 16th Avenue;

2. sixth alternative identify strategies to enhance efficient transportation flow on alternative corridors on regional roadways in response to the results from the UM Alternative- University Avenue from W. 34th Street to Waldo Road/Main Street from Depot Avenue to N. 16th Avenue; and

3. consultant provide the percent changes in roadway traffic as a result of the sixth alternative test and qualitative changes on the regional roadway network which affect quality of life issues compared to the other alternatives.

Commissioner Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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

1. WEST OF W. 34TH STREET

Mr. Sanderson provided background information concerning this agenda item. He said that the CAC, TAC, Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (B/PAB) and MTPO staff recommendations concerning this issue are included in the meeting materials. He noted that additional TAC, CAC and MTPO staff recommendations were distributed at today’s meeting. He stated that, yesterday, the TAC approved a motion to recommend that the MTPO defer action regarding SR 26/26A east of W. 34th Street to its June meeting because information in the University Avenue/Main Street Traffic Analysis final report could affect TAC recommendations for these two roads. He said that this recommendation was developed with the understanding that the MTPO could provide final recommendations concerning this project to FDOT at its June meeting when adopting its five-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The following individuals spoke concerning this agenda item:

John Reiskind    Cindy Smith    Susan Wright

A member of the MTPO requested that photo renderings of all proposed modifications to the intersection of W. 34th Street and SR 26A be provided at the next meeting.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to schedule another SR 26/26A “Walk Around” and to defer action on this agenda item to the June 8 meeting.

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

Mr. Sanderson reiterated his statement that, yesterday, the TAC approved a motion to recommend that the MTPO defer action regarding SR 26/26A east of W. 34th Street to its June meeting because information in the University Avenue/Main Street Traffic Analysis final report could affect TAC recommendations for these two roads. He said that this recommendation was developed with the
understanding that the MTPO could provide final recommendations concerning this project to FDOT at its June meeting when adopting its five-year TIP.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to defer this agenda item to the June 8 meeting.

V. SR 20 (HAWTHORNE ROAD) LANDSCAPE PLAN

Mr. Sanderson provided background information concerning this agenda item.

A member of the MTPO reviewed a list of concerns about the SR 20 Landscape Plan from Ms. Meg Neiderhofer, City of Gainesville Arborist.

A member of the MTPO asked whether the Design Team Subcommittee could schedule a meeting to review Ms. Neiderhofer’s concerns.

Mr. Rob Ayers, FDOT District 2 Regional Planning Administrator, explained that FDOT is already behind schedule on this project. He said that, in order to begin planting in the fall, the MTPO needs to take final action concerning this issue at today’s meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut moved to approve the proposed SR 20 Landscape Plan with the following conditions:

1. that the revisions described in Exhibits 2 and 3 are incorporated into the final plan;

2. that the landscaped areas be maintained by FDOT; and

3. where FDOT maintenance requirements conflict with the Design Team recommendations, FDOT and the MTPO should negotiate a resolution.

Commissioner Jennings seconded.

The MTPO continued to discuss the SR 20 Landscape Plan.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to approve the proposed SR 20 Landscape Plan with the following conditions:

1. the revisions described in Exhibits 2 and 3 are incorporated into the final plan;

2. the landscaped areas be maintained by FDOT;

3. where FDOT maintenance requirements conflict with the Design Team recommendations, FDOT and the MTPO should negotiate a resolution;

4. FDOT and the MTPO Design Team continue to discuss the items listed in Ms. Meg Niederhofer’s recent e-mail concerning this issue;
5. that MTPO staff report the results of this discussion to the MTPO.

Commissioner Barrow seconded; motion passed seven to one.

VI. TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM- COORDINATOR SELECTION STATUS REPORT

Mr. Sanderson gave a status report concerning the competitive selection process to select the Community Transportation Coordinator for Alachua County.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to schedule an MTPO meeting on June 8 from 5:30 pm. to 7:00 p.m. to develop its recommendation concerning the Alachua County Community Transportation Coordinator Selection. Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson asked whether the MTPO would like the respondents to make presentations at the June 8 meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut moved to not hear presentations by the respondents to the Request for Proposals for Alachua County Community Transportation Coordinator at the June 8, 2000 MTPO meeting. Mayor DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson asked whether the MTPO would like staff to provide each member of the MTPO a copy of the proposals. He noted that the proposals are quite lengthy. He said that staff recommends that each member of the MTPO receive the Executive Summaries and Transition Plans from each of the proposals.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to request that ATC/Intellitran’s transition plan be provided to members of the MTPO. Commissioner Delaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. ARCHER ROAD AND SW 91ST STREET ROUNDABOUT

Mr. Sanderson stated that Mr. David Coffey, Haile Plantation Corporation Attorney and Mr. Bob Rowe, H.G. Joint Venture, have requested the opportunity to discuss the current status of the Archer Road and SW 91st Street roundabout project with the MTPO at today’s meeting.

