

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

2:30 p.m.
Tuesday
May 2, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rodney Long, Chair
Craig Lowe, Vice Chair
Rick Bryant
Chuck Chestnut IV
Paula DeLaney
Jack Donovan
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan
John Martin
Warren Nielsen
Lee Pinkoson
Ed Poppell

MEMBERS ABSENT

James Bennett for Charles Baldwin
Ed Braddy
Mike Byerly
Cynthia Moore Chestnut

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Charles Justice
Marlie Sanderson
Lynn Franson-Godfrey
Brian Waterman
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rodney Long called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, introduced Ms. Lee Ann Jacobs, Federal Highway Administration Transportation Specialist.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Counsel to the MTPO requested that CA.7 Title VI Complaint Procedures be deferred until the next MTPO meeting.

Chair Long noted that two MTPO members were attending their last meeting.

Commissioner Chuck Chestnut and Warren Nielsen spoke concerning their participation on the MTPO.

Chair Long thanked Commissioners Chestnut and Nielsen for there service to the MTPO and led a round of applause. He then asked for approval of the consent agenda as amended and meeting agenda.

A member of the MTPO requested that project design diagrams be accompanied by a more simpler sketch of the recommended design.

ACTION: Commissioner Neilsen moved to approve the Consent Agenda amended to defer CA.7 Title VI Complaint Procedures to the next MTPO meeting and the Meeting Agenda. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. 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 \$11.8 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area (GMA) in the first fiscal year. 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.

A member of the MTPO asked if the Depot Avenue Reconstruction Project would be reviewed by the City of Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). She noted that the CRA may be a funding partner for the project.

Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation Services Manager, stated that the CRA could be involved in the review of the Depot Avenue Reconstruction Project.

A member of the MTPO noted that the City of Gainesville was proceeding with the Depot Avenue Reconstruction Project as a Local Area Program (LAP) project. She added that the City was working with State Representative Larry Cretul for funding for the Traffic Management System project. She added that the City has put \$5 million towards the Traffic Management System project and is working with a consultant on the project.

A member of the MTPO noted that the County was partnering with Marion County for Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) fund-eligible projects.

Mr. Sanderson noted that the County may also be partnering with Putnam County and that MTPO staff would be attending the next Ocala-Marion County Transportation Planning Organization meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2006/2007 - 2010/2011 Transportation Improvement Program. Commissioner DeLaney seconded. Mr. Sanderson noted that Florida Statutes require that the TIP be adopted by a rollcall vote. The results were as follows:

	<u>CITY COUNTY</u>	
Commissioner Chuck Chestnut	Yes	
Commissioner DeLaney		Yes
Commissioner Donovan	Yes	
Mayor Hanrahan	Yes	
Commissioner Lowe	Yes	
Commissioner Nielsen	Yes	
Commissioner Pinkoson		Yes
Chair Long		Yes

Motion passed.

III. MTPO VOTING MEMBERSHIP AND BOUNDARY

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its January 12th meeting, the MTPO discussed its voting membership and boundary. He said that during this discussion, the MTPO approved a motion to:

“refer the MTPO Membership Apportionment Plan to the Alachua County League of Cities, its member Mayors and City Managers, and provide each municipality a copy of the MTPO January 12th meeting video, in order to receive their recommendations on the composition and boundaries of the MTPO at the MTPO’s March 9th meeting.”

He said that the Alachua County League of Cities discussed the MTPO voting membership and boundary issues at its January and April meetings. He reported that, at its April meeting, the Alachua County League of Cities voted to recommend that the MTPO keep its current voting membership and boundary.

Commissioner John Martin, MTPO Rural Advisor, discussed the deliberations of the Alachua County League of Cities. He reported that the it was an unanimous vote of the members present to recommend that the MTPO keep its current voting membership and boundary. He noted that the League wanted to see how the new MTPO Rural Advisor position serves the outlying communities interests and concerns. He also noted that the MTPO meeting packets are being mailed to the County’s outlying City Mayors and Managers.

