

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.
Thursday
June 19, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

Warren Nielsen, Chair
Ed Braddy
Rick Bryant
Mayor Tom Bussing
Chuck Chestnut IV
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Tony Domenech
Craig Lowe
Ed Poppell
Lee Pinkoson
Aage Schroder
Penny Wheat

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Byerly
Rodney Long

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 7:07 p.m. He noted that the MTPO did not have a quorum and asked that MTPO staff present announcements on upcoming meeting topics.

VI. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for June 26th at 2:30 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium. He also discussed upcoming meeting topics.

Chair Nielsen asked MTPO staff to continue with agenda items that do not require action.

V. MTPO PLANNING BOUNDARY AND VOTING MEMBERS

Mr. Sanderson discussed the *Planning Area Boundary and Voting Membership Report* and answered questions. He noted the additional information regarding the composition and jurisdiction of all Florida MPOs and proposed alternatives. He reported that the MTPO Attorney has sought an opinion from the State Attorney General regarding the eligibility of voting membership by the University of Florida on the MTPO.

Mr. Dave Schwartz, MTPO Attorney, discussed MTPO membership issues regarding federal law and whether to also seek an opinion from federal officials.

Chair Nielsen directed staff to follow up with seeking appropriate federal law interpretation of the MTPO voting membership issue.

A quorum of the MTPO was present at this time.

Mr. Aage Schroder, FDOT District 2 Secretary, stated that a draft letter from the Governor concerning this report is expected to be mailed to the MTPO soon asking for this report to be submitted around the first of November.

ACTION: Commissioner Domenech moved to have the MTPO meet on July 31 to discuss the MTPO planning boundary and voting membership issues. Commissioner Wheat seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chair Nielsen, noting that a quorum was present, asked MTPO staff to continue with the draft agenda.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sanderson asked the MTPO to approve the consent agenda and meeting agenda. He noted that a member of the MTPO has requested that Agenda Item CA.4 US 441(SW 13th Street) Resurfacing Project (from Williston Road to Archer Road) be pulled from the consent agenda and placed on the regular meeting agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to:

- 1. remove Agenda Item CA.4 from the consent agenda and place it on the meeting agenda between Agenda item III. and IV.; and**
- 2. approve the consent agenda and meeting agenda as amended.**

Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN- STATE ROAD 24 (ARCHER ROAD) PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO approved a motion at its April meeting:

“to conduct a public hearing at its June meeting to consider four-laning Archer Road from Tower Road to the Gainesville Metropolitan Area boundary near SW 91st Street.”

He discussed the long range transportation plan amendment to include the four-laning of State Road 24 (Archer Road) west of Tower Road to the MTPO’s planning boundary (near SW 91st Street) and answered questions.

Chair Nielsen opened the public hearing and discussed the procedures that would be used for citizens who wanted to speak on the long range transportation plan amendment. He asked that each speaker print their name on a card. He said that each person will be called in the order that the cards are returned. He said that there would be a three-minute time limit for each speaker.

The following citizens discussed this agenda item:

Roberta Lopez	Sharon Hawkey	Rae Marie Gilbert
Lauri Costello	Roberta Hodges	George Dekle
Rajeeb Das	John Skelly	

Chair Nielsen closed the public hearing.

Mr. Schroder discussed Archer Road traffic and signalization, the Florida Intrastate Highway System and answered questions.

Chair Nielsen asked the MTPO Attorney whether the public hearing could be reopened.

Mr. Schwartz stated that reopening the public hearing would be at the discretion of the Chair.

Chair Nielsen reopened the public hearing.

The following citizens discussed this agenda item:

Roberta Lopez	Lee Bragg
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Chair Nielsen closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Commissioner Braddy moved to amend the Year 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan to four-lane State Road 24 (Archer Road) from SW 91st Street to SW 75th Street and to insert this project between Priority 3 SW 16th Avenue and Priority 4 SE Connector. Commissioner Domenech seconded. Chair Nielsen asked for a rollcall vote:

	<u>CITY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
Commissioner Braddy	Yes	
Commissioner Bryant	Yes	
Mayor Bussing	No	
Commissioner Chestnut IV	Yes	
Commissioner Chestnut		Yes
Commissioner Domenech	Yes	
Commissioner Lowe	No	
Commissioner Pinkoson		Yes
Commissioner Wheat		No
Chair Nielsen	No	

Motion passed.

III. STATE ROAD 26 RIGHT-OF-WAY

Mr. Sanderson stated that the City of Gainesville has forwarded a resolution to the MTPO for its consideration regarding the right-of-way on State Road 26 between NW 22nd Street and North-South Drive.

