

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
November 20, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

Warren Nielsen, Chair
Mayor Tom Bussing
Mike Byerly
Chuck Chestnut IV
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Tony Domenech
Craig Lowe
Ed Poppell
Larry Parks for Aage Schroder
Lee Pinkoson
Penny Wheat

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Braddy
Rick Bryant
Rodney Long

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Lynn Franson-Godfrey
Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Warren Nielsen called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sanderson asked the MTPO to approve the consent agenda and meeting agenda.

A member of the MTPO asked for clarification of the staff recommendations for Consent Agenda items CA.4-Archer Road/S. 16th Avenue Charrette- Consultant Contract and CA.5-Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Update- Task Revision.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the staff recommendations for these Consent Agenda items.

ACTION: Commissioner Domenech moved to approve the consent agenda amended to place CA.3 State Road 222 Resurfacing Project [FPN 207611-2-52-01] on the meeting agenda as the first item and the meeting agenda as amended. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

CA.3 STATE ROAD 222 (NW 39TH AVENUE) RESURFACING PROJECT

Chair Nielsen noted that a citizen requested an opportunity to discuss this agenda item.

Mr. Ron Nichols asked if medians could be installed as part of this resurfacing project.

Mr. Fred Wright, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Project Consultant Manager, noted that the project funding does not allow for medians to be included in this project. He said that raised medians would have to be installed with other funds.

Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Department Director, discussed the City's November 5, 2003 letter to Mr. Wright and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson noted that this project could be funded with Enhancement Funds. He said that staff would take note of this issue and bring it back to the MTPO to consider as an enhancement project in next year's List of Priority Projects.

A member of the MTPO asked staff to contact Mr. Nichols and let him know when this project will be considered by the MTPO next summer.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to approve the Florida Department of Transportation's 60 percent design plans for the SR 222 (NW 39th Avenue) Resurfacing Project [FPN #207611-2-52-01], with consideration of the modifications requested by the City of Gainesville Public Works Department. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD (B/PAB) VACANT POSITION

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to fill one vacant position on its B/PAB. He said that this position have a term of office through October, 2006. He noted that this appointment is necessary because a previous MTPO appointment was declined. He conducted a rollcall vote and reported the results.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to appoint Mr. Rajeeb Das to the B/PAB for a term through October, 2006. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM- STATUS REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its October meeting, requested a presentation on the status of the Alachua County transportation disadvantaged program. He said that Ms. Lynn Franson-Godfrey, MTPO Senior Planner, would provide a status report on the transportation disadvantaged program.

Ms. Franson-Godfrey discussed the status of the transportation disadvantaged program and answered questions. She noted that MTPO staff has been monitoring this program daily.

Mr. Russ Tieshoetter, MV Transportation Vice President East Area, discussed the status of the transportation disadvantaged program and answered questions. He introduced Mr. Harold Humphrey, MV Transportation Local General Manager, and Mr. Dwight Sayers, MV Transportation Consumer Advocate Specialist.

ACTION: Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut moved to direct MV Transportation to report back to the MTPO in six months and provide a status report on its services. Commissioner Chuck Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested comments concerning the Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2004/2005 to 2008/2009. He said that the MTPO needs to decide whether to request changes to existing or proposed projects or request that new projects to be added to, or existing projects to be deleted from, this document. He noted that FDOT has funded a large number of the MTPO's requested projects. He discussed projects funded in the Tentative Five Year Work Program and answered questions.

Mr. Larry Parks, FDOT Urban Area Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the SR 26 resurfacing project, the SR 26A reconstruction project and answered questions. He noted that there would have to be an updated project, development and environmental (PD&E) study in order to revisit the one-way pair configuration for the corridor.

Mr. Sanderson continued discussion of the projects funded in the Tentative Five Year Work Program and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO asked about the absence of safety project priorities.

Ms. Scott described the membership of the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team (ACTST). She noted that there are several currently funded safety projects and answered questions.

Mr. Parks discussed Safety funding criteria and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to refer the issue of adding landscaped medians on NW 39th Avenue from NW 43rd Street to NW 6th Street for inclusion as a safety priority to the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team. Mayor Bussing seconded.

A member of the MTPO asked to have the eastern terminus extended from NW 6th Street to Main Street.

AMENDMENT:

Commissioner Wheat moved to amend the motion to have the eastern terminus extended from NW 6th Street to Main Street. Mayor Bussing Seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ON ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED:

Commissioner Wheat moved to refer the issue of adding of landscaped medians on NW 39th Avenue from NW 43rd Street to Main Street for inclusion as a safety priority to the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team. Mayor Bussing seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Scott discussed traffic operations projects identified in the Tentative Five Year Work Program and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson reported the MTPO Advisory Committees and Staff recommendations and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Domenech moved to recommend that the Florida Department of Transportation revise the Tentative Five Year Work Program to:

- 1. replace the SW 23rd Road Trail Project [FIN 2112452] with the Hull Road North Extension Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail; and**
- 2. replace the SW 20th Avenue Roundabout Project [FIN 2113353] with a preliminary engineering corridor study and 30 percent plans that lead to construction of the Phase 1-B Charrette projects within a two-lane divided urban cross-section and addresses the issues listed in the November 5th memo from the Alachua County Public Works Department.**

Commissioner Byerly seconded.

A member of the MTPO asked for clarification of the projects to be replaced.

Mr. Sanderson explained the recommendations to replace projects in the Tentative Five Year Work Program.

The MTPO member asked whether the MTPO's List of Priority Projects should be amended to reflect the Tentative Five Year Work Program recommendations.

