

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium  
Alachua County Administration Building  
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.  
Monday  
December 5, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chuck Chestnut IV, Chair  
Rodney Long, Vice Chair  
Ed Braddy  
Rick Bryant  
Mike Byerly  
Cynthia Moore Chestnut  
Paula DeLaney  
Jack Donovan  
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan  
Craig Lowe  
Warren Nielsen  
Lee Pinkoson  
Linda Dixon for Ed Poppell  
James Bennett for Charles  
Baldwin

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Martin

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Lynn Franson-Godfrey  
Brian Waterman  
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Chuck Chestnut called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that Commissioner John Martin requested that we inform the MTPO that he could not attend the MTPO meeting because he would be attending the City of Hawthorne Commission meeting.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Chestnut asked for approval of the consent agenda and meeting agenda.

**ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the consent agenda and regular agenda. Commissioner Braddy seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## II. CITY OF ALACHUA- REQUEST TO HAVE TWO VOTING MEMBERS ON THE MTPO

Mr. Sanderson discussed the City of Alachua's recent letter to Governor Jeb Bush, the response from the Governor's Office and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Braddy moved to continue discussion of this agenda item at the January meeting. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## III. FDOT TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested comments concerning its Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2006/2007 to 2010/2011. He said that the MTPO needs to decide whether to request changes to existing or proposed projects or request that new projects be added to, or existing projects be deleted from, this document. He discussed substantive issues regarding the projects funded in the Tentative Five Year Work Program and answered questions.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT District 2 Urban Area Development Engineer, discussed the Tentative Five Year Work Program and answered questions.

Mr. Noel Lake discussed the Substantive Issue #4- South Main Street Landscaping Project and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut moved that, if additional funds are found, reallocate the dollars to the State Roads 26/26A Enhanced Streetlighting Project. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded.**

A member of the MTPO asked if FDOT would coordinate with Mr. Lake concerning this landscaping project.

Mr. Bennett said that FDOT staff would coordinate with Mr. Lake. He noted that the MTPO could fund the project at a lesser amount and request that remaining funds be used on other projects.

### **SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

**Commissioner Byerly moved to request that FDOT:**

- 1. provide additional information about the State Road 329 project [FIN 2077854] to justify the \$1.109 million programmed for landscaping in Fiscal Year 2007;**
- 2. move the landscaping project out to Fiscal Year 2007/2008 if the FDOT Work Program can accommodate the change without jeopardizing the project funding; and**

**3. reallocate remaining funds to the following priorities:**

- A. to the S. Main Street Reconstruction Project in order to move this project back to Fiscal Year 2007/2008;**
- B. to restore Regional Transit System bus replacement funding [FIN 4048333]; and**
- C. to the State Roads 26/26A Enhanced Streetlighting Project.**

**Commissioner Lowe seconded.**

**Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut moved to split the question; Commissioner Pinkoson seconded.**

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:**

**Commissioner Byerly moved a friendly amendment to replace moving the landscaping project out to Fiscal Year 2007/2008, if the FDOT Work Program can accommodate the change without jeopardizing the project funding, with capping the landscaping project at \$500,000 and adding, if the preceding priorities cannot be met, then restore the funding to S. Main Street Landscaping Project. Commissioner Donovan accepted.**

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

**Commissioner Byerly moved to request that FDOT:**

- 1. provide additional information about the State Road 329 project [FIN 2077854] to justify the \$1.109 million programmed for landscaping in Fiscal Year 2007;**
- 2. cap the landscaping project at \$500,000; and**
- 3. reallocate remaining funds to the following priorities:**
  - A. to the S. Main Street Reconstruction Project in order to move this project back to Fiscal Year 2007/2008;**
  - B. to restore Regional Transit System bus replacement funding [FIN 4048333];**
  - C. to the State Roads 26/26A Enhanced Streetlighting Project; and**
  - D. if the preceding priorities cannot be met, then restore the funding to S. Main Street Landscaping Project.**

**Commissioner Donovan seconded.**

**It was a consensus of the MTPO to split the question.**

Mr. Tom Donovan spoke on the motion.

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE SPLIT MOTION PART ONE:**

**Commissioner Byerly moved to request that FDOT provide additional information about the State Road 329 project [FIN 2077854] to justify the \$1.109 million programmed for landscaping in Fiscal Year 2007. Commissioner Donovan seconded; motion withdrawn.**

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE SPLIT MOTION PART TWO:**

**Commissioner Byerly moved to request that FDOT cap the S. Main Street Landscaping Project at \$500,000. Commissioner Donovan seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:**

**Commissioner Bryant offered a friendly amendment to come up with additional options rather than restoring the funds to the Main Street Landscaping Project. Commissioner Byerly and Commissioner Donovan both accepted the amendment.**

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE SPLIT MOTION PART THREE:**

**Commissioner Byerly moved to request that FDOT reallocate remaining funds to the following priorities:**

- A. to the S. Main Street Reconstruction in order to move this project back to Fiscal Year 2007/2008;**
- B. to restore the Regional Transit System bus replacement funding [FIN 4048333];**
- C. to the State Roads 26/26A Enhanced Streetlighting Project; and**
- D. if the preceding priorities cannot be met, then come up with additional options.**

**Commissioner Donovan seconded; motion passed 11 to 1.**

Mr. Sanderson continued discussion of the FDOT Tentative Work Program issues. He discussed requesting turnlanes for the NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street Resurfacing Project and a corridor study for the University Avenue Resurfacing Project. He noted that FDOT did not fund any Safety Priorities.