Mr. Bob Rowe stated that, in order to meet the requirements of their development order, Haile Plantation is required to construct a signal at the intersection of Archer Road and SW 91st Street. He said that Haile Plantation would like to construct a roundabout at this intersection. He said he is faced with two major problems:

1. the Alachua County Public Works Department (ACPWD) and FDOT currently do not support the construction of a roundabout at this intersection; and

2. according to the MTPO’s adopted Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Archer Road from Tower Road to SW 91st Street, will be widened to four lanes sometime in the future. He said he is concerned that, if Haile Plantation
The MTPO discussed the Archer Road and SW 91st Street roundabout.

ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to:

1. send letters to the FDOT and ACPWD requesting that they reconsider their position that a roundabout would not be appropriate at the intersection of Archer Road and SW 91st Street; and

2. request that FDOT and ACPWD report back on this issue after reconsidering the feasibility of constructing a roundabout at this intersection.

Commissioner Hanrahan seconded.

Mr. Taylor stated that this segment of Archer Road will be modified from a rural to an urban section sometime in the future. He said that he does not feel that a roundabout would be appropriate, for this intersection, at this time. He added that, when this segment is widened to four lanes, this intersection would be an excellent candidate for a roundabout. He suggested that a signal be constructed now and the feasibility of constructing a roundabout be revisited when this section of Archer Road is widened.

Mr. Rowe said that, if a temporary signal were constructed at the intersection of Archer Road and SW 91st Street, Haile Plantation would suggest that Alachua County escrow funds to build a roundabout when Archer Road is widened to four lanes.

A member of the MTPO suggested that Mr. David Wagner, Alachua County Attorney, prepare a report indicating what changes would need to be made to the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) development order to permit Alachua County to fund the construction of a temporary signal at Archer Road and SW 91st Street and to escrow funds from Haile Plantation to build a roundabout when Archer Road is widened to four lanes.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Commissioner Newport moved to:

1. send letters to the FDOT and ACPWD requesting that they reconsider their position that a roundabout would not be appropriate at the intersection of Archer Road and SW 91st Street;

2. request that FDOT and ACPWD report back on this issue after reconsidering the feasibility of constructing a roundabout at this intersection; and

3. request that Mr. David Wagner, MTPO Attorney, prepare a report indicating what changes would need to be made to the DRI’s Development Order to permit Alachua County to fund the construction of a temporary signal at Archer Road and SW 91st Street.
and to escrow funds from Haile Plantation to build a roundabout when Archer Road is widened to four lanes.

Commissioner Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. PROPOSED BUTLER PLAZA EXPANSION PLANS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Alachua County Commission has requested this agenda item to give Mr. Clark Butler an opportunity to discuss proposed expansion plans and transportation modifications in the Butler Plaza area.

Mr. Butler discussed the proposed expansion plans and answered questions.

The following individuals spoke concerning this agenda item:

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<td>Randall Reid</td>
<td>Bob Rohlack</td>
<td>Cindy Smith</td>
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Chair Clemons instructed staff to refer the Butler Plaza expansion project to the MTPO Advisory Committees.

IX. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is currently scheduled for June 8 at 5:30 p.m.

X. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

There were no MTPO member comments.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

C. CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Clemons thanked those who telephoned with comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Clemons adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.
CONSENT AGENDA
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

CA. 1  MTPO Minutes- April 6, 2000  APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review and approval

CA. 2  Fiscal Year 2000/2001 Unified  APPROVE UPWP
Planning Work Program (UPWP)

This time each year, the MTPO approves a budget for the coming year

CA. 3  NW 34th Street Intersection  APPROVE DESIGN TEAM Modifications
RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations are to maintain the existing intersection geometry with
upgraded traffic signals and pedestrian crosswalks

CA. 4  US 441 at Gainesville High School-  APPROVE DESIGN TEAM Access Modifications
RECOMMENDATIONS

The Design Team is recommending that the MTPO approve FDOT’s plans

CA. 5  Transportation Enhancement  APPROVE JOINT Program Applications
RECOMMENDATIONS

The MTPO needs to decide if it wants to submit any new applications this year
(application deadline is June 15)

CA. 6  Transportation Disadvantaged Program-

1.  Voting and Alternate Mass  APPOINT MR. LOGAN
Transit Representatives  AND MR. GOMEZ

The City is recommending that Mr. Logan and Mr. Gomez be appointed as the
voting and alternate representatives respectively
2. Board Member Service
   Appreciation Resolution

   APPROVE RESOLUTION

   Mr. John Howell, Department of Labor and Employment Security, has recently
   resigned from the Coordinating Board.

