

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
July 18, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Hutchinson, Chair
Chuck Chestnut IV
Mike Byerly
Tony Domenech
Dave Newport
Warren Nielsen
Ed Poppell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Braddy
Mayor Tom Bussing
Rodney Long
Aage Schroder
Penny Wheat

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Hutchinson stated that, since there was not a quorum present, information items would be heard and called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

II. US 441/PAYNES PRAIRIE ISSUES

Mr. Sanderson discussed the status of the US 441/Paynes Prairie Issues and answered questions.

It was a consensus of the MTPO members present that Commissioner Byerly would serve as the MTPO representative on the US 441/Paynes Prairie Working Group.

JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARY ISSUES/MTPO COMPOSITION

The MTPO also discussed jurisdictional boundary issues and voting member composition.

Chair Hutchinson noted that a quorum was now present.

ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to direct staff to report back to the MTPO, within the next few months, concerning an analysis of the Year 2000 Census maps and whether the MTPO can be designated as a transportation management area (TMA) with a population over 200,000. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, asked the MTPO to approve the meeting agenda and consent agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to approve the consent agenda and the meeting agenda. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. FISCAL YEARS 2002/3-2006/07 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TIP is the most important document that is approved annually by the MTPO. He noted that this year's document authorizes about \$30 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area (GMA). He added that, in order for Federal funds to be spent in the GMA, they must be approved by the MTPO and included in this report. He also stated that, at last month's meeting, the MTPO approved a motion to table the following motion:

"to approve the Fiscal Years 2002/03 - 2006/07 Transportation Improvement Program."

ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to take the motion tabled at the last meeting off the table. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ORIGINAL ACTION RESTATED:

Mayor Bussing moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2002/03 - 2006/07 Transportation Improvement Program. Commissioner Domenech seconded.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Byerly moved to include bike lanes in conjunction with the Williston Road resurfacing project (page 14, number 4). Commissioner Newport seconded; motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Newport moved to replace TIP language to reflect, clearly and accurately, the actual number of lanes within projects, such as referring to "two-lane divided" roads as "three-lane" roads. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ORIGINAL ACTION AS AMENDED:

Mayor Bussing moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2002/03 - 2006/07 Transportation Improvement Program with the following amendments:

- 1. include bike lanes in conjunction with the Williston Road resurfacing projects (page 14, number 4); and**
- 2. replace TIP language to reflect, clearly and accurately, the actual number of lanes within projects, such as referring to “two-lane divided” roads as “three-lane” roads.**

Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Nielsen moved to amend the Transportation Improvement Program to remove the Hull Road North-South Bicycle Path (page 46, number 4) since it is an unfunded project. Commissioner Newport seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chair Hutchinson stated that the document lacks an executive summary which depicts the relative percentage of funds and historic levels of funding in categories. He stated that this information could be reported by total dollars and/or by dollars by mode.

A member of the MTPO questioned when projects from the Countywide Bicycle Master Plan would begin to be prioritized.

MTPO staff stated that, since the Countywide Bicycle Master Plan was only adopted last year, it takes time for projects to begin to receive funding. He noted that the first step would be to include these projects in this year's List of Project Priorities that the MTPO will adopt in August.

IV. SW 34th STREET BIKELANES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its May meeting, discussed the enclosed April 8 and April 23 letters from Mr. Aage Schroder, FDOT District 2 Secretary. He reported that FDOT is willing to add color to the new bike lanes on SW 34th Street in conjunction with the resurfacing project. He noted that there is an unfunded amount of \$167,560 for this project. He said that, during discussion of these letters, the MTPO approved a motion to:

“refer funding for the proposed SW 34th Street Coloration Project to the MTPO Advisory Committees.”

He discussed the MTPO Advisory Committee recommendations and FDOT's responses to them.

ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to include this unfunded project in the List of Priority Projects Table 2- Enhancement Priorities. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE STATUS REPORT

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, discussed the status of the Plan East Gainesville project and answered questions.

VI. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for August 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium.

VII. COMMENTS

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hutchinson adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Date

Mike Byerly, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT 1

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>
Chandler Otis	James Dees	Michael Fay	Wayne Bowers
	Suraya Teeple		Brian Kanelly
	Doreen Joyner-Howard		
	Gina Buscher		