

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium  
Alachua County Administration Building  
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.  
Thursday  
August 16, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Tom Bussing  
Mike Byerly  
Chuck Chestnut IV  
Pegeen Hanrahan  
Robert Hutchinson  
Rodney Long  
Warren Nielsen  
Ed Poppell  
Aage Schroder  
Penny Wheat

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Barrow, Chair  
Dave Newport

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Gerry Dedenbach  
Mike Escalante  
Andrea Vogler

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Robert Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that today's meeting is scheduled from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. because the City Commission has another meeting at 3:00 p.m. and County staff need to set up this room for a 3:30 p.m. County Commission workshop.

**ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to approve the consent agenda and meeting agenda. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## II. PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE- CONSULTANT PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its August 13 meeting, the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee reviewed the four letters of qualification received for this project and discussed when to receive consultant presentations. He said that Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, will discuss the project and report the subcommittee recommendations. He noted that, if the MTPO completes all of today's agenda items, the MTPO meeting scheduled for September 13 will be cancelled and the consultant presentations will be heard on that date.

Mr. Dedenbach identified the four firms that are interested in working on this project. He noted that the Subcommittee is also recommending that all four firms make full presentations at the Subcommittee's September 13 meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. He discussed the additional Subcommittee recommendations concerning the selection team for the consultant selection process and answered questions.

Subcommittee Chair Rodney Long invited all members of the MTPO to the September 13 presentations. He noted that the East Gainesville Development Corporation will host the meeting.

The MTPO discussed the Subcommittee recommendations and funding sources for this project.

A member of the MTPO asked that copies of the letters of qualifications be distributed to all members of the MTPO.

### **ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to recommend that the MTPO:**

- 1. distribute the request for proposals to, and solicit presentations from, the four firms that submitted letters of qualifications;**
- 2. establish a Plan East Gainesville selection team of 10 members (or their designated representatives) consisting of:**
  - A. the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee;**
  - B. the Alachua County Manager;**
  - C. the Gainesville City Manager;**
  - D. a representative from the East Gainesville Development Corporation;**
  - E. a representative from Gainesville Regional Utilities;**
  - F. a representative from the University of Florida; and**

**G. a citizen-at-large representative designated by  
Front Porch Florida.**

- 3. request that the Subcommittee present its final consultant recommendation to the MTPO at its October 11 meeting; and**
- 4. authorize the Subcommittee Chair to send letters to stakeholders requesting their participation in ranking the Plan East Gainesville project proposals.**

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

**III. LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS**

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO approves priorities each year for transportation projects that are needed, but not currently funded. He said that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) uses this information each fall to develop its Tentative Five Year Work Program. He noted that, this year, the FDOT deadline to submit these priorities is the middle of August.

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the Table 1- Capacity Modification Priorities and answered questions.

Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Department Director, discussed the use of Surface Transportation Program funds for transit and answered questions.

The MTPO reviewed and discussed the proposed capacity priorities.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the Regional Transit System (RTS) - Staff- recommended Table 1- Capacity Modification Priorities, with one amendment to move University Avenue project priority number 9 to priority number 5. Commissioner Wheat seconded. During discussion on the motion, a rollcall vote was requested:**

<b>CITY</b>		<b>COUNTY</b>	
<b>Tom Bussing</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mike Byerly</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Chuck Chestnut</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rodney Long</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Pegeen Hanrahan</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Penny Wheat</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Warren Nielsen</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Robert Hutchinson</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion failed.**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve the RTS-Staff- recommended Table 1- Capacity Modification Priorities. Commissioner Hanrahan seconded; motion failed 6 to 2 due to lack of majority vote by the County Commission members.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Long moved to approve Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)-recommended Table 1- Capacity Modification Priorities.

Mr. Sanderson suggested that the MTPO consider approval of RTS-Staff- recommended Table 1- Capacity Modification Priorities 1 through 4, since funding from FDOT would probably not extend beyond those projects.

