

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

1:30 p.m.
Thursday
July 14, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rodney Long

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Charles Justice
Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante
Justin Kristan

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Chuck Chestnut called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. He noted that a quorum was not present. He asked MTPO staff to recommend an item for discussion.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that the MTPO could discuss agenda item II. FDOT Right-of-Way Procedures.

II. FDOT RIGHT-OF-WAY PROCEDURES

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at the June 29th MTPO meeting, a member of the MTPO requested that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) make a presentation concerning its right-of-way acquisition procedures.

Mr. Joe Jordan, FDOT Right-of-Way Manager, discussed FDOT's right-of-way acquisition procedures and answered questions.

A quorum of the MTPO was now present.

A member of the MTPO requested that MTPO staff provide MTPO members with written materials containing the information discussed at today's meeting concerning right-of-way acquisition.

ACTION: Mayor Hanrahan moved to have MTPO Staff work with FDOT staff to draft an appropriate letter to the property owners in the Hull Road corridor to explore property acquisition options. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Chuck Chestnut, noting that a quorum was present, asked for approval of the consent agenda and meeting agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Lowe moved to approve the consent agenda and regular agenda. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. TWO-LANE HULL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY (PLUS BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN TRAIL) COST ESTIMATE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its June 29th meeting, requested a revised right-of-way cost estimate for a two-lane Hull Road extension with a bicycle/pedestrian path.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT Urban Area Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the Hull Road extension right-of-way acquisition status and answered questions. He noted that, for federal funds to be used for right-of-way acquisition, a four-lane cross-section must be purchased.

Mr. David Wagner, MTPO Attorney, suggested that the letter to Hull Road extension corridor property owners should ask for donation of property.

IV. YEAR 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN- DRAFT NEEDS PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO is updating the community's long range transportation plan. He said that this plan must be adopted by December 14, 2005.

Mr. Ken Kaltenbach, Corradino Group Senior Vice President, reviewed the long range transportation plan goals and objectives, evaluation factors, and roadway facility deficiency analysis. He discussed the model alternative analyses and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson recommended discussion of the Alternative 2- Transit projects first, non-Student Village Area projects second, and Student Village Area projects third. He discussed existing transit route projects to be included in the draft Year 2025 Transportation Needs Plan for testing and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve, as part of the draft Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Needs Plan, the existing route projects listed in Exhibit 2- Transit Alternative. Mayor Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed proposed new Regional Transit System (RTS) bus route projects to be included in the draft Year 2025 Transportation Needs Plan and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to approve, as part of the draft Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Needs Plan, the proposed RTS Routes 25, 44 and 46 listed in Exhibit 3- Transit Alternative. Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson noted that the proposed Bus Rapid Transit service was not recommended since the modeled ridership was low.

ACTION: Commissioner Braddy moved to include the Bus Rapid Transit projects in the Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Needs Plan. Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the proposed park-n-ride and express bus service and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut moved to approve the proposed park-n-ride and express bus service projects listed in Exhibit 3- Transit Alternative as part of the draft Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Needs Plan, including the extension of the High Springs to Gainesville Park-n-Ride Express Bus Route to the University of Florida. Commissioner Braddy seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut moved to approve the proposed project Routes 23, 39 and 62 listed in Exhibit 3- Transit Alternative as part of the draft Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Needs Plan. Commissioner Braddy seconded; motion passed 10 to 1.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the non-Student Village Area highway alternative projects and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut moved to approve, as part of the draft Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Needs Plan, projects C through W, except H₂, L and T, listed in Exhibit 1. Commissioner Nielsen seconded.

Commissioners Braddy and Byerly split the action to consider the following projects separately:

1. H₁ (W. 6th Street 2-lane with roundabouts) and H₂ (W. 6th Street 4-lane); and
2. U (NW 83rd Street 4-lane) and W (NW 23rd Avenue 4-lane).

SPLIT ACTION PART 1:

Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut moved to approve, as part of the draft Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Needs Plan, projects C through S plus V, except L and T, listed in Exhibit 1. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously

SPLIT ACTION PART 2:

Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut moved to approve, as part of the draft Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Needs Plan, project H₁ (W. 6th Street 2-lane with roundabouts) as listed in Exhibit 1. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.

SPLIT ACTION PART 3:

Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut moved to approve, as part of the draft Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Needs Plan, projects U (NW 83rd Street 4-lane) and W (NW 23rd Avenue 4-lane) as listed in Exhibit 2. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.

ACTION: Commission Cynthia Moore Chestnut moved to:

1. defer discussion of agenda items IV. (Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan- Draft Needs Plan Student Village Options) and V. (Unfunded Project Priorities);
2. schedule a special MTPO meeting to discuss the deferred agenda items; and
3. adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Braddy seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chuck Chestnut adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Date

Craig Lowe, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>
Ken Kaltenbach	James Bennett	Michael Fay	Gina Hawkins
Bob Reller	Gina Buscher	Richard Hedrick	Brian Kanely
Joe Sutherland	Joe Jordan	Bill Lecher	Phil Mann
Tim Tromet	Larry Parks	Randall Reid	Shenley Neeley
Ann Walsh	Fred Wright	Dave Wagner	Doug Robinson
			Teresa Scott

* By telephone

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CONSENT AGENDA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #7 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- June 29, 2005 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page #19 CA. 2 SW 20th Avenue Design Study APPROVE CONTRACT

This Study will be conducted by the University of Florida, College of Architecture (the MTPO has approved this project in its budget for this year)

Page #33 CA. 3 Design Team Project Referral APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Table 1 lists projects that should be referred to the Design Team for review

