

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/Intellitrans' 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

constructs a roundabout at this intersection now, they will be required to reconstruct the roundabout when this segment of Archer Road is widened.

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:

Wayne Bowers
Randall Reid

Bill Lecher
Bob Rohlack

James Quincy
Cindy Smith

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.

Date

Robert Hutchinson
Secretary/Treasurer

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	

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.*