

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

6:00 p.m.
Thursday
August 30, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Baldwin
Rick Bryant
Jack Donovan

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Bryan Waterman
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

A member of the MTPO asked that item CA.6 NW 8th Avenue Raised Medians be placed on the meeting agenda for discussion.

A member of the MTPO asked whether there would be discussion of transit universal access. He suggested that this discussion be deferred because of the lengthy agenda.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, noted that this topic would be addressed under agenda item IX. Deferred Agenda Items.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the consent agenda and regular agenda amended to placed CA. 6 NW 8th Avenue Raised Medians on the meeting agenda as the first item. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

CA.6 NW 8TH AVENUE RAISED MEDIANS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has determined that adding raised medians on NW 8th Avenue is “outside the scope of the resurfacing project” and will not be constructed.

A member of the MTPO noted that the City was looking into rerouting the NW 6th Street Rail/Trail to accommodate the Gainesville Police Department expansion. She asked whether a median or safe crossing could be installed at the NW 6th Street Rail/Trail crossing as part of the State Road 20 Resurfacing Project or a separate safety project or enhancement project.

Mr. Sanderson suggested that MTPO staff could research this issue and report back to the MTPO at its next meeting.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to have MTPO staff research the possibility of having a median or other safe crossing installed where the NW 6th Street Rail/Trail crosses NW 8th Avenue as part of the State Road 20 Resurfacing Project or as a separate safety project or enhancement project and report back to the MTPO at its next meeting.

II. STATE ROADS 26/26A STREETLIGHTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO has received commitments from Alachua County and the City of Gainesville to cover the funding shortfall for the State Roads 26/26A streetlighting. He asked the MTPO to inform the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) the City and County will each fund 50 percent of the shortfall.

ACTION: Commissioner Lowe moved to authorize the MTPO Chair to send a letter informing the FDOT District 2 Secretary that both the City of Gainesville and Alachua County have decided to fund 50 percent of the shortfall in funding for the State Road 26/26A lighting plans. Commissioner Long seconded; motion passed 9 to 2.

III. TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its June 29th meeting, requested a discussion of traffic signals, including signal retiming. He said that City staff are present to discuss the traffic signal system.

Mr. Phil Mann, Gainesville Traffic Engineer II, and Ms. Teresa Scott, Gainesville Interim Assistant City Manager, discussed the traffic signal system and answered questions.

ACTION: Mayor Hanrahan moved to request that the City of Gainesville Public Works Department staff bring back to the MTPO a phasing and funding recommendation for implementing the Gainesville Traffic Signal Master Plan, including the following information:

- 1. an analysis of the issues related to field cameras and the locations where these cameras are monitored, who has access to these cameras and monitors, and the potential to expand this surveillance technology; and**
- 2. incremental annual maintenance costs.**

Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. YEAR 2025 NEEDS PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

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.

A. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS (CHAIR CHUCK CHESTNUT)

Chair Chestnut opened the public hearing.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the format of the public hearing.

B. PROPOSED YEAR 2025 NEEDS PLAN PROJECTS

1. SW 20TH AVENUE/STUDENT VILLAGE AREA HIGHWAY PROJECTS

Mr. Sanderson discussed the SW 20th Avenue/Student Village Area options and answered questions. He reported the MTPO Advisory Committees' recommendations.

2. REMAINING HIGHWAY PROJECTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO has already identified a list of highway projects for the draft Needs Plan. He discussed the draft highway Needs Plan projects and answered questions. He noted that the Needs Plan has to include the federal earmark projects identified in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) legislation.

3. TRANSIT PROJECTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO has already identified a list of transit projects for the draft Needs Plan. He discussed the draft transit Needs Plan projects and answered questions. He noted that in order to expand transit service that the Regional Transit System would need to expand its maintenance facility.

Mr. Jesus Gomez, Regional Transit System (RTS) Interim Director, discussed park-n-ride parking facility needs and answered questions.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Chair Chestnut invited the public to comment on the proposed draft Year 2025 Needs Plan. No one came forward to comment and/or ask questions on the draft Year 2025 Needs Plan.

D. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Chestnut closed the public hearing.

