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

Auditorium
City Hall
Gainesville, Florida

1:30 p.m.
Thursday
May 16, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT
Robert Hutchinson, Chair
Mayor Tom Bussing
Mike Byerly
Chuck Chestnut IV
Dave Newport
Warren Nielsen
Ed Poppell
Aage Schroder

MEMBERS ABSENT
John Barrow
Penny Wheat
Pegeen Hanrahan
Rodney Long

OTHERS PRESENT
See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT
Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Michael Escalante
Lynn Franson-Godfrey

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. He noted that a quorum of the MTPO was not present and asked that staff begin to discuss agenda items that were for information only.

II. STATE ROAD 26 ISSUES

A. UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that Gainesville Regional Utilities staff was present to discuss the undergrounding of utilities concurrent with the State Roads 26/26A reconstruction projects. He noted that this agenda item was deferred from the April MTPO meeting.

Mr. Reid Rivers, GRU Engineering Manager for Energy Delivery, discussed the thirty percent plans for undergrounding of utilities within the State Roads 26/26A project area and answered questions.
B. CITY DESIGN FOR WESTERN CONFLUENCE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its March meeting, requested a presentation of the City of Gainesville's State Roads 26/26A western confluence design at its next meeting. He noted that this agenda item was deferred from the MTPO’s April meeting.

Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation Services Manager, discussed the City’s proposed State Roads 26/26A western confluence design and answered questions.

Mr. Joe Montalto, Lochrane Engineering Principal, and Mr. Chris Simoneaux, Comprehensive Engineering Services, Inc. President, and Mr. Fred Wright, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Consultant Project Manager, discussed the western confluence design and answered questions.

Mr. James Hyde discussed this agenda item.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

A quorum of the MTPO was present at this time.

Mr. Sanderson asked the MTPO to approve the consent agenda and meeting agenda. He noted that Dr. Linda Crider, University of Florida Research Scientist, has requested to be on today’s agenda to discuss funding for the proposed project to color the SW 34th Street bikelanes.

ACTION: Mayor Bussing moved to approve the consent agenda, amend the meeting agenda to place item II. D. after item III, and refer the funding issues for the proposed project to color the SW 34th Street bikelanes to the MTPO Advisory Committees. Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. STATE ROAD 26 ISSUES (Continued)

C. LIGHT FIXTURES

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT is requesting MTPO recommendations for the type of lighting fixtures to use on the State Roads 26/26A project.

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, discussed the MTPO Advisory Committees and Staff recommendations and answered questions.
Mr. Simoneaux, Mr. Rivers, Mr. Wright and Mr. Aage Schroder, FDOT District 2 Secretary, discussed SR 26/26A lighting fixtures and answered questions.

The following persons spoke concerning this agenda item:

Susan Wright  Arnall Downs  James Hyde  Blair Reeves

**ACTION:** Commission Byerly moved to:

1. approve the use of black decorative cobra heads and acorn fixtures on black composite poles and the joint Design Team, Citizen Advisory Committee and Staff recommendations; and

2. request that the Florida Department of Transportation in developing this lighting plan:
   A. consider neighborhood ambiance;
   B. illuminate the sidewalks (for pedestrian safety);
   C. minimize light spillage into adjacent homes; and
   D. minimize the number of poles within the corridor.

Commissioner Nielsen seconded.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

Mayor Bussing moved to have MTPO Staff research the cost of a domus fixture mounted on a concrete pole in comparison to the cost of the acorn fixture. Commissioner Byerly seconded.

**SECOND SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the use of the domus/cobrahead lighting fixtures and have MTPO Staff research cost-saving mounting alternatives for these fixtures. Mayor Bussing seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**III. STATE ROAD 26 TRAFFIC ANALYSIS**

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested the opportunity to present the results of a traffic analysis of the SR 26 corridor from NW 38th Street to North-South Drive.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT District 2 Consultant Project Manager, introduced Mr. Gary Price, Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. Regional Director of Traffic Operations. Mr. Price presented the results of the State Road 26 traffic analysis and answered questions.
Mr. Wright also discussed the State Road 26 Project and answered questions.

Ms. Nina Barker, Alachua County Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) representative, discussed the CTST recommendations for the State Road 26 corridor.

The following persons spoke concerning this agenda item:

James Hyde        David Welch        Paula DeLaney        Susan Wright
Sal Locasio       Lisa Lawrence      Dr. Linda Crider

Secretary Schroder discussed the State Road 26 project status.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Byerly moved to refer the State Road 26 traffic analysis to the MTPO Advisory Committees for review and recommendations. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. STATE ROAD 26 ISSUES (Continued)

D. STATE ROAD 26A- OPTIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its April meeting, discussed several options regarding design for the reconstruction of State Road 26A from W. 38th Street east to SW 34th Street. He said that during its discussion, the MTPO approved a motion:

“to have MTPO, City of Gainesville and Alachua County staffs work with FDOT to develop additional information regarding Option 3. City or County Assumes Ownership.”

Mr. Dendenbach discussed the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Subcommittee concerning roadway jurisdictional swaps within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. He also reported the MTPO Advisory Committees’ recommendations.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Byerly moved to:

1. request that the TAC Subcommittee continue to develop recommendations on areawide roadway reassignments; and

2. have MTPO staff continue to work with FDOT to evaluate the right turn designs along State Road 26A from NW 38th Street to SW 34th Street.

Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.
IV. MPO PILOT COURSE

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Federal Highway Administration’s MPO Pilot Course and answered questions.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Byerly moved to request that the Federal Highway Administration present the MPO Pilot Course to the MTPO and to invite MTPO Advisory Committees to also participate. Mayor Bussing seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE PROJECT

Chair Hutchinson stated that the Plan East Gainesville status report was deferred from the last MTPO meeting.

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the status of the Plan East Gainesville project and answered questions.

Commissioner Chuck Chestnut reported on the Plan East Gainesville Children’s Workshop.

VI. NEXT MTPO MEETING

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

VII. COMMENTS

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hutchinson adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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Date                                        Mike Byerly 
                                          Secretary/Treasurer
EXHIBIT 1

Interested Citizens

Nina Barker  
Norm Botchford  
Wayne Bowers  
Thelma Carlyle  
Linda Crider  
Paula DeLaney  
Linda Dixon  
Tony Domenich  
Arnall Downs  
Michael Fay  
Bruce Giles  
Anthony Hall  
Kim Holland  
James Hyde  
Brian Kanely  
Lisa Lawrence  
Debbie Leistner  
Sal Locasio  
Jeff Logan  
Monique Markey  
Joe Montalto  
Anne Murray  
Chandler Otis  
Gary Price  
Blair Reeves  
Reid Rivers  
John Sabatella  
Teresa Scott  
Chris Simoneaux  
David Welch  
Susan Wright

Florida Department of Transportation

Gina Buscher  
James Dees  
Doreen Joyner-Howard  
Renee Rockiki  
Karen Taulbee  
Fred Wright