

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

5:00 p.m.
Thursday
June 13, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Hutchinson, Chair
Ed Braddy
Mayor Tom Bussing
Mike Byerly
Tony Domenech
Rodney Long
Dave Newport
Warren Nielsen
Linda Dixon for Ed Poppell
Aage Schroder
Penny Wheat

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Chestnut IV

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT

Charles Justice
Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Michael Escalante
Lynn Franson-Godfrey

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

I_A. APPROVAL OF THE CHARRETTE MEETING AGENDA

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

**ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to approve the charrette meeting agenda.
Commissioner Newport seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

II. SW 13TH STREET CHARRETTE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the City of Gainesville's and Alachua County's planning departments requested an opportunity for the MTPO to receive a presentation on the SW 13th Street Charrette.

Mr. Joseph Corradino, The Corradino Group Executive Vice President, and Mr. Rolando Llanes, The Corradino Group Director of Architecture, discussed the SW 13th Street Charrette process and answered questions.

Mr. Rick Drummond, Alachua County Growth Management Department Director, stated that the City and County staffs need to meet to develop recommendations regarding land development code modifications to present to the City and County Commissions.

Mr. Aage Schroder, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Secretary, stated that FDOT would like to participate in the process. He noted that some of the recommendations involved property outside the right-of-way.

Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Department Director, discussed the City's stormwater management priorities and answered questions.

The following persons spoke concerning this agenda item:

Debbie Martinez	Maynard Hess	Steve Lachnicht	Richard Fry
Paula Rousch	Kathleen Pagan	Wayne Bowers	Bob Simons
Randy Scott	Priscilla West	Mike Patel	

Secretary Schroder suggested that FDOT, City and County staffs meet to address the Paynes Prairie safety issues.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to:

- 1. accept, with thanks, the Corradino Group's SW 13th Street Charrette Report; and**
- 2. request that the City of Gainesville and Alachua County Commissions direct their Managers to:**
 - A. prepare the land use and development code recommendations to implement the SW 13th Street Charrette Report; and**
 - B. provide an interim status report to the City and County Commissions, prior to beginning the Planning Commission process.**

Commissioner Newport seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen move to have MTPO staff establish a working group with the Florida Department of Transportation to address the right-of-way issues and parking problems along US 441 across Paynes Prairie. Commissioner Newport seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chair Hutchinson recessed the meeting at 7:02 p.m. He reconvened the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

I_B. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sanderson asked the MTPO to approve the meeting agenda and consent agenda. He stated that FDOT has requested an opportunity to report on the State Roads 26/26A lighting issues.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to approve the consent agenda and the meeting agenda amended to include discussion of the State Roads 26/26A lighting issues after agenda item III. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III_A. STATE ROAD (SR) 26 TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its May meeting, received a presentation of the SR 26 traffic analysis and referred it to the MTPO Advisory Committees for review and recommendations. He reported the MTPO Advisory Committees' recommendations.

Secretary Schroder discussed the FDOT design recommendation and answered questions.

Ms. Linda Dixon, University of Florida Strategic Planner for University Master Planning, discussed the Campus Development Agreement funding for the State Road 26/26A projects.

Mr. Randall Reid, Alachua County Manager, discussed the status of roadway jurisdictional exchanges and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to approved the FDOT State Road 26 mill and resurface project from NW 38th Street to West 23rd Street, including adding medians west of West 34th Street and keeping the existing cross-section east of West 34th Street. Mayor Bussing seconded.

Mr. Wayne Bowers, City of Gainesville Manager, discussed the status of roadway jurisdictional exchanges and answered questions.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT Project Consultant Engineer, discussed the State Road 26 project status.

The following persons spoke concerning this agenda item:

Cindy Smith

David Welch

Bill Gager

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Byerly moved to request that City, County and MTPO staff work with FDOT to:

- 1. develop options for State Roads 26/26A roadway jurisdictional exchanges within Alachua County; and**

2. include, as part of the research, identifying the fiscal implications.

Commissioner Nielsen seconded. Chair Hutchinson asked for a rollcall vote:

	CITY	COUNTY
Commissioner Braddy	No	
Mayor Bussing	Yes	
Commissioner Byerly		Yes
Commissioner Domenech	Yes	
Commissioner Long		Yes
Commissioner Newport		Yes
Commissioner Nielsen	Yes	
Commissioner Wheat		No
Chair Hutchinson		Yes

Motion passed.

The following persons spoke concerning this agenda item:

Jim Stringfellow	Gail Sasnett	Chandler Otis	Cindy Smith
Susan Wright	David Welch	Sal Locasio	Bill Gager
Arnall Downs	Chuck Woods		

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to approve the FDOT State Road 26 mill and resurface project from NW 38th Street to West 23rd Street, including adding medians west of West 34th Street and keeping the existing cross-section east of West 34th Street. Commissioner Domenech seconded.

Commissioner Wheat called the question; question call passed unanimously.

Chair Hutchinson asked for a rollcall vote:

	CITY	COUNTY
Mayor Bussing	Yes	
Commissioner Byerly		No
Commissioner Domenech	Yes	
Commissioner Long		Yes
Commissioner Newport		No
Commissioner Nielsen	Yes	
Commissioner Wheat		Yes
Commissioner Braddy	Yes	
Chair Hutchinson		Yes

Motion passed.

