

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.
Tuesday
March 16, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Byerly, Chair
Ed Braddy
Rick Bryant
Mayor Tom Bussing
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Tony Domenech
Craig Lowe
Ed Poppell
Warren Nielsen
Lee Pinkoson
Aage Schroder

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Chestnut IV
Rodney Long
Penny Wheat

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT

Charles Justice
Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Byerly called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He noted that a quorum was not present. He asked MTPO staff to suggest an agenda item for the MTPO to discuss before a quorum would be present.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, suggested that the MTPO discuss Agenda Item IV. City of Hawthorne Letter.

IV. CITY OF HAWTHORNE LETTER TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (FDOT)

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Alachua County Commission requested that the MTPO discuss the City of Hawthorne letter to FDOT regarding deterioration of local roads due to traffic diversions from the Florida Intrastate Highway System.

Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, discussed the conditions of Johnson Street.

The Honorable DeLoris Roberts-Cheatham, City of Hawthorne Mayor, discussed the City's concerns with the deterioration of Johnson Street's pavement condition and additional impacts to the City's water system due to the diversion of traffic, which included heavy vehicles.

Mr. Aage Schroder, FDOT District 2 Secretary, discussed the roadway condition and answered questions.

Chair Byerly noted that there was a quorum present and asked for action on the consent agenda and meeting agenda.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to discuss CA. 5 Strategic Intermodal System Plan and CA. 10 State Road 24/ Southwest 16th Avenue Charrette Display Ad after Agenda Item III State Road 26A Project- Retention Pond and the consent agenda as amended. Commissioner Braddy seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CITY OF HAWTHORNE LETTER TO FDOT

Secretary Schroder continued to discuss the Johnson Street roadway deterioration condition and answered questions.

II. WEST UNIVERSITY AVENUE- DESIGN SPEED ISSUES
(NORTH-SOUTH DRIVE TO NW 23RD STREET)

Mr. Sanderson and Mr. Hill discussed design speed issues for W. University Avenue and answered questions. Mr. Sanderson reported the MTPO Advisory Committees' recommendations.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT Project Consultant Manager, and Secretary Schroder discussed the W. University Avenue design speed and answered questions.

Secretary Schroder noted that increased law enforcement may be necessary to enforce the designated speed limit on W. University Avenue. He discussed the Transportation Design for Livable Community (TDLC) criteria and roadway coloration. He said that the use of coloration within the roadway would reduce the skid coefficient of the roadway. He said that the State Road 26 Resurfacing Project contract has already been let.

ACTION: Commissioner Domenech moved to refer the issue to distinguish between the bicycle lanes and the automotive traffic lanes to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board to work with FDOT on the State Road 26 Resurfacing Project contract that has been let and the State Road 26A Reconstruction Project contract that has not yet been let. Commissioner Bryant seconded.

SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to authorize MTPO staff to work with the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board and the Florida Department of Transportation staff to determine the applicability of black granite aggregate for the bicycle lanes along W. University Avenue. Commissioner Braddy seconded.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT District 2 Urban Area Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the application of black granite aggregate as roadway pavement and answered questions.

2ND SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Mayor Bussing moved to approve the color differentiation of the bicycle lanes along W. University Avenue using the black granite aggregate and authorize MTPO staff to work with the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board and the Florida Department of Transportation staff to determine whether this is an acceptable solution for this corridor. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bennett noted that coloration of the bicycle lanes along W. University Avenue would incur additional expense, and therefore, would be at the discretion of FDOT.

Mr. Phil Emmer discussed his concerns regarding University Avenue.

Mr. Randy Stout discussed his concern regarding the taking of his property for the W. University project.

Mr. Paul Smith, Simon, Smith & Associates, P.A. and attorney for Mr. Stout, discussed the right-of-way acquisition along W. University Avenue and answered questions.

Ms. Pam Rohde discussed her concerns regarding the right-of-way acquisition along W. University Avenue.

Secretary Schroder and Mr. Bennett discussed the location of the bicycle lanes along W. University Avenue.

Mr. Wright discussed FDOT's concern with the proposed horizontal alignment of W. University Avenue and answered questions.

Mr. Smith noted that he also represented the Loosli family, whose home is in the affected corridor. He discussed his liability concerns regarding affected access to homes.

Chair Byerly asked the MTPO Attorney who has control over what happens on this roadway.

Mr. Dave Schwartz, MTPO Attorney, stated that FDOT has sole control of the width and location of its state road, even to the exclusion of having to comply with local government comprehensive plans.

III. STATE ROAD 26A PROJECT- RETENTION POND

Mr. Sanderson stated that a member of the MTPO requested discussion of the impact that the expansion of the W. University Avenue retention pond and how it is expected to affect adjacent property owners.