Mr. Schroder and Mr. Joe Montalto, Lochrane Engineering Principal, discussed the right-of-way and answered questions.

The following citizens discussed this agenda item:

Jan Frentzen

Charles Chestnut III

ACTION: Mayor Bussing moved to refer this resolution to its advisory committees for recommendations, including consideration of a landscape plan to add livability to the affected area. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

CA.4 US 441 (SW 13TH STREET) RESURFACING PROJECT FROM WILLISTON ROAD TO ARCHER ROAD

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT will be resurfacing US 441 (SW 13th Street) from Williston Road to Archer Road. He noted that this project will incorporate many of the SW 13th Street Charrette recommendations.

A member of the MTPO discussed his concerns regarding the proposed lane widths.

ACTION: Mayor Bussing moved to table this agenda item. Commissioner Wheat seconded.

SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Commissioner Wheat moved to defer this agenda item until the July 31 MTPO meeting. Mayor Bussing seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chair Nielsen directed MTPO staff to provide all MTPO members a complete copy of the SW 13th Street Charrette report.

IV. FISCAL YEARS 2003/2004-2007/2008 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 \$28 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area (GMA). 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.

The following citizens discussed this agenda item:

Jon Reiskind

Tony Porter

Mike Davidson

Susan Wright

Ms. Susan Wright, representing the Council of University Neighborhood Associations (CUNA) and the Sugarfoot Neighborhood Association, requested that the State Road 26 median project be deleted from the TIP.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO will review this project at its August 14 meeting because this project will be discussed by the Design Team and MTPO Advisory Committees during their meetings in July.

Chair Nielsen requested that CUNA work with FDOT regarding its concerns about this project.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2003/2004 - 2007/2008 TIP. Mayor Bussing seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. 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 11:10 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>
Wyatt Bowers	Gina Buscher	Randall Reid	Dakova Batey
Lauri Costello	Doreen Joyner-Howard	John Sabatella	Wayne Bowers
Rajeeb Das*	Larry Parks	Dave Schwartz	Jeff Logan
Mike Davidson	Jim Scott		Teresa Scott
George Dekle	Karen Taulbee		
Jan Frentzen	Suraya Teeple		
Rae Marie Gilbert	Myrna Widmer		
Sharon Hawkey	Fred Wright		
Roberta Hodges			
Chris Kelly			
Steve Kincaid			
Mel Lauderdale			
Roberta Lopez			
William Miller			
Joe Montalto			
Bruce Pagel			
Tony Porter			
Jon Reiskind			
Barry Rutenberg			
Mike Ryals			
Sam Shoemaker			
John Skelly*			
Chip Skinner			
Lura Williams			
Susan Wright			

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CONSENT AGENDA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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| Page #1 | CA. 1 | MTPO Minutes- April 10, 2003 | APPROVE MINUTES |
| | | <u>This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review and approval</u> | |
| Page #13 | CA. 2 | Year 2025 Long Range Plan Update- Request for Proposal (RFP) Package | APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS |
| | | <u>This material describes the process that will be used to select the consultant and the draft scope of services for this plan update</u> | |
| Page #15 | CA. 3 | State Road 24/Shands Area Charrette- Scope of Services | APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS |
| | | <u>This document describes how this charrette will be conducted</u> | |
| Page #37 | CA. 5 | U.S. 441 Bicycle Safety Project | APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS |
| | | <u>The overall concept for this FDOT project was approved by the MTPO on April 10, 2002</u> | |
| Page #45 | CA. 6 | State Road 222 (NE 39 th Avenue) Resurfacing Project | APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS |
| | | <u>This road will be resurfaced by FDOT from near the Gainesville Airport entrance road east to State Road 26</u> | |
| Page #55 | CA. 7 | W. 13 th Street Signage and Mast Arm Issues | APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS |
| | | <u>This agenda item discusses policies concerning the color of the signs, the internal illumination and the additional mast arm that currently holds the new signs</u> | |

Page #61 **CA. 8** **Census 2000 Urban Boundary and Functional Classification Maps** **APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION**

These maps affect the functional classification of roads in the urban area

Page #65 **CA. 9** **MTPO Certification** **AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN CERTIFICATION**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is recommending that the MTPO planning process be certified

CA. 10 **Transportation Disadvantaged Program-**

Page #89 **A. Coordinating Board Member Appointment** **APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Ms. Coffman is being recommended by the Florida Department of Transportation to serve as a FDOT alternate Board member

Page #93 **B. Status Report** **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program