

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium  
Alachua County Administration Building  
Gainesville, Florida

6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
June 29, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chuck Chestnut IV, Chair  
Charles Baldwin  
Cynthia Moore Chestnut  
Ed Braddy  
Mike Byerly  
Paula DeLaney  
Jack Donovan  
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan  
Craig Lowe  
Mayor John Martin  
Warren Nielsen  
Ed Poppell  
Lee Pinkoson  
Rodney Long

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Bryant

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Allison Jones  
Justin Kristan

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Chuck Chestnut called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, introduced Mayor John Martin, City of Hawthorne, as the new MTPO Rural Advisor and Mr. Charles Baldwin as the new Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Secretary. He also introduced Ms. Allison Jones and Mr. Justin Kristan, MTPO staff interns.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mr. Sanderson noted that there had been a citizen's request to discuss CA. 6 Resurfacing Project- NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street/NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Main Street to US 441). He recommended moving this item to the regular agenda after agenda item III. State Roads 26/26A Lighting Plans.

**ACTION: Mayor Hanrahan moved to approve the consent agenda and regular agenda, as amended to discuss CA. 6 Resurfacing Project- NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street/NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Main Street to US 441) after agenda item III. State Roads 26/26A Lighting Plans. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## II. TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED BOARD CHAIR APPOINTMENT

Mr. Sanderson stated that former Gainesville City Commissioner Tony Domenech was the Chair of the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Coordinating Board. He said that the MTPO needs to appoint a new TD Board Chair.

**ACTION: Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut moved to appoint Commissioner DeLaney as Chair to the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. Mayor Hanrahan seconded.**

### FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:

**Commissioner Braddy suggested Commissioner Donovan act as an alternate TD Board Chair. Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut and Mayor Hanrahan accepted the amendment.**

### ACTION AS AMENDED:

**Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut moved to appoint Commissioner DeLaney as Chair to the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and Commissioner Donovan as Alternate Chair. Mayor Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## III. STATE ROADS 26/26A LIGHTING PLANS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, requested that City of Gainesville and Alachua County staffs discuss the following State Roads 26/26A street lighting issues:

1. the amount of interest from Campus Development Agreement funds that may be available to help pay for the shortfall in funding for the proposed University lighting plan;
2. the possibility of the City and County splitting the \$429,000 shortfall; and
3. procedures for amending the Campus Development Agreement.

Ms. Teresa Scott, Gainesville Interim Deputy City Manager, discussed the history of the Campus Development Agreement, available interest funds and any options for funding. She stated that the City had approximately \$20,000 dollars available to contribute to the project at this time.

Mr. Michael Fay, Alachua County Public Works Department Assistant Director, discussed available revenue sources for the State Roads 26/26A Lighting Project as well as projected costs of the SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue project.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT Project Consultant Manager, discussed different approaches to implement the State Roads 26/26A Lighting Project and their related costs and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to direct staff to return to MTPO with an agreement at the next meeting which would have Alachua County fund one-half of the proposed State Roads 26/26A Lighting Project with Campus Development Agreement accumulated interest and that the City of Gainesville provide the other half. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded.**

**SUBSTITUTE ACTION:**

**Commissioner Long moved to:**

- 1. ask the City and County Commissions to consider funding their 50 percent share of the proposed State Roads 26/26A Lighting Project; and**
- 2. receive a report at the next MTPO meeting as to their commitment to fund their share of the project.**

**Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**CA. 6 RESURFACING PROJECT- NW 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET/NW 8<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE (MAIN STREET TO US 441)**

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT will be resurfacing State Road 20 from Main Street to US 441. He discussed the Advisory Committees' recommendations and answered questions.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT Urban Area Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the State Road 20 Resurfacing Project and answered questions. He said that bicycle/pedestrian crash data for State Road 20 could be supplied by the FDOT for further review by the MTPO.

Chair Chestnut discussed a conflict of interest concern regarding this agenda item.

Mr. David Schwartz, MTPO Attorney, discussed conflict of interest issues and answered questions.

Chair Chestnut declared a conflict of interest.

The following citizens discussed this agenda item:

Benny Walker	Joe Sutherland	Tama Silva
Rob Brinkman	Bill Sutherland	Kathleen Pagan
William Heavner	Peter Leshane	

**ACTION: Mayor Hanrahan moved to request that the Florida Department of Transportation:**

- 1. incorporate the following design concepts for the State Road 20 Resurfacing Project from Main Street to US 441:**
  - A. reserve funds to incorporate the MTPO approved stamped/hued pedestrian crosswalks at signalized intersections once an acceptable material is identified;**
  - B. improve any sidewalk sections that are not in compliance with FDOT and Federal Americans with Disabilities Act standards;**
  - C. examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc...) for potential safety and operational improvements;**
  - D. consider reconstruction of the State Road 20 and US 441 intersection;**
  - E. install raised medians along NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Street;**
  - F. install paved shoulders along the rural section south of US 441 that could be designated as bicycle lanes; and**
  - G. correct the alignment at the 1100 block of NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street; and**
- 2. provide the MTPO with bicycle/pedestrian injury and crash data for the portion of State Road 20 from Main Street to US 441.**

**Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed 10-0, with 1 abstention.**

#### **IV. SW 20<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE / STUDENT VILLAGE AREA CHARRETTE WORKSHOP**

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO has requested a workshop on the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue / Student Village Area. He discussed the Charrette recommendations and answered questions.