III_B. STATE ROADS 26/26A LIGHTING

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT requested an opportunity to discuss the State Road 26 lighting.

Mr. Wright discussed FDOT's concerns with the costs of the MTPO-recommended Cobrahead and Domus combination design and incompatibility with adjacent City of Gainesville lighting projects. He said that a representative of Gainesville Regional Utilities and the FDOT consultant were present to discuss these issues.

Mr. Reid Rivers, GRU Engineering Manager for Energy Delivery, discussed the City of Gainesville's University Avenue lighting project and answered questions.

Mr. Chris Simoneaux, Comprehensive Engineering Services, Inc. Vice President, discussed various lighting configurations and project cost estimates and answered questions.

Mr. Wright discussed the FDOT's SR 26/26A lighting recommendation and answered questions.

The following persons spoke concerning this agenda item:

Arnall Downs Chuck Woods

ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve, as the standard fixture for the State Roads 26/26A projects, the Cobrahead fixture mounted on an octagonal composite pole with supplemental pedestrian scale lighting using a domus fixture on SW 2nd Avenue west of SW 34th Street and as needed on SW 2nd Avenue east of SW 34th Street. Commissioner Byerly seconded.

Commissioner Domenech called the question; question call passed unanimously.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. STATE ROAD 26A OPTIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has not agreed to some of the MTPO design requests for State Road 26A. He discussed the options concerning how to proceed with the State Road 26A project and the MTPO Advisory Committee's recommendations.

ACTION: Commission Domenech moved to approve the FDOT design for the State Road 26A Project as presented at the February 14 MTPO meeting. Commissioner Braddy seconded.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Byerly moved to request that City, County and MTPO staff work with FDOT to:

- 1. develop options for State Roads 26/26A roadway jurisdictional exchanges within Alachua County; and**
- 2. include, as part of the research, identifying the fiscal implications.**

Motion failed for lack of a second.

SECOND SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commission Domenech moved to accept the FDOT design for the State Road 26A Project as presented at the February 14 MTPO meeting. Motion failed for lack of a second.

A member of the MTPO asked Secretary Schroder whether an MTPO vote to approve or not to approve the FDOT design for the State Road 26A Project, as presented at the February 14 MTPO meeting, made a difference as to what FDOT was going to construct.

Secretary Schroder responded that FDOT was going to proceed with the design for the State Road 26A Project as presented at the February 14 MTPO meeting, regardless of what action the MTPO took. He noted that FDOT considered all of the MTPO recommendations and incorporated as many of the recommendations as possible.

ORIGINAL ACTION RESTATED:

Commission Domenech moved to approve the FDOT design for the State Road 26A Project as presented at the February 14 MTPO meeting. Commissioner Braddy seconded.

Chair Hutchinson asked for a rollcall vote:

	CITY	COUNTY
Commissioner Byerly		No
Commissioner Domenech	Yes	
Commissioner Nielsen	Yes	
Commissioner Wheat		Yes
Commissioner Braddy	Yes	
Mayor Bussing	Yes	
Chair Hutchinson		No

Motion failed.

V. 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.

ACTION: Mayor Bussing moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2002/03 - 2006/07 TIP. Commissioner Domenech seconded.

ACTION: Mayor Bussing moved to table the motion to approve the Fiscal Years 2002/03 - 2006/07 TIP until the next MTPO meeting. Commissioner Byerly seconded. Chair Hutchinson asked for a rollcall vote:

	CITY	COUNTY
Commissioner Domenech	No	
Commissioner Nielsen	Yes	
Commissioner Wheat		Yes
Commissioner Braddy	Yes	
Mayor Bussing	Yes	
Commissioner Byerly		Yes
Chair Hutchinson		No

Motion passed.

ACTION: Mayor Bussing moved to defer the rest of the meeting agenda to next month's meeting. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hutchinson adjourned the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

Date

Mike Byerly
Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT 1

Interested Citizens

Whit Blanton	Deanna Monahan	Chris Simoneaux
E.J. Bolduc	Joe Montalto	Bob Simons
Ed Book	Chandler Otis	Cindy Smith
Mike Castine	Kris Pagenkopf	Rod Smith
Joesph Corradino	H.M Patel	David Stauffer
Kemil Dogan	Mike Patel	Gail Stauffer
Arnall Downs	Sonjay Patel	Ruth Steiner
Richard Fry	P.K Parekh	Jim Stringfellow
Bill Gager	Nina Postalwaite	David Welch
Maynard Hess	F. Blair Reeves	T.D. Welch
Steve Kincaid	Julia Reiskind	Priscilla West
Murray Lauri	Paula Rousch	Jennifer Whiting
Rolando Llanes	Harold Saive	Shawn Woodin
Sal Locasio	Gail Sasnett	Chuck Woods
Debbie Martinez (by phone)	Randy Scott (by phone)	Susan Wright

**Florida Department of
Transportation**

Gina Buscher
James Dees
Larry Parks
Karen Taulbee
Fred Wright

Alachua County

Rick Drummond
Michael Fay
Steve Lachnicht
Betty Levin
Kristen Nowicki
Kathleen Pagan
Randall Reid
John Sabatella
Trish Wallace

City of Gainesville

Dakova Beatty
Wayne Bowers
Jesus Gomez
Debbie Leistner
Dean Mimms
Reid Rivers
Tom Saunders
Teresa Scott
John Wachtel