**SUBSTITUTE ACTION:**

Commissioner Hanrahan moved to approve priorities one through four of the RTS-Staff- recommended Table 1 - Capacity Modification Priorities. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed seven to one.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Byerly moved to request that staff schedule a public hearing to consider revising project priorities in the Livable Community Reinvestment Plan to move priority number seven (University Avenue) to priority number five. Commissioner Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the Table 2- Enhancement Priorities and answered questions.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)-Staff- recommended Table 2 - Enhancement Priorities with the project description for Priority Number 3 (SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue sidewalk project) amended to include the following phrase- “that the project be constructed consistent with the Alachua County adopted guidelines for the project corridor.” Commissioner Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the Table 4- Safety Priorities and answered questions.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board-TAC- recommended Table 4- Safety Priorities. Motion was withdrawn.

**ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to approve the CAC-Staff- recommended Table 4- Safety Priorities. Commissioner Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the Table 5- Traffic Operations Priorities and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to approve the TAC-Staff- recommended Table 5 - Traffic Operations Priorities. Commissioner Hanrahan seconded.**

**SUBSTITUTE ACTION:**

**Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve the CAC- recommended Table 5 - Traffic Operations Priorities. Commissioner Wheat seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Vice Chair Hutchinson stated that a motion on the consensus- recommended priority tables and the List of Priority Projects document was needed.

**ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to:**

- 1. approve:**
  - A. Table 3 - Public Transportation Priorities;**
  - B. Table 6 - Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) - TD Trust Fund Priorities;**
  - C. Table 7 - TD - Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program Priorities; and**
  - D. the List of Priority Projects as a completed planning document as amended; and**
- 2. request that staff forward the List of Priority Projects to FDOT.**

**Commissioner Hanrahan seconded; motion passed seven to one.**

#### IV. HOGTOWN CREEK SEDIMENT PROJECT

Mr. Dedenbach provided an overview of the Hogtown Creek Sediment Project and the MTPO Advisory Committee recommendations concerning this project and answered questions.

The MTPO discussed the Hogtown Creek Sediment Project.

A member of the MTPO discussed correspondence from the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) concerning this project. She noted that the SJRWMD appears to be saying that there is not enough technical information to respond to the FDOT District 2 request for improvements.

Mr. Aage Schroder, FDOT District 2 Secretary, discussed the Hogtown Creek Sediment Project and requested an opportunity to provide a more comprehensive briefing on the project at a later date. He noted that FDOT:

1. has an ongoing process with the SJRWMD concerning this project;
2. will meet with the SJRWMD Board in September; and
3. has moved contract let-date to October at the request of the SJRWMD and MTPO.

Mr. Bob Alderman, Earthtech Consulting Water Resources Engineer, noted that Earthtech has been working with the SJRWMD concerning this project to address issues raised in their letter.

Secretary Schroder discussed modifications that have been made to the project as a result of negotiations with the SJRWMD.

Vice Chair Hutchinson suggested that staff schedule a special meeting on the Hogtown Creek Sediment Project within the next two weeks.

Mr. Sanderson stated that staff will work with City and County staffs to schedule an MTPO special meeting on the Hogtown Creek Sediment Project as soon as possible.

**ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen made a motion to have staff schedule a special meeting as soon as possible to continue discussion of this agenda item. Commissioner Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

A member of the MTPO requested that staff prepare graphic information that depicts what the completed project will look like.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Hutchinson adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

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Date

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Warren Nielsen  
Secretary/Treasurer

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**EXHIBIT 1**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Bob Alderman

Sue Blythe

Wayne Bowers

Gina Buscher

Orlando Cordero

Eddie Davis

Paul Hoffhein

Doreen Joyner-Howard

Ron Matus

Shealey Neely

Sally Palmi

Matt Pinkoson

Darlene Pitalo

John Sabatella

Teresa Scott

Cindy Smith

Karen Taulbee

Howard Wallace

Fred Wright

Susan Wright

Vam York