Page #35 CA. 4 Section 5311 Grant Amendment APPROVE AMENDMENT

This amendment will not require a \$2.00 rider fare for trips to meetings

Page #45 CA. 5 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

Page #51 CA. 6 Livable Communities Workshop NO ACTION REQUIRED

This Dan Burden led workshop will be held on July 29

EXHIBIT 1

**MTPO-APPROVED DRAFT YEAR 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION
NEEDS PLAN- HIGHWAY**

PROJECT	ROADWAY	DESCRIPTION	MODEL RESULTS	
			YEAR 2025 E+C V/C RATIO	YEAR 2025 ALT 1 V/C RATIO
K*	Choose one of the attached SW 20 th Avenue/Student Village Area Options A - I or recommend a new option	SW 20 th Avenue Charrette Projects	-	-
A*	Hull Road Right-of-Way- SW 34 th Street west to SW 62 nd Boulevard [*SW 34 th Street west to SW 43 rd Street]	acquire right-of-way wide enough for four lanes [*acquire right-of-way wide enough for two lanes]	-	-
B*	SW 20 th Avenue from SW 34 th Street west to SW 62 nd Boulevard [*SW 34 th Street west to SW 43 rd Street]	reconstruct with sidewalks, roundabouts, turnlanes, raised medians, bikelanes, bus bays, and transit super stops	1.01	-
C	SE 16 th Avenue from Williston Road west to Main Street	widen from two to four lanes	0.73	0.38
D	NW 76 th Boulevard Extension	new two lane to Ft. Clarke Boulevard	-	0.61
E	Depot Avenue from Williston Road west to US 441	reconstruct existing two lanes	0.67	0.79
F	Archer Road at SW 16 th Avenue	reconstruct intersection	-	-
G	University Avenue from Waldo Road west to US 441	reduce from four lanes to two lanes with onstreet parking	0.76	0.95
H	W. 6 th Street from SW 4 th Avenue north to NW 8 th Avenue	reconstruct to include roundabouts	0.54	0.52
I	NW 34 th Street from NW 16 th Avenue north to US 441	widen to add center turnlane	0.95	0.95
J	NW 83 rd Street Extension from NW 39 th Avenue north to Millhopper Road	new two lane road	-	0.39
M	NE 27 th Street Extension from NE 8 th Avenue north to NE 39 th Avenue	new two lane	-	0.42
N	NW 23 rd Avenue Extension from NW 98 th Street to west County Road 241	protect right-of-way (construct with private funding)	-	-
O	NW 122 nd Street Extension from State Road 26 north to NW 39 th Avenue	protect right-of-way (construct with private funding)	-	-
P	SW 8 th Avenue Extension from SW 122 nd Street west to SW 143 rd Street	protect right-of-way (construct with private funding)	-	-
Q	Radio Road Extension west and south to Hull Road	new two lane (subject to PD&E study)	-	0.37
R	SW 40 th Boulevard Extension south of Archer Road to SW 34 th Street	new two lane	-	0.47
S	SW 23 rd Terrace Extension north to Hull Road	new two lane	-	0.54
U	NW 83 rd Street from NW 23 rd Avenue to NW 39 th Avenue	widen to four lanes	1.05	0.47
V	Archer Road from GMA Boundary to Tower Road	widen to four lanes	1.31	0.67
W	NW 23 rd Avenue from NW 98 th Street to NW 55 th Street	widen to four lanes	0.50	0.35

*MTPO deferred action on the Student Village Area option.

EXHIBIT 2

**MTPO-APPROVED DRAFT YEAR 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION
NEEDS PLAN- TRANSIT**

ROUTE	YEAR 2025 WEEKDAY		MODEL RESULTS	
	HEADWAYS [minutes]	HOURS OF OPERATION*	YEAR 2025 ALTERNATIVE 2 WEEKDAY PASSENGERS	YEAR 2025 ALTERNATIVE 2 WEEKDAY PASSENGERS / MILE
EXISTING FIXED ROUTE SYSTEM				
1	15	74	1111	234.23
2	15	74	71	11.41
5	15	74	624	110.04
7	15	74	101	16.08
8	15	74	1530	170.85
10	15	74	393	46.28
11	15	74	212	42.39
15	15	74	211	34.08
24	15	74	168	20.38
43	15	74	3004	219.83
75	15	74	800	62.62
21	10	111	2069	527.78
34	10	111	1690	340.14
36	10	111	684	199.86
9	5	222	2404	577.90
12	5	222	3101	814.39
13	5	222	976	335.68
16	5	222	1486	450.47
20	5	222	3783	668.49
35	5	222	1272	252.50

*Fixed-Route- Weekday, 5:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m.

EXHIBIT 3

**MTPO-APPROVED DRAFT YEAR 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION
NEEDS PLAN- TRANSIT**

ROUTE	YEAR 2025 WEEKDAY		MODEL RESULTS	
	HEADWAYS [minutes]	DAILY HOURS OF OPERATION*	YEAR 2025 ALTERNATIVE 2 WEEKDAY PASSENGERS	YEAR 2025 ALTERNATIVE 2 WEEKDAY PASSENGERS / MILE
PROPOSED ADDITIONAL BUS ROUTES				
23	15	74	73	22.67
25	15	74	987	136.11
39	15	74	99	9.30
44	15	74	1138	125.12
46	15	74	464	84.35
62	15	74	100	24.20
BRT- I-75 / SR 24 Route	15	74	40	4.42
BRT- I-75 / SR 20 Route	15	74	41	5.10
PROPOSED PARK-N-RIDE - EXPRESS BUS				
High Springs - ^a Gainesville	15	8	71	3.73
Archer - Gainesville	15	8	26	2.50
Hawthorne - Gainesville	15	8	13	1.13
Newberry - Gainesville	15	8	105	6.31
Waldo - Gainesville	15	8	32	3.25

*Park-N-Ride- Weekday, 5:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.

^a Extend express route to the University of Florida area.