

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
February 13, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

Warren Nielsen, Chair
Ed Braddy
Mayor Tom Bussing
Mike Byerly
Chuck Chestnut IV
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Tony Domenech
Rodney Long
Ed Poppell
Lee Pinkoson
Aage Schroder
Penny Wheat

MEMBERS ABSENT

[None]

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Warren Nielsen called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, asked the MTPO to approve the consent agenda and meeting agenda. He noted that the consent agenda included the draft update of the Public Involvement Plan and that this plan was advertised in the Gainesville Sun for public comment.

Chair Nielsen asked whether any citizen would like to offer comment on the draft Public Involvement Plan.

There were no comments from the public.

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

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II. PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE- FINAL REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the draft Plan East Gainesville Final Report, prepared by Renaissance Planning Group (RPG), has been completed. He said that the planning study is ready to be forwarded to Alachua County Commission and Gainesville City Commission.

Mr. Whit Blanton, RPG Vice President, discussed the Plan East Gainesville Final Report and answered questions.

The following persons spoke regarding this agenda item:

Pattie Glenn	Kali Blount	Wayne Bowers
Phil Emmer	Clark Butler	Howard Wallace
Jim Quincy	Rick Crider	

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to:

- 1. forward the Plan East Gainesville Final Report to the Alachua County Commission and Gainesville City Commission as a completed planning document requesting that the City Commission and County Commission include this Report in City and County Comprehensive Plans as a Special Area Plan;**
- 2. request that staff from the City, County, Gainesville Regional Airport and MTPO prepare presentation materials for the Congressional Delegation to request funding for Plan East Gainesville projects; and**
- 3. designate the Plan East Gainesville Steering Committee as an MTPO standing committee to oversee implementation of this Plan.**

Commissioner Wheat seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member of the MTPO noted that April 4 will be MPO Day in Tallahassee.

Mr. John Barrow, Florida Design Center Director, invited the MTPO to display its Plan East Gainesville materials at the Center.

Mr. Sanderson introduced Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner.

III. MTPO VOTING MEMBERSHIP AND PLANNING BOUNDARIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the purpose of this agenda item is to address the upcoming legal issues concerning the Gainesville City Commission expanding to seven (7) members in May and to report the status of possible changes to the MTPO boundary. He said that the letter from Governor Jeb Bush requesting that the MTPO prepare a reapportionment plan by a certain date later this year has not been received. He added that MTPO staff is currently working on a draft reapportionment plan that will address such issues as whether the MTPO should expand its boundaries to include all of Alachua County and possible changes in the voting membership. He noted that work on this plan cannot be completed until we receive the letter from the Governor that specifies how to prepare the plan and the date that it must be completed.

Mr. Dave Wagner, MTPO Attorney, discussed the MTPO membership issues and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to approve the concept that, from a voting quorum and membership standpoint, the seven member City Commission will be treated just like the five member City Commission which means that at least four City Commissioners must attend MTPO meetings to have a quorum and that a concurring vote of at least a majority of those members representing both the City and County Commission shall be necessary in order to adopt any measure to decide any question. Mayor Bussing seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to have MTPO staff agenda the draft MTPO Boundaries Report at its next regular meeting. Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member of the MTPO requested that MTPO staff check whether there have been any changes to MPO voting membership qualifications.

IV. TRAFFIC SIGNAL ISSUES

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its October 10, 2002 meeting, the MTPO discussed traffic signal issues on SW 34th Street.

Mr. Phil Mann, City of Gainesville Traffic Engineer, and Mr. F.M. Lynch, FDOT District 2 Assistant Traffic Operations Engineer, discussed the Gainesville Metropolitan Area traffic signal system and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO asked that staff include in the next MTPO meeting packet a copy of an ITS report distributed to the MTPO in 1997.

V. YEAR 2003 CHARRETTE

Mr. Sanderson stated that action on this agenda item was not time sensitive and that it could be moved to the next MTPO meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Domenech move to defer agenda item V. Year 2003 Charrette to the next regular MTPO meeting. Mayor Bussing seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. FDOT STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at a previous meeting, requested that MTPO staff continue to collect information from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Strategic Intermodal System website and other sources. He said that the FDOT Strategic Intermodal System Final Report was complete and that FDOT staff was present to discuss the FDOT Strategic Intermodal System.

Mr. Terry Kraft, FDOT Office of Policy Planning, discussed the Strategic Intermodal System and answered questions.

VI. CLEAN CITIES COALITION STATUS REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that a member of the MTPO requested a status report on the Clean Cities Coalition. He noted that this MTPO member was not present and that this agenda item was not time sensitive.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to defer agenda item VI. Clean Cities Coalition Status Report to the next regular MTPO meeting.

Ms. Sally Palmi, Alachua County Waste Alternatives Manager, referred the MTPO to the Alachua County Clean Cities website, [http:// www.cleancities.alachua.fl.us/](http://www.cleancities.alachua.fl.us/), for additional program information.

VIII. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for February 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium.

IX. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

ACTION: Mayor Bussing moved to have MTPO staff work with the Florida Design Center to place a Plan East Gainesville exhibit in the Center. Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member of the MTPO asked the Alachua County Commission members to reconsider the four-laning of the SW 62nd Avenue/SW 24th Avenue corridor

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nielsen adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Date

Chuck Chestnut, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT 1

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>
John Barrow	Tony Falatico	Michael Fay	Wayne Bowers
Whit Blanton	Doreen Joyner-Howard	Bill Lecher	Phil Mann
Kali Blount	F.M. Lynch	Sally Palmi	Shenley Neely
Eric Bredfeldt	Larry Parks	Randall Reid	Teresa Scott
Clark Butler	Suraya Teeple	John Sabatella	
Doris Edwards		Dave Wagner	
Phil Emmer			
Pattie Glenn			
Brian Kirkpatrick			
Leah Anne Nichols			
Lauren Novick			
Jim Quincy			
Robert Reller			
Kim Seager			
Roselee Sutherland			
Howard Wallace			

* By telephone