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

Jack Durrance Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
Alachua County Administration Building Thursday
Gainesville, Florida February 20, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT  MEMBERS ABSENT  OTHERS PRESENT
Warren Nielsen, Chair  Penny Wheat  See Exhibit 1
Ed Braddy  Aage Schroder
Mayor Tom Bussing
Mike Byerly
Chuck Chestnut IV
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Tony Domenech
Rodney Long
Ed Poppell
Lee Pinkoson

STAFF PRESENT
Charles Justice
Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Warren Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

II.  DR. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, discussed the history of the award. He announced that the MTPO’s Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) had selected Mr. Gerry Dedenbach to be the recipient of this year’s Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award.

Chair Nielsen presented the award to Mr. Dedenbach.

Mr. Dedenbach thanked the MTPO, CAC and his family. He recognized the efforts of Dr. Sigmon.

I.  APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, asked the MTPO to approve the meeting agenda.
ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN-
YEAR 2020 COST FEASIBLE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

A. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Chair Nielsen welcomed everyone to the public hearing.

B. PROPOSED BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM AMENDMENT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its February 13 meeting, approved the Plan East Gainesville Final Report as a completed planning document. He said that the Plan East Gainesville Transportation Plan includes the establishment of a bus rapid transit (BRT) system that connects East Gainesville with downtown and the Archer Road corridor. He noted that, at upcoming meetings in Washington D.C., requests will be made to obtain special federal earmarked funds for this project. He reported the joint MTPO Advisory Committee and staff recommendation.

Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group Vice President, discussed the Plan East Gainesville BRT system and answered questions.

Chair Nielsen opened the public hearing on the proposed Plan East Gainesville BRT system amendment to the Livable Community Reinvestment Plan and asked if anyone wanted to speak on the proposed amendment.

Ms. Pattie Glenn spoke regarding the proposed Plan East Gainesville BRT system amendment to the Livable Community Reinvestment Plan.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to amend the long range transportation plan to include the proposed Bus Rapid Transit System as the last project in the Needs Plan. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member of the MTPO requested that MTPO staff work with Ms. Glenn to arrange a meeting with Ms. Evett Francis, Executive Director of the Fannie Mae North Central Florida Partnership Office, during the week of March 20.
C. CONSTRUCT FOUR-LANE DIVIDED ROADWAYS ON SW 62ND BOULEVARD AND/OR SW 24TH AVENUE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its December 12 meeting, decided to:

1. schedule a public hearing to consider amending the long range transportation plan;

2. contract with Renaissance Planning Group to test alternative road networks both with and without the proposed Butler Plaza expansion that includes four-lane and two-lane alternatives for SW 62nd Boulevard and SW 24th Avenue; and

3. request that Alachua County Public Works Department staff develop cost estimates for the alternatives tested.

He presented MTPO Staff concerns regarding the traffic projections identified in the Analysis for Potential Amendment to the 2020 Transportation Plan Summary Report. He also reported MTPO Advisory Committee and staff recommendations.

Mr. Blanton responded to the traffic forecast concerns presented by MTPO staff. He discussed the SW 62nd Boulevard and SW 24th Avenue corridor Analysis for Potential Amendment to the 2020 Transportation Plan Summary Report and answered questions.

Chair Nielsen opened the public hearing on the proposed SW 62nd Boulevard and SW 24th Avenue corridor amendment to the Livable Community Reinvestment Plan and asked if anyone wanted to speak on the proposed amendment.

The following persons spoke regarding the proposed SW 62nd Boulevard and SW 24th Avenue corridor amendment to the Livable Community Reinvestment Plan:

Sgt. Bella Randolph   Thomas Walker   Jim Quincy
Howard Wallace       David Miller    Ovela Williams
Rafael Bustillo      Ron Shema       Chandler Otis
Joe Wilson           Joe Joyce       Roger Brower
David Bruderly       Lakay Banks     Betsy Whitaker
Bob Reller           Evelyn Fox
Chair Nielsen closed the public hearing.

Mr. Ed Poppell, University of Florida Vice President for Administrative Affairs, stated that the University of Florida is committed to recommending to the State of Florida Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund that right-of-way be provided for the extension of SW 24th Avenue east to Archer Road.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Pinkoson moved to:

1. amend the MTPO’s Long Range Transportation Plan for:

   A. **Project #1- SW 20th Avenue Charrette** to construct SW 24th Avenue as a four-lane divided roadway from SW 43rd Street east to SW 34th Street; and

   B. **Project #2- SW 24th Avenue extension** to construct this facility as a four-lane divided roadway from SW 34th Street east to Archer Road.

2. request that the Alachua County Commission direct its staff to:

   A. negotiate an equitable cost-sharing agreement with Butler Enterprises to design, construct and acquire right-of-way for that segment of SW 24th Avenue, from SW 34th Street west to SW 43rd Street, as a four-lane divided roadway (including the eastern 1,000 feet of SW 24th Avenue at the intersection with SW 34th Street) and to design, construct and acquire the right-of-way for SW 38th Terrace as a two-lane roadway between SW 24th Avenue and SW 20th Avenue;

   B. work with the University of Florida and the City of Gainesville to amend the Campus Development Agreement to assure the feasibility of an east-west transportation corridor; and

   C. work with the Florida Department of Transportation to redesign the SW 24th Avenue and SW 34th Street intersection, as well as the Windmeadows Boulevard and SW 34th Street intersection, to ensure public safety.

Commissioner Domenech seconded.
Chair Nielsen requested a rollcall vote. The results were as follows:

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Motion passed with a majority of each commission.

III. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for March 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He stated that there are no agenda items that require MTPO action in March.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to cancel the March 13 MTPO meeting.
    Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no comments.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no comments.

C. CHAIR’S REPORT

There were no comments.
ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nielsen adjourned the meeting at 10:38 p.m.

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Date Chuck Chestnut, Secretary/Treasurer
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