V. SW 20TH AVENUE/STUDENT VILLAGE AREA HIGHWAY PROJECTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to select SW 20th Avenue/Student Village Area highway projects.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to select Option M for the SW 20th Avenue/Student Village Area (see Exhibit 1). Commissioner Lowe seconded.

Mr. Michael Fay, Alachua County Public Works Department Assistant Director, discussed the need to reconstruct the SW 20th Avenue bridge for Option M.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT Urban Area Transportation Development Engineer noted that, if the MTPO does not keep the acquisition of Hull Road right-of-way as a high priority, FDOT cannot assure that these funds would be available for use within Alachua County.

Mr. Fay discussed right-of-way costs for Option K.

Mr. Ken Kaltenbach, Corradino Group Senior Vice President, discussed the traffic relief on Interstate 75 of Option K and Option M.

Mr. Bennett discussed the earmark funding for projects in the SW 20th Avenue/Student Village Area.

SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Commissioner Byerly moved to select Option K for the SW 20th Avenue/Student Village Area plus the Lake Kanapaha bicycle/pedestrian trail. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; Chair Chestnut requested a rollcall vote:

	<u>CITY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
Commissioner Braddy	No	
Commissioner Byerly		Yes
Commissioner DeLaney		Yes
Mayor Hanrahan	No	
Commissioner Long		Yes
Commissioner Lowe	No	
Commissioner Nielsen	Yes	
Commissioner Pinkoson		No
Chair Chestnut IV	No	

Motion failed.

Mr. Martin Gold spoke concerning this agenda item.

ORIGINAL ACTION RESTATED:

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to select Option M for the SW 20th Avenue/Student Village Area (see Exhibit 1). Commissioner Lowe seconded. Chair Chestnut requested a rollcall vote:

	<u>CITY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
Commissioner Byerly		No
Commissioner DeLaney		Yes
Mayor Hanrahan	Yes	
Commissioner Long		Yes
Commissioner Lowe	No	
Commissioner Nielsen	Yes	
Commissioner Pinkoson		Yes
Commissioner Braddy	Yes	
Chair Chestnut IV	Yes	

Motion passed.

VI. ADOPTION OF THE NEEDS PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to adopt a Year 2025 Needs Plan.

Mr. Bennett discussed the earmark funding and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson reported that the Hawthorne Road traffic will increase from approximately 10,000 daily trips today to 18,000 daily trips in the Year 2025.

Mr. Rick Crider, Gainesville Regional Airport Director, discussed airport earmark funded projects.

ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to adopt, as part of the Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Needs Plan:

1. SW 20th Avenue/Student Village Area Option M as shown in Exhibit 1 with the following additional recommendations:

A. continue to support the acquisition of the MTPO-approved linear park 150-foot right-of-way for Hull Road from SW 43rd Street to SW 34th Street to construct a two-lane divided roadway with transit and multimodal facilities;

B. continue with the implementation of the following charrette approved concepts:

i. the Hull Road bicycle/pedestrian trail;

ii. the bicycle/pedestrian grade separated crossing at Hull Road and SW 34th Street; and

iii. the reconstruction of SW 20th Avenue to include adding missing sidewalks, turnlanes, raised medians, bus bays and transit “super stops;” and

C. request that the Alachua County Commission and the City of Gainesville, as appropriate, protect the right-of-way between SW 62nd Boulevard and SW 43rd Street for possible future needs;

2. the additional highway projects listed in Exhibit 2- Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Needs Plan- Highway and Exhibit 2A- Additional Needs Plan Projects- Federal Earmarks;

3. the transit projects listed in Exhibit 3- Year 2025 Transit Needs Plan- enhance Existing Routes; and

4. the transit projects listed in Exhibit 4- Year 2025 Transit Needs Plan- New Routes.

Mayor Hanrahan seconded; Chair Chestnut requested a rollcall vote:

	<u>CITY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
Commissioner Byerly		No
Commissioner DeLaney		Yes
Mayor Hanrahan	Yes	
Commissioner Long		Yes
Commissioner Lowe	Yes	
Commissioner Nielsen	Yes	
Commissioner Pinkoson		Yes
Commissioner Braddy	No	
Chair Chestnut IV	Yes	

Motion passed.

A member of the MTPO discussed his concern regarding whether the earmark-funded projects are new funds or funds that this area would have received anyway.

