

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
November 8, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Barrow, Chair
Mayor Tom Bussing
Mike Byerly
Chuck Chestnut IV
Robert Hutchinson
Rodney Long
Dave Newport
Warren Nielsen
Ed Poppell
Penny Wheat

MEMBERS ABSENT

Pegeen Hanrahan
Aage Schroder

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Lynn Franson-Godfrey

CALL TO ORDER

Chair John Barrow called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to approve the consent agenda and meeting agenda with three corrections to the October 8 minutes. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)
TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE FINAL REPORT

Mr. Jimmie Williams, City of Gainesville Equal Opportunity Office, discussed the ADA Transportation Task Force Final Report. He also asked the MTPO to dissolve the Task Force and formally thank the members who served.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to accept the ADA Transportation Task Force Final Report, dissolve the Task Force, send letters to members thanking them for service, and refer outstanding issues to MTPO Staff and City Staff. Mayor Bussing seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. WEST 6TH STREET SAFETY PROJECT

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Transportation Planner, and Mr. Art Shipley, Comprehensive Engineering Vice President, discussed the West 6th Street safety project.

Mr. Wayne Bowers, City of Gainesville Manager, stated that both Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Director, and Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation Services Manager, recommend that the MTPO approve this project.

Ms. Kim Tanzer and Ms. Arnall Downs spoke regarding this agenda item.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to approve the West 6th Street Safety Project joint recommendations. Commissioner Byerly seconded.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to amend the motion to widen the sidewalks to the maximum extent feasible. Commissioner Wheat seconded; amendment passed unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to amend the motion to request an alternative engineering and economic feasibility analysis of a smooth four foot solid, flat surface crosswalk section with textured border surface and contrasting colors. Commissioner Byerly seconded; amendment passed unanimously.

ACTION: Mayor Bussing called the question. Motion to call the question failed.

The MTPO continued to discuss this agenda item.

A roll call vote was requested.

| | <u>City</u> | <u>County</u> |
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| Commissioner Hutchinson | | No |
| Commissioner Long | | No |
| Commissioner Nielsen | Yes | |
| Commissioner Wheat | | Yes |
| Mayor Bussing | Yes | |
| Commissioner Byerly | | Yes |
| Commissioner Chestnut | No | |
| Chair Barrow | No | |

Motion failed.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the West 6th Street design plans, including the two previous amendments, plus sending a letter to the City to expedite the West 6th Street Charrette. Commissioner Chestnut seconded.

A roll call vote was requested.

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| Commissioner Chestnut | Yes | |
| Commissioner Hutchinson | | Yes |
| Commissioner Long | | Yes |
| Commissioner Nielsen | Yes | |
| Commissioner Wheat | | No |
| Mayor Bussing | No | |
| Commissioner Byerly | | No |
| Chair Barrow | Yes | |

Motion failed.

ACTION: Mayor Bussing moved to re-agenda this item. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed with one dissenting vote.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to table the motion on the floor. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. ALACHUA COUNTY FUNDING WORKSHOP

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO requested a transportation funding workshop at its June meeting. He discussed the funding report included in the meeting packet and answered questions.

V. FDOT TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2002/03 - 2006/07

Mr. Sanderson stated that the purpose of this agenda item is to give the MTPO an opportunity to request changes to FDOT's Tentative Five Year Work Program.

Mr. James Dees, FDOT District 2 Planning Manager, discussed the Work Program and answered several questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to request that FDOT revise its Tentative Five Year Work Program to:

1. add an additional project to fund remaining State Road (SR) 26/26A enhancements to coincide with the SR 26/26A resurfacing and reconstruction project schedules, if FDOT research indicates that this project is not fully funded;
2. add additional projects to purchase right-of-way and construct the MTPO-approved cross-section and build the bicycle/pedestrian trail for the Hull Road Extension-north corridor; and
3. refer the Gainesville Metropolitan Area projects in Exhibit D with preliminary engineering in Year 2001/02 to the Design Team.

Commissioner Byerly seconded.