Mr. Wright discussed the West University Avenue retention pond right-of-way acquisition and answered questions. He noted that this additional stormwater retention was a requirement of the St. John's River Water Management District (SJRWMD).

The following persons spoke concerning the retention pond right-of-way acquisition:

Deanna Monahan David Welch Paul Davis Pam Rohde
Pegeen Hanrahan

Mr. Wright noted that the retention pond is designed for minimum impact for property acquisition.

Chair Byerly noted that soon the MTPO would not have a quorum.

Mr. Sanderson said that the MTPO needs to act on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) letter.

Secretary Schroder said that FDOT would go back to SJRWMD to see if there are any alternatives for this drainage issue. He explained the eminent domain process to compensate affected property owners.

Mr. Bennett discussed the proposed retention pond and answered questions.

CA. 5 STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS) PLAN

Mr. Sanderson discussed the draft letter and answered questions. He added that House Bill 1477 in the legislature addresses the SIS.

The following persons spoke concerning the SIS letter:

Aage Schroder Pegeen Hanrahan Dave Schwartz

ACTION: Commissioner Braddy moved to authorize the MTPO Chair to work with MTPO Staff to strengthen the Strategic Intermodal System letter, including adding a statement that the Florida Department of Transportation should give greater emphasis to emerging facilities than what is represented in the current draft Strategic Intermodal System Plan. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

CA. 11 STATE ROAD 24/ SOUTHWEST 16TH AVENUE CHARRETTE DISPLAY AD

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Archer Road/SW 16th Avenue Charrette newspaper ad and answered questions. He noted that www.mtpocharrette.org is the website for this project.

V. YEAR 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE-
CONSULTANT AND STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the consultant for the long range transportation plan update was present to provide a status report. He gave a brief overview of the MTPO's currently adopted Livable Community Reinvestment Plan and answered questions.

Mr. Joseph Corradino, The Corradino Group, discussed the long range transportation plan update process and schedule and answered questions.

Mr. David Russ suggested that the MTPO have an earlier, time-certain, public comment period. He asked about local government concurrency management.

Mr. John Sabatella, Alachua County Senior Planner, discussed concurrency management and answered questions.

VI. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that, currently, there aren't any agenda items that require action by the MTPO before its scheduled June meeting.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to meet on June 3rd.

VII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no comments.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Russ praised Mayor Bussing's service and discussed impact fees.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Byerly adjourned the meeting at 11:25 p.m.

Date

Rodney J. Long, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT 1

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>
James Black	James Bennett	David Cerlanek	Dekova Batey
Lyndel Brown	Doreen Joyner-Howard	Michael Fay	Teresa Scott
Brandon Byers	Karen Taulbee	John Sabatella	
Joseph Corradino	Fred Wright	Dave Schwartz	
Elizabeth Daniels			
Paul Davis			
Dominic DeGloria			
Phil Emmer			
Larry Foutz			
Pegeen Hanrahan			
Mary Hoag			
Steve Kincaid			
Marge Malagodi			
Deanna Monahan			
Daniel Monahan			
Dora Pantox			
Trey Rapzack			
DeLoris Roberts-Cheatham			
Ken Rohde			
Pam Rohde			
David Russ			
Steve Scanlon			
Alexis Smith			
Randy Stout			
David Welch			

* By telephone

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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- January 28, 2004 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review and approval

Page #15 CA. 2 Enhancement Applications- 2004 APPROVE JOINT
RECOMMENDATIONS

The deadline for submitting applications to FDOT is May 1

Page #19 CA. 3 Unified Planning Work Program APPROVE JOINT
RECOMMENDATIONS

This document is the MTPO staff budget for Fiscal Year 2004/2005

Page #25 CA. 4 MTPO Fiscal Year 2002/2003 Audit APPROVE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

The Audit Review Committee recommends that the MTPO accept the audit report and approve the invoice for payment

Page #59 CA. 6 Coordinating Board Member APPOINT MS. CARLSON
Appointment

The Florida Department of Children and Families recommends that Ms. Carlson serve as its representative on this Board

Page #63 CA. 7 Resolution of Appreciation APPROVE RESOLUTION

Mr. Urone has served on the Coordinating Board since September 1999

Page #67 CA. 8 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

Page #71 CA. 9 Draft MTPO Interlocal Agreement NO ACTION REQUIRED

This draft agreement has been reviewed by City and County administrative and legal staff and forwarded on to FDOT for execution

Page #87 CA. 11 MTPO Correspondence NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed is a copy of recent MTPO correspondence