Mr. Sanderson stated that it would be correct to amend the List of Priority Projects.

Mr. Michael Fay, Alachua County Public Works Department Acting Director, discussed the SW 20th Avenue Roundabout study and answered questions.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Wheat moved to:

- 1. amend the List of Priority Projects Table 2 Enhancement Projects on page 9 to rank the:**
 - A. Hull Road Extension Bicycle/Pedestrian Rail-Trail as Priority #1; and**
 - B. SW 23rd Road Rail Trail as Priority #2; and**
- 2. request that the Florida Department of Transportation revise the Tentative Five Year Work Program to:**
 - A. replace the SW 23rd Road Trail Project [FIN 2112452] with the Hull Road North Extension Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail; and**
 - B. replace the SW 20th Avenue Roundabout Project [FIN 2113353] with a preliminary engineering corridor study and 30 percent plans that lead to construction of the Phase 1-B Charrette projects within a two-lane divided urban cross-section and addresses the issues listed in the November 5th memo from the Alachua County Public Works Department.**

Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. MPOAC REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Sanderson asked the MTPO to appoint voting and alternate representatives to the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) for calendar year 2004.

ACTION: Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut moved to appoint Commissioner Pinkoson as the MTPO's MPOAC voting representative. Commissioner Wheat seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to appoint Commissioner Lowe as the MTPO's MPOAC alternate representative. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. MTPO TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at the October 30 MTPO meeting, a member of the MTPO requested that Mr. Randal O'Toole, Thoreau Institute Senior Economist, be added as a speaker at the MTPO Transportation Symposium. He discussed the tentative topics, speakers and schedule.

A member of the MTPO asked about the costs for the symposium.

Mr. Sanderson reported the symposium cost estimates.

A member of the MTPO requested that background materials and reports associated with the newspaper articles to be provided in the Symposium materials.

ACTION: Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut moved to add Mr. Randal O'Toole, Thoreau Institute Senior Economist, to the symposium agenda as a speaker. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chair Nielsen directed MTPO staff to assist Mr. Dan Burden's in conducting an emergency services demonstration.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to try and meet the afternoon of January 8, 2004 to have Mr. Burden report to the MTPO concerning his emergency services demonstration.

A member of the MTPO requested that the emergency services demonstration be videotaped.

VII. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that there will be an MTPO Transportation Symposium on January 8th at 5:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for January 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to cancel the December MTPO meeting. Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

A member of the MTPO asked about City-appointed B/PAB vacancies.

Mr. Wayne Bowers, City of Gainesville Manager, noted that the City Clerk handles the City's appointments to the B/PAB. He said that he would bring this issue to the attention of the City Clerk.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Bob Reller requested to be reappointed to the CAC. He discussed some materials regarding the funding of the SW 24th Avenue Reconstruction Project from the December, 2002 and the October, 2003 MTPO meeting packets. He asked what happened to the interest funds from the Campus Development Agreement (CDA) funds as they were not reported in the October, 2003 MTPO meeting packet.

Mr. Fay stated that he does not have the information on hand. He said that this information is in his office and can be provided. He noted that the CDA funds are in the bank accruing interest. He estimated that, currently, there is approximately \$900,000 in interest.

A member of the MTPO requested that an updated financial statement be provided to the MTPO.

Mr. Randall Reid, Alachua County Manager, stated that an updated financial statement for the SW 24th Avenue reconstruction project would be provided to the MTPO members.

Mr. Reller requested a copy of the updated financial statement for the SW 24th Avenue reconstruction project.

Chair Nielsen stated that a copy of the updated financial statement for the SW 24th Avenue reconstruction project would be provided to Mr. Reller.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Byerly adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Date

Rodney Long, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT 1

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>
Lisa Brown	Doreen Joyner-Howard	Michael Fay	Dekova Batey*
Clark Butler	Larry Parks	Randall Reid	Wayne Bowers
Mark Elias	Leena Patil	John Sabatella	Jeff Logan
Harold Humphrey	Fred Wright	Dave Schwartz	Shenley Neely
Ron Nichols			Teresa Scott
Bob Reller			
Dwight Sayers			
Russell Tieshoetter			
Johnny Watson			

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CONSENT AGENDA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #1 CA. 1 **MTPO Minutes- October 30, 2003** **APPROVE MINUTES**

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review and approval

Page #11 CA. 2 **Year 2025 Long Range Plan Update-
Consultant Contract** **APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATIONS**

MTPO staff have negotiated a contract with The Corradino Group to
prepare this Plan Update

Page #85 CA. 4 **Archer Road/S. 16th Avenue Charrette-
Consultant Contract** **APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATIONS**

We are recommending that the MTPO authorize staff to negotiate a contract
with a consulting firm according to the Committee rankings

Page #87 CA. 5 **Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Update-
Task Revision** **APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATIONS**

MTPO staff plan to revise this task description and contract with the
University School of Architecture to prepare this plan update

Page #97 CA. 6 **Extension of NW 23rd Avenue** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

At the August meeting, a member of the MTPO requested information
concerning the history of this project in the long range planning process

CA. 7 Resurfacing Projects

Page #111 A. Use of Federal and/or State Funds to Resurface City and County Roads NO ACTION REQUIRED

The MTPO has requested information concerning whether federal and/or state funds can be used to resurface City and County roads

Page #113 B. Eligible City and County Roads NO ACTION REQUIRED

The MTPO has requested information concerning which City and County roads can be resurfaced using federal and state funds

Page #117 CA. 8 MTPO Correspondence NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed is a copy of recent MTPO correspondence