Ms. Shenley Neeley, Regional Transit System (RTS) Chief Transit Planner, discussed SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue / Student Village Area transit service and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO requested information on Option D in relation to volume to capacity (v/c) ratio and any further details related to north-south traffic movement.

A member of the MTPO requested that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) make a presentation to the MTPO, at its July 14 meeting, concerning the procedures it uses to acquire right-of-way.

The following citizens discussed this agenda item:

Bruce DeLaney	Gerry Dedenbach	Dave Bruderly
Sharon Hawkey	Richard Hedrick	Jan Frentzen
Bill Radunovich	William Heavner	

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to:**

- 1. have the Consultant model Option A with:**
  - A. SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the Hull Road extension as two-lane divided facilities, but keeping the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge intact and deleting the SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard Extension; and**
  - B. the Hull Road extension terminating at the intersection of SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue and SW 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, with no bridge, and deleting the SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard extension;**
- 2. request that the County Commission reconsider land use and zoning within the charrette area with the goal of increasing permitted densities and encouraging mixed use development;**
- 3. request a revised right-of-way cost estimate for a two-lane Hull Road extension with a bicycle/pedestrian path that includes:**
  - A. an analysis of whether there is any way of creating a more advantageous acquisition scenario that either involves or does not involve property owners within this proposed corridor;**
  - B. any information on details of right-of-way acquisition should be provided; and**
  - C. an evaluation of the developability of the Hull Road corridor; and**
- 4. have MTPO staff and the Consultant cooperate with City and County staff and provide them with modeling data and results as soon as they become available.**

**Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## V. UNFUNDED PROJECT PRIORITIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that, each year, the MTPO develops recommended transportation priorities for projects that are needed but not currently funded. He noted that it was late in the evening and that the MTPO could defer this agenda item to its July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to defer the discussion of the Unfunded Project Priorities to the July 14<sup>th</sup> MTPO meeting. Commissioner Donovan seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## VI. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

## VII. 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 comments.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chuck Chestnut adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

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Date

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Craig Lowe, Secretary/Treasurer

**EXHIBIT A**

<b><u>Interested Citizens</u></b>	<b><u>Florida Department of Transportation</u></b>	<b><u>Alachua County</u></b>	<b><u>City of Gainesville</u></b>
Rob Brinkman	James Bennett	David Cerlanek	Dekova Batey
Dave Bruderly	Gina Buscher	Michael Fay	Ralph Hilliard
Gerry Dedenbach	Doreen Joyner-Howard	Richard Hedrick	Brian Kanely
Bruce DeLaney	Fred Wright	Randall Reid	Barbara Lipscomb
Jack Freeman		John Sabatella	Shenley Neeley
Jan Frentzen		Dave Schwartz	Reid Rivers
Sharon Hawkey			Doug Robinson
William Heavner*			Teresa Scott
Clark Hodge			
Peter Leshane*			
Sam Middleton			
Chandler Otis			
Kathleen Pagan			
Bill Radunovich			
Julia Reiskind			
Tama Silva			
Bill Southerland			
Joe Southerland			
Gertrude Strickland			
Benny Walker			
Mary Kate Walker			
Ann Walsh			

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

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### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #9 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- May 16, 2005 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page #41 CA. 2 New Traffic Signal- Newberry Road and NW 48<sup>th</sup> Boulevard APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is proposing to add a new traffic signal

Page #55 CA. 3 Resurfacing Project- Waldo Road (University Avenue north to NE 55<sup>th</sup> Place) APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS

FDOT has provided sixty percent resurfacing design plans for this project

Page #61 CA. 4 Resurfacing Project- NW 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue (I-75 east to NW 43<sup>rd</sup> Street) APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

FDOT has provided sixty percent resurfacing design plans for this project

Page #69 CA. 5 Resurfacing Project- NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street (NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to US 441) APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

FDOT is requesting design scope recommendations for this project

Page #85 CA. 7 Construction Project- S. Main Street (S. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Depot Avenue) APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS

FDOT is requesting design scope recommendations for this project

**Page #91 CA. 8 Signal Update- SW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS**

FDOT is requesting design scope recommendations for the SW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue signal update projects at SR 329 (Main Street) and SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Page #95 CA. 9 Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program- Resolution of Appreciation APPROVE RESOLUTION**

This Resolution thanks Mr. Domenech for his service to the TD Program

**Page #101 CA. 10 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Planning Grant Application APPROVE RESOLUTION**

Each year, the MTPO submits this application in order to receive funds for this Program

**Page #105 CA. 11 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

**Page #111 CA. 12 MTPO Certification AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN CERTIFICATION**

FDOT is recommending that the MTPO planning process be certified

**Page #115 CA. 13 Livable Communities Workshop NO ACTION REQUIRED**

FDOT is inviting the MTPO, its Advisory Committees and the public to participate in this workshop scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup>

**Page #119 CA. 14 MTPO Correspondence NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed is a copy of recent MTPO correspondence