

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

4:00 p.m.
Thursday
December 14, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Barrow, Chair
Mike Byerly
Chuck Chestnut IV
Mayor Paula DeLaney
Pegeen Hanrahan
Robert Hutchinson
Rodney Long
Warren Nielsen
Dave Newport
Ed Poppell
Penny Wheat

MEMBERS ABSENT

Huey Hawkins

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Michael Escalante
Lynn Franson-Godfrey

CALL TO ORDER

MTPO Chair John Barrow called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, asked the MTPO, in addition to approving the meeting agenda and consent agenda, to approve a six month extension to the Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program contract agreement between the MTPO and TransCore.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to:

1. **approve a six month extension to the Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program contract between the MTPO and TransCore;**
2. **approve the consent agenda with two amendments to delete the following items and place them at the end of the regular meeting agenda:**
 - A. **CA #3- Bike Usage Trends Report; and**
 - B. **CA # 9- TD Program status report; and**
3. **approve the meeting agenda as amended.**

Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. **FDOT TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Sanderson stated that, this time each year, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) presents its Tentative Five Year Work Program to the MTPO for review.

Mr. Bill Lecher, Alachua County Public Works Department Assistant Director, discussed the SW 62nd Boulevard / SW 24th Avenue road construction project and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson discussed a comparison of projects contained in the Work Program with projects in the currently adopted MTPO Transportation Improvement Program and List of Priority Projects and reported the Advisory Committee recommendations.

Ms. Joye Brown, FDOT District 2 Assistant Planning Manager, discussed several projects in the Work Program and answered questions.

The following individuals spoke concerning this agenda item:

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| Dave Bruderley | Melvin Lauderdale | Bruce Pagel | Teresa Scott |
| James Dees | Jeff Logan | Aage Schroeder | |

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to request that FDOT delete the SW 62nd Boulevard / SW 24th Avenue road construction project from the Work Program. Commissioner Hanrahan seconded.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Newport moved to request that FDOT add one additional project to the Work Program to purchase right-of-way for the Hull Road extension. Mayor DeLaney seconded.

A member of the MTPO called the question. Chair Barrow requested a rollcall vote concerning calling the question:

| | <u>City</u> | <u>County</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Commissioner Byerly | | No |
| Commissioner Chestnut IV | Yes | |
| Mayor DeLaney | Yes | |
| Commissioner Hanrahan | No | |
| Commissioner Hutchinson | | Yes |
| Commissioner Long | | Yes |
| Commissioner Newport | | Yes |
| Commissioner Nielsen | No | |
| Commissioner Wheat | | No |
| Commissioner Barrow | No | |

Question call failed.

The MTPO continued to discuss the substitute motion.

Chair Barrow requested a rollcall vote concerning the substitute motion:

| | <u>City</u> | <u>County</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Commissioner Wheat | | No |
| Commissioner Byerly | | No |
| Commissioner Chestnut IV | Yes | |
| Mayor DeLaney | Yes | |
| Commissioner Hanrahan | Yes | |
| Commissioner Hutchinson | | Yes |
| Commissioner Long | | Yes |
| Commissioner Newport | | Yes |
| Commissioner Nielsen | Yes | |
| Commissioner Barrow | Yes | |

Substitute motion passed.

ACTION: Commissioner Hanrahan moved to request that the MTPO Chair send a letter to the Alachua County Commission Chair and the City of Gainesville Mayor requesting that a special area plan be developed for the SW 20th Avenue Area. Mayor DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member of the MTPO requested an overview presentation of the Regional Transit System at a future MTPO meeting.

IV. SW 62ND BOULEVARD / SW 24TH AVENUE CROSS SECTION

Mr. Lecher made a presentation concerning the proposed cross sections for the extension of SW 62nd Boulevard (from SW 20th Avenue to SW 43rd Street) and SW 24th Avenue (from SW 43rd Street to SW 34th Street).

Mr. Bruderly spoke concerning this agenda item.

ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to:

- 1. approve the proposed SW 62nd Boulevard / SW 24th Avenue cross section, except for the 660 foot section west of SW 34th Street; and**
- 2. request that the Alachua County Public Works Department:**
 - a. research alternatives for the 660 foot section to improve accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians, such as purchasing additional right-of-way and looking into other alternatives, including offroad routes;**
 - b. consider transit operations in the final design;**
 - c. design this roadway as a neighborhood street and not an arterial street; and**
 - d. provide pedestrian and equestrian access under the Hogtown Creek bridge.**

Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. DR. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD

Mr. Sanderson announced that the MTPO's Citizens Advisory Committee had selected Mr. Var Heyl and Ms. Cindy Smith to be co-recipients of this year's Dr. Kermit Sigmon award.

Chair Barrow presented the award to Mr. Heyl and Ms. Smith.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to defer the remaining regular agenda items until after the long range plan public hearing and to take a short recess. Commissioner Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chair Barrow called the meeting to order.

VIII. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE VACANT POSITIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to fill six vacant positions on its Citizens Advisory Committee. He said that five positions have a term of office through December, 2003 and that one position had a term of office through December, 2001.

The following applicants spoke concerning why they wanted to be appointed to this Committee.

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| Anne Barkdoll | James Higman | Doug Hornbeck | Anthony Porter |
| Scherwin Henry | William Holt | Roberta Lopez | Jonathan Reiskind |

Mr. Sanderson conducted a rollcall vote and reported the results.

ACTION: Commissioner Hanrahan moved to appoint Anne Barkdoll, Scherwin Henry, Doug Hornbeck, Anthony Porter and Jonathan Reiskind to the CAC for terms through December 2003 and to appoint James Higman for a term through December 2001. Commissioner Wheat seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Chair Barrow welcomed citizens to the public hearing on the proposed long range transportation plan.

B. PROPOSED COST FEASIBLE PLAN

Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group, Inc. Vice President, made a presentation concerning the proposed long range transportation plan and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson and Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, discussed the MTPO Advisory Committees and staff recommendations and answered questions.

Mr. James Dees, FDOT District 2 Planning Manager, discussed the status of the Southeast Connector project as part of the State Highway System. He noted that it would take an agreement between the state and local government regarding the designation of the road as a part of the State Highway System.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Chair Barrow opened the public hearing.

The people who spoke concerning the proposed long range transportation plan are identified in Exhibit 2.

D. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Chair Barrow closed the public hearing and opened the MTPO regular business meeting.

X. YEAR 2020 COST FEASIBLE PLAN

Mr. Sanderson discussed the MTPO Advisory Committees and staff recommendations.

Mr. Dave Wagner, MTPO Attorney, discussed the consistency between the long range transportation plan and the City and County Comprehensive Plans.

ACTION: Mayor DeLaney moved to adopt the MTPO Staff/Consultant recommendation for the Year 2020 Liveable Communities Reinvestment Cost Feasible Plan with the following revisions:

1. **revise the project description for the Southeast Connector to read “corridor planning study and charrette” with a cost estimate of \$250,000;**
2. **insert the reconstruction of Depot Avenue after the Southeast Connector project; and**
3. **revise the project description for the W 6th Street to read “enhanced multimodal capacity.”**

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded.

A member of the MTPO called the question. Question call passed unanimously. Motion passed 9 to 1.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to:

1. **appoint an MTPO Southeast Connector Subcommittee to work with staff, the community and FDOT in reference to the charrette and corridor planning study; and**
2. **have staff present the MTPO with a proposal concerning implementing this community involvement process.**

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The MTPO thanked Mr. Blanton for his work on the long range transportation plan.

Chair Barrow requested that MTPO staff provide a report to the MTPO on the Archer Road speed limit increase to 60 mph.

IV. HULL ROAD EXTENSION CROSS SECTION

Mr. Sanderson reported that FDOT needs for the MTPO to approve the median width for the proposed Hull Road cross section in order for FDOT to know how much right-of-way to purchase. He also reported the Design Team and MTPO Advisory Committee recommendations.

ACTION: Commissioner Hanrahan moved to request that FDOT design a 150 feet wide cross section for the Hull Road extension right-of-way, that includes a median that is 30 feet wide. Mayor DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ed Poppell, University of Florida Vice President for Administrative Affairs, discussed the University's concern for the connection of the Hull Road extension to the University's Hull Road commuter parking lot.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to reconsider the previous action. Commissioner Wheat seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.