Mr. Ed Poppell, University of Florida Vice-President for Administrative Affairs, stated that the proposed 150 foot right-of-way works counter to the sense of creating a student village throughout the area.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved an amendment to have FDOT staff and University of Florida staff review the right-of-way issues along the proposed corridor and develop alternative cross section designs. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; amendment failed.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to request that FDOT revise its Tentative Five Year Work Program to:

1. add an additional project to fund remaining State Road (SR) 26/26A enhancements to coincide with the SR 26/26A resurfacing and reconstruction project schedules, if FDOT research indicates that this project is not fully funded;
2. add additional projects to purchase right-of-way and construct the MTPO-approved cross-section and build the bicycle/pedestrian trail for the Hull Road Extension-north corridor; and
3. refer the Gainesville Metropolitan Area projects in Exhibit D with preliminary engineering in Year 2001/02 to the Design Team.

Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The MTPO continued to discuss concerns of the University of Florida.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT District 2 Project Engineer, stated that several million dollars have been spent on the right-of-way analysis of the 150 foot Hull Road corridor.

ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to refer the University of Florida concerns regarding the need for the 150 foot right-of-way to the MTPO's Design Team and Advisory Committees. Commissioner Wheat seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. REVIEW OF CITY OF GAINESVILLE AND ALACHUA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to defer Agenda Item VI to the next meeting in order to allow adequate time for presentation and discussion. Commissioner Newport seconded; motion passed.

VII. PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE PROJECT- CONSULTANT PROJECT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO ranked the Plan East Gainesville consultants at its October 11 meeting. He said that MTPO staff and Commissioner Rodney Long, Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee Chair, began negotiations with the number one ranked firm- Duany Plater-Zyberk. He stated that Duany Plater-Zyberk has informed us that it is unwilling to complete the approved scope of work for the available \$194,000. He reported that the second ranked consultant, Renaissance Planning Group, has agreed to complete the approved scope of work for the available \$194,000.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat move to authorize the Chair to execute the Plan East Gainesville project contract with Renaissance Planning Group. Commissioner Newport seconded; motion passed seven to one (with Commissioner Byerly voting no).

VIII. DEPOT AVENUE PRESENTATION

Professors Kim Tanzer and Tina Gurucharri, University of Florida College of Design, Construction and Planning, discussed the proposed Depot Avenue Master Plan and answered questions.

Professor Gurucharri stated that student studios are working on a Plan East Gainesville project and will present the results of that effort on December 7 at 1:00 p.m. at the GTEC center.

III. WEST 6TH STREET SAFETY PROJECT

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to revisit the West 6th Street safety project agenda item. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the West 6th Street design plans and request that FDOT:

- 1. widen the sidewalks to the maximum extent feasible; and**
 - 2. perform an alternative engineering and economic feasibility analysis of a smooth four foot solid, flat surface crosswalk section with textured border surface and contrasting colors.**
- Commissioner Newport seconded.**

A roll call vote was requested.

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| Commissioner Byerly | | No |
| Commissioner Hutchinson | | Yes |
| Commissioner Long | | No |
| Commissioner Newport | | Yes |
| Commissioner Nielsen | Yes | |
| Commissioner Wheat | | Yes |
| Mayor Bussing | Yes | |
| Chair Barrow | No | |

Motion passed.

IX. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

A. HOGTOWN CREEK SEDIMENT PROJECT

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed the Hogtown Creek Sediment project and answered questions.

B. FDOT COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE TREE PROTECTION LAW

Mr. Sanderson stated that a member of the MTPO requested that the MTPO discuss the issue of FDOT compliance with local tree protection ordinances.

Mr. Dees stated that FDOT tries to comply with local ordinances and that he does not anticipate any problems complying with local tree ordinances in Alachua County.

X. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium.

XI. COMMENTS

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Barrow adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Date

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Warren Nielsen
Secretary/Treasurer

Exhibit 1

Interested Citizens

Whit Blanton
Wayne Bowers
Arnall Downs
Joan DeNicola
Michael Fey
Jesus Gomez
Tina Gurucharri
Ralph Hilliard
Charles Justice
Steve Lachnicht
Jeff Logan
Eileen Marzak
Ken McMurray
Chandler Otis
John Sabatella
Teresa Scott
Janine Sikes
Kim Tanzer
Jimmie Williams

Florida Department of Transportation

James Dees
Dale Johns
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Larry Parks
Lena Patil
Fred Wright

Florida Department of Transportation Consultants

Art Shipley, Comprehensive Engineering Vice President
Chris Simoneaux, Comprehensive Engineering President