Mr. Bennett reported that FDOT has already studied the #1 MTPO safety priority, exit ramp modifications at the Interstate 75 at Newberry Road interchange.

Mr. Sanderson said that the Safety Priority issue has been adequately address by FDOT. He continued discussion of FDOT Tentative Work Program issues. He recommended that the MTPO request clarification of the SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard Project.

Mr. Bennett stated that some of the SAFETEA-LU High Priority Project funding has been consolidated into a single project in order to do a corridor study.

Mr. Sanderson stated that there is funding in the FDOT Five Year Work Program for lift-equipped vans. However, he noted that funding for replacement buses was removed from the Work Program.

Mr. Bennett stated that the funding for the replacement buses went to cost overruns. He noted that \$2 million for replacement buses may be restored in the FDOT Five Year Work Program.

**ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to forward the review comments on the FDOT Tentative Work Program in Exhibit 1 to FDOT. Mayor Hanrahan seconded.**

**Commissioner Braddy requested that Substantive Issue #3, the Main Street Reconstruction Project, be split from the motion. It was a consensus of the MTPO to split the motion.**

**SPLIT MOTION PART ONE:**

**Commissioner DeLaney moved to forward the following Substantive Issue #3 review comments to FDOT with a request that FDOT:**

- 1. explain why the Main Street Reconstruction Project [FIN 2077851] was delayed for one year;**
- 2 explain why the costs for the Main Street Reconstruction Project increased by 132 percent; and**
- 3. move the Main Street Reconstruction Project from Fiscal Year 2009 to Fiscal Year 2008.**

**Mayor Hanrahan seconded; motion passed 10 to 1.**

**SPLIT MOTION PART TWO:**

**Commissioner DeLaney moved to forward the remaining review comments on the FDOT Tentative Work Program in Exhibit 1 to FDOT. Mayor Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. DESIGN TEAM PROJECT REVIEW

Mr. Sanderson discussed proposed revisions to the MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual and answered questions. He noted that there were two significant changes. He said one revision is the addition of a streetlighting policy and the other revision is that there would be design review of only construction, reconstruction and enhancement projects.

**ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to approved the proposed revisions to the MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### V. DRAFT HULL ROAD LETTER

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO had deferred discussion of the draft Hull Road letter.

**ACTION: Mayor Hanrahan moved to send the Hull Road letter to the property owners within the proposed Hull Road corridor. Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### VI. ELECTION OF MTPO OFFICERS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needed to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer for the coming year. He identified the current officers and noted that the MTPO Chair traditionally alternates between the City Commission and County Commission.

**ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to elect Commissioner Long as the MTPO Chair, Commissioner Lowe as the MTPO Vice-Chair and Commissioner Pinkoson as the MTPO Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Bryant seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Vice-Chair Long presented Commissioner Chestnut a plaque and thanked him for his service as MTPO Chair.

#### VII. MTPO AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanderson requested that the MTPO appoint two members to an Audit Review Committee. He noted that the MTPO Secretary/Treasurer traditionally chairs this committee.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to appoint Commissioner Pinkoson and Commissioner Bryant to the MTPO Audit Review Committee and to have Commissioner Pinkoson serve as Committee Chair. Commissioner Braddy seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VIII. STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS  
(MPOAC)

Mr. Sanderson asked the MTPO to appoint voting and alternate representatives to the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) for calendar year 2006.

**ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to reappoint Commissioner DeLaney as the MPOAC voting representative and to reappoint Mayor Hanrahan as the MPOAC alternate representative. Commissioner Donovan seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IX. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

Several MTPO members discussed the MTPO meeting dates and times.

Mr. Sanderson noted that the MTPO meeting dates are scheduled to accommodate other group meeting conflicts. He added that the MTPO evening meetings are MTPO policy to have public input for the MTPO's Transportation Improvement Program, List of Priority Projects and FDOT Work Program.

IX. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no MTPO member comments.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chestnut adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

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Date

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Lee Pinkoson, Secretary/Treasurer

**EXHIBIT A**

<b><u>Interested Citizens</u></b>	<b><u>Alachua County</u></b>	<b><u>City of Gainesville</u></b>	<b><u>Florida Department of Transportation</u></b>
Tom Donovan	Rick Crider	Dekova Batey	Doreen Joyner-Howard
Noel Lake	Michelle Danisovzsky	Jesus Gomez	Suraya Teeple
	Michael Fay	Brian Kanely	
	Randall Reid	Shenley Neely	
	Dave Schwartz	Teresa Scott	

\* By telephone

# Provided written comments



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## CONSENT AGENDA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

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Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
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### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #11 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- November 3, 2005 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page #35 CA. 2 Plan East Gainesville Symposium APPROVE STAFF  
RECOMMENDATIONS

This agenda item is concerning this December 20 Symposium

Page #43 CA. 3 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- APPROVE  
Resolution of Appreciation RESOLUTION

This Resolution expresses the MTPO's appreciation to Ms. Radhakrishman  
for her service on the Coordinating Board

Page #47 CA. 4 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Purchase APPROVE  
of Service Grant Agreement Amendment AMENDMENT

This amendment is needed because of Florida Department of Transportation  
revisions to the project budget

Page #51 CA. 5 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Section 5311 APPROVE  
Grant Application AMENDMENT

If approved, this grant will provide funds to provide transportation to the  
elderly, disabled and economic disadvantaged people in Alachua County

**Page #115 CA. 6      Transportation Disadvantaged      NO ACTION REQUIRED**  
**Program- Status Report**

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

**Page #123 CA. 7      MTPO Correspondence      NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed for information only are copies of recent correspondence