Mayor Jean Calderwood, City of Alachua, discussed the proceedings of the Alachua County League of Cities April 19th meeting. She added that the outlying cities need to be involved in the transportation process since the MTPO's decisions impact the outlying cities. She noted that the City of Alachua has worked with the MTPO Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee and MTPO staff to address some of the City's transportation concerns.

Chair Long thanked the Alachua County League of Cities for its assistance in this issue. He requested that the MTPO receive an update on the US 441 Corridor Employee Shuttle project at its next meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved that the MTPO keep its existing voting and non-voting membership and boundary. Mayor Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. URBAN VILLAGE: SW 20TH AVENUE TRANSPORTATION DESIGN PROPOSAL

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Urban Village: SW 20th Avenue Transportation Design Proposal has been submitted for review and recommendation to the MTPO. He gave an overview of the evolution of the SW 20th Avenue Area/Student Village Charrette plan. He noted the visioning process that was used to integrate land use plans and transportation plans.

Mr. Martin Gold, University of Florida Assistant Professor, discussed the Urban Village: SW 20th Avenue Transportation Design Proposal and answered questions.

Chair Long discussed the need to have (Option 1) the Urban Village Area annexed by the City of Gainesville, (Option 2) Alachua County amend its comprehensive plan or (Option 3) the City and County do joint planning for the Urban Village Area in order to implement the Urban Village: SW 20th Avenue Transportation Design Proposal. He said that the MTPO needs to choose which option and move forward. He noted the need to involve major stakeholders.

Mr. Ralph Hilliard, City of Gainesville Planning Manager, noted that City and County staffs have had some discussions about joint planning, but have not done any joint planning on the Urban Village Area yet. He noted the need for joint planning and the possible need for a Multimodal Transportation District (MMTD).

Mr. Randall Reid, Alachua County Manager, noted that the City and County have participated in joint planning efforts involving the Campus Development Agreement.

A member of the MTPO noted that the City and County need to work out their annexation issues.

Mr. Rick Hedrick, Alachua County Public Works Director, discussed the need to "lock down" the infrastructure in the Village area.

ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to:

- 1. accept the Urban Village: SW 20th Avenue Transportation Design Proposal as a completed planning document;**
- 2. request that Alachua County, the City of Gainesville and the University of Florida use this document as a guide for corridor studies, and any future land use and transportation plans; and**
- 3. approve the auto-merge option (a).**

Commissioner Bryant seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chair Long suggested that the MTPO Plan East Gainesville (PEG) Subcommittee be a model for the implementation of the Urban Village: SW 20th Avenue Transportation Design Proposal.

A member of the MTPO discussed her concern about using the PEG Subcommittee model due to time constraints with pending development. She suggested taking short range actions to address these issues.

ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to authorize the Chair to send letters to Alachua County, the City of Gainesville, Florida Department of Transportation and University of Florida requesting that they work with MTPO staff to develop proposals and action items to implement the Urban Village: SW 20th Avenue Transportation Design Proposal within 60 days. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member of the MTPO asked what is the deliverable from this process.

Chair Long stated that it should be a document that addresses land use and transportation for the area with the staffs having a blank slate to develop strategies.

A member of the MTPO asked that this review include a possible Butler Plaza Development of Regional Impact.

Mr. Sanderson read the Butler Enterprises letter (Exhibit B) and Martin Gold email (Exhibit C). He apologized for not including Butler Enterprises representatives in the project.

Mr. Gold discussed his meeting with Butler Enterprises representatives and additional changes made to the Design Proposal recommendations based on those discussions.

V. PROPOSED HULL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ISSUES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the City of Gainesville is discussing a project with a developer that impacts the MTPO-approved proposed Hull Road right-of-way. He reviewed the MTPO's Livable Community Reinvestment Plan Option M for the SW 20th Avenue/Student Village Area and the current proposed Hull Road Extension alignment.

Mr. Ed Poppell, University of Florida Vice President for Administration and Finance, noted that the Creekside at Beville Run development is one of the few developments that have come forward that fits the urban village concept. He said that there is more that should be considered than just right-of-way. He added that the grid system is more important than a four-lane road.