3. Coordinator Annual
   Evaluation

   FOR INFORMATION ONLY

   The Coordinating Board has approved the annual evaluation of CTS.

4. Status Report
   FOR INFORMATION ONLY

   The MTPO has asked for monthly status reports regarding CTS’ progress in
   implementing the City audit recommendations.

CA. 7
US 441 Scenic Highway
Designation

   FOR INFORMATION ONLY

   FDOT has agreed to fund the Corridor Management Plan, therefore, the MTPO
   does not need to submit an enhancement application.

CA. 8
June 8 Public Hearings- Display Ads

   FOR INFORMATION ONLY

   On June 8, the MTPO will conduct the Main Street public hearing and consider
   approving its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

CA. 9
Status Reports

   1. Long Range Transportation
      Plan

      FOR INFORMATION ONLY

      Enclosed are materials prepared by Mr. Whit Blanton, MTPO Consultant, that
      discuss the current status of this plan.

   2. TCSP Grant

      FOR INFORMATION ONLY

      Enclosed are materials prepared by Mr. Whit Blanton, MTPO Consultant, that
      discuss the current status of this grant.

CA. 10
Draft Year 2020 Revenue Forecasts

   FOR INFORMATION ONLY

   FDOT has developed forecasts of revenue that are projected to be available to
   fund projects in the long range transportation plan.
CA. 11 Recent MTPO Correspondence (Without enclosures) FOR INFORMATION ONLY

1. MTPO City and County letters dated April 10, 2000
2. MTPO Local Legislative Delegation letters dated April 11, 2000- Senate Bill 862
3. MTPO Local Legislative Delegation letters dated April 11, 2000- Senate Bill 0152 and House Bill 0859
EXHIBIT 1

OTHERS PRESENT

Rob Ayers  Dewayne Stidham
Whit Blanton  Ernie Taylor
Gertrude Block  Tim Vaughan
H.R. Block  Dave Wagner
Wayne Bowers  Mike Winter
Bill Brown  Scott Woodman
Susan Brown  Fred Wright
Clark Butler  Mike Wright
Debra Butler  Susan Wright
Chuck Chestnut
David Coffey
Laura Dedenbach
James Dees
Linda Dixon
Matt Dominy
Arnall Downs
Rae Marie Gilbert
Sharon Hawkey
Huey Hawkins
Fred Henderson
Charles Keister
John Kingsolver
Bill Lecher
Jeff Logan
Rodney Long
Marge Malagodi
Marion Mark
Clay Martin
Tony Martinez-Malo
Warren Nielsen
Chandler Otis
Sarah Poll
James Quincy
Randall Reid
Jon Reiskind
Bob Reller
Bob Rohlack
Bob Rowe
Phyllis Saarinen
Gail Sasnett-Stauffer
Teresa Scott
Cindy Smith
Ryan Solis-Rios

Dewayne Stidham
Ernie Taylor
Tim Vaughan
Dave Wagner
Mike Winter
Scott Woodman
Fred Wright
Mike Wright
Susan Wright
EXHIBIT 3

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) include:

1. evergreen buffers by the rail-trail (sheet L10 and east);

2. use of native shade trees, specifically, where:
   A. there are no overhead powerlines- species such as Live Oak, Basket Oak, American Ash, Bald Cypress, Basswood, Red Maple, and Southern Magnolia; and
   B. overhead powerlines constrain tree size- species such as River Birch, Chickasaw Plums, Hollies, Red Bud and Fringe Trees;

3. particular attention to the landscaping at Prairie Creek bridge, under the bridge, as well as at road grade. Plantings should provide screening for wildlife, but also discourage their exit from the wildlife corridor- perhaps Yucca and Needle Palm on the outside edge, grading in three denser covers provided by Saltbush, Oakleaf Hydrangea and Yaupon;

4. native plant material as much as possible, except where Crape Myrtles are desired for color and a more formal transition to the clearly urban area;

5. use of mixed and varied species to avoid monocultures, except in areas where monocultures are desired to achieve a natural looking state;

6. placement of as much vegetation as possible at the wildlife crossing, so long as it does not impede water flow;

7. the Prairie Creek underbridge treatment to the St. Johns River Water Management District Orange Creek Basin Task Force to develop recommendations for the MTPO to consider; and

8. full specifications will be included on the final plans:
   A. including species, numbers and sizes;
   B. planting procedures, Florida grade #1; and
   C. recommendations for mowing and disturbance regimes for wildflowers

9. specific assurances that staking and guying will be:
   A. maintained during the establishment period; and
   B. removed after the establishment period.