ACTION: Commissioner Hanrahan moved to refer the Hull Road extension right-of-way cross section to and the grade-separated bicycle/pedestrian crossing to the Design Team in order to address Mr. Poppell's concerns. Mayor DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT is requesting three amendments to the MTPO's adopted Transportation Improvement Program. He discussed the amendments and the Advisory Committee recommendations.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to approve the Transportation Improvement Program amendments to:

- 1. advance the NW 55th Street sidewalk construction project to Fiscal Year 2000/2001;**
- 2. advance the State Road 20 resurfacing project to Fiscal Year 2000/2001; and**
- 3. add the SW 62nd Boulevard/SW 24th Avenue road construction project in Fiscal Year 2000/2001.**

Commissioner Newport seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. MTPO POLICIES MANUAL

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, over the past year, the MTPO's Landscape Subcommittee, with assistance from the MTPO Design Team, City of Gainesville, Alachua County, and FDOT staffs, has developed the draft MTPO Policies Manual. He said that this document contains all currently adopted policies and reflects a consensus of procedures regarding the construction of all future transportation projects. He noted that the MTPO's Landscape Subcommittee has reviewed and approved the information contained in the manual. He added that policies concerning Landscaping and Retention / Detention Basins are being recommended for MTPO approval.

A member of the MTPO stated that she thought that the Transportation Design for Livable Communities (TDLC) policies were to be included in the MTPO Policies Manual and that the Design Team should look at additional locations for the application of the pedestrian crosswalks materials policies than those specified in the Policies Manual.

Mr. Bruderly spoke concerning this agenda item.

A member of the MTPO stated that he was collecting material regarding development of a streetlighting policy that could be brought to the MTPO in the future.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the MTPO Policies Manual. Commissioner Newport seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to refer to the Design Team the question of locations for materials specified in the policy for use in pedestrian crosswalks. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

CA 8. TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

Ms. Lynn Franson-Godfrey, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, provided a status report concerning the Transportation Disadvantaged Program and answered questions.

Mr. Jeff Logan, Regional Transit System Director, discussed this issue and answered questions. He noted that the number of complaints concerning this program had dropped significantly.

Ms. Penny Fennell, ATC/Intellitrans Director, answered questions. She stated that the nature of the complaints have been identified and are being corrected.

CA 3. BICYCLE USAGE TRENDS REPORT (BUTR)

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the draft Bicycle Usage Trends Report and answered questions.

Ms. Linda Dixon, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Analyst, also discussed this Report.

ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to have this Report prepared every five years to correspond with the development of the long range transportation plan. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XI. ELECTION OF MTPO OFFICERS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needed to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer for the coming year. He identified the current officers and noted that the MTPO Chair traditionally alternates between the City Commission and County Commission.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to appoint Commissioner Barrow as the MTPO Chair, Commissioner Hutchinson as the MTPO Vice-Chair and Commissioner Nielsen as the MTPO Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. MTPO AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanderson requested that the MTPO appoint two members to an Audit Review Committee. He noted that the MTPO Secretary/Treasurer traditionally chairs this committee.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to appoint Commissioner Nielsen and Commissioner Byerly to the MTPO Audit Review Committee and to have Commissioner Nielsen serve as Committee Chair. Commissioner Newport seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XIII. METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (MPOAC) REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Sanderson asked the MTPO to appoint voting and alternate representatives to the Florida MPOAC for the calendar year 2001.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to appoint Mayor DeLaney as the MTPO's voting representative and Commissioner Wheat as the MTPO's alternate representative. Commissioner Newport seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XIV. TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD CHAIR

Mr. Sanderson asked the MTPO to appoint a new Chair for the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to appoint Commissioner Chestnut as the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Chair. Mayor DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XV. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is currently scheduled for January 18 at 1:30 p.m.

XVI. COMMENTS

- A. MTPO MEMBERS- There were no MTPO member comments.
- B. CITIZENS- There were no citizen comments.
- C. CHAIR'S REPORT- There was no Chair's report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Barrow adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

Date

Warren Nielsen
Secretary/Treasurer

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