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, Causseaux & Ellington Director of Planning & GIS Services and representing Gatorland Investments, discussed the Creekside at Beville Run development proposal and answered questions.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT Urban Area Transportation Development Engineer, stated that FDOT has prepared a project, development and environment (PD&E) and right-of-way design studies for the Hull Road corridor. He said that since federal funding is involved, it would be necessary to do a new PD&E study if the cross-section is changed from a 150 foot wide right-of-way plan.

Mr. Dedenbach asked if federal funds could be spent on the western portion of the right-of-way.

Mr. Bennett stated that a change in position and selection of a different cross-section and different type of route by the MTPO would cause FDOT to rethink funding for the corridor. He said that there is a possibility that federal funds could be used on some other part of the corridor.

Mr. Mike Hemmen, HNTB Project Manager, discussed project traffic issues.

Mr. Hedrick stated it was not clear yet whether there was a need to do a comprehensive plan amendment. He said that with the adoption of Option M that he wondered whether there was a need for a four-lane corridor. He stressed the need to lock in the transportation infrastructure design.

Mr. Bennett stated that FDOT has not committed to fully fund the right-of-way purchase. He noted that FDOT can only program funds for five years.

Mr. Peter Dautel, Gatorland Investments developer, discussed the Creekside at Beville Run development proposal and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to ask the MTPO Advisory Committees to develop recommendations concerning whether the MTPO should continue to include in the Communities long range transportation plan a project to acquire 150-foot of right-of-way for the Hull Road Extension. Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The MTPO agreed to meet next on June 15th at 6:00 p.m.

VII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

A member of the MTPO discussed his concerns with the US 301/State Road 20 intersection.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Date

Lee Pinkoson, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Mayor Calderwood	Richard Hedrick	Dekova Batey	Gina Buscher
Peter Dautel	Randall Reid	Russ Blackburn	Doreen Joyner-Howard
Gerry Dedenbach	John Sabatella	Ralph Hilliard	
Staci Graff	Dave Schwartz	Brian Kanely	
Martin Gold			
Mike Hemmen			
Lee Ann Jacobs			
Noel Lake			
Jeanna Mastrodicasa			
Bob Reller			

* By telephone

Provided written comments

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CONSENT AGENDA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

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Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #7 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- March 9, 2006 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page #15 CA. 2 Unified Planning Work Program APPROVE JOINT
RECOMMENDATIONS

This document is the MTPO staff budget for Fiscal Year 2006/2007

Page #23 CA. 3 Pedestrian Refuge Islands Along East
University Avenue APPROVE JOINT
RECOMMENDATIONS

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff have developed several
design options for the MTPO to consider

Page #29 CA. 4 State Road (SR) 26 at SR 222 Intersection
Reconstruction Plans APPROVE JOINT
RECOMMENDATIONS

Enclosed are 90 percent design plans to reconstruct this intersection

Page #45 CA. 5 MTPO Fiscal Year 2004/2005 Audit APPROVE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS

It is a consensus of the Audit Review Committee that the MTPO accept the
audit report and approve the invoice for payment

Page #75 CA. 6 **List of Priority Projects Amendment** **APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

This amendment is needed in order for FDOT to consider the City of Alachua's grant application for the US 441 Employee Shuttle

Page #81 CA. 7 **Title VI Complaint Procedures** **DEFER TO NEXT MEETING**

In order to maintain the certification for the MTPO program, the MTPO must have adopted procedures to handle Title VI complaints

Page #85 CA. 8 **Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Grant Application** **APPROVE RESOLUTION**

This application is for state funds to support the MTPO's Transportation Disadvantaged Program

Page #89 CA. 9 **Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Status Report** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

Page #105 CA. 10 **Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study- Status Report** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

At the last meeting, the MTPO requested a status report on this study

Page #109 CA. 11 **Speed Study and Signal Warrant Analysis- US 441 at Turkey Creek Forest** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

In January, the MTPO requested a traffic signal study at this location

Page #117 CA. 12 **US 441 Transit Corridor Program** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The MTPO's Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee and the City of Alachua Transportation Task Force worked together to develop this report

Page #137 CA. 13 **MTPO Correspondence** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed for information only are copies of recent correspondence