Mr. Bennett noted that FDOT is also seeking clarification on the earmark-funded projects in order to develop its Work Program and will inform the MTPO as soon as possible. He said that he hoped to have this information within a month or two.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to discuss the earmark funding issue at the next MTPO meeting.

VII. 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 said that this information is used by FDOT each fall to develop its Tentative Five Year Work Program.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2005/2006 - 2009/2010, List of Priority Projects document as recommended by MTPO Staff. Commissioner Lowe seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. DRAFT HULL ROAD LETTER

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO requested that MTPO staff, the MTPO Attorney and FDOT work together to develop a letter to ask for property donation within the Hull Road extension corridor. He reviewed the draft letter.

Mr. David Schwartz discussed the FDOT draft letter and answered questions.

There was no longer a quorum of the MTPO present.

A member of the MTPO requested that discussion of the draft Hull Road letter be deferred until the next MTPO meeting.

IX. DEFERRED AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Sanderson discussed MTPO agenda items that have been deferred and asked whether the MTPO would prefer to discuss them at a September 20th meeting date.

A consensus of members present indicated that they would prefer to meet in October.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chuck Chestnut adjourned the meeting at 10:50 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>
Gerry Dedenbach	James Bennett	Dave Cerlanek	Dekova Batey
John Ellis	Gina Buscher	Rick Crider	Jesus Gomez
Bryan Green	Doreen Joyner-Howard	Michael Fay	Brian Kanely
Bryan Gold		Bill Lecher	Phil Mann
Jim Stringfellow		Randall Reid	Shenley Neeley
		John Sabatella	Teresa Scott
		Dave Schwartz	

* By telephone

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CONSENT AGENDA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium
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Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
August 30, 2005

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #9 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- July 14, 2005 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page #19 CA. 2 Proposed Budgets for FY 2004-2005 and
FY 2005-2006 APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION

These budgets will allow staff to monitor MTPO expenditures and make
appropriate adjustments as needed

Page #25 CA. 3 Resurfacing Project- US 441
(Williston Road to Marion County line) APPROVE JOINT
RECOMMENDATIONS

FDOT has developed 60 percent design plans for the MTPO to consider

Page #45 CA. 4 Resurfacing Project- US 441
(Archer Road north to State Road 20) APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATIONS

FDOT has developed scoping concepts for the MTPO to consider

Page #49 CA. 5 Resurfacing Project- N. 39th Avenue
(NW 24th Blvd. to Airport entrance) APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATIONS

FDOT has developed scoping concepts for the MTPO to consider

Page #57 CA. 7 Coordinating Board Membership
Certification AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN

Each year, the MTPO must certify that the membership of this Board
represents a cross section of the community

Page #61 CA. 8 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

Page #73 CA. 9 Featured Article- *Reduce unemployment Through auto ownership* NO ACTION REQUIRED

A member of the MTPO wants MTPO members to have a copy of this article

Page #77 CA. 10 Benefits of Access Management- Median Treatments NO ACTION REQUIRED

A member of the MTPO wants MTPO members to have a copy of this material

Page #83 CA. 11 FDOT State Road 26A Brochure- "The Western Gateway to Gainesville" NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed is a copy of this brochure which gives updated information concerning this SW 2nd Avenue reconstruction project

Page #85 CA. 12 MTPO Correspondence NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed are copies of recent MTPO correspondence

EXHIBIT 2

**YEAR 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION
NEEDS PLAN- HIGHWAY**

PROJECT	ROADWAY	DESCRIPTION
C	SE 16 th Avenue from Williston Road west to Main Street	widen from two to four lanes with instreet bikelanes
D	NW 76 th Boulevard Extension	new two lane with instreet bikelanes to Ft. Clarke Boulevard
E	Depot Avenue from Williston Road west to US 441	reconstruct existing two lanes with instreet bikelanes
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
H	W. 6 th Street from SW 4 th Avenue north to NW 8 th Avenue	reconstruct to include roundabouts
I	NW 34 th Street from NW 16 th Avenue north to US 441	widen to add center turnlane
J	NW 83 rd Street Extension from NW 39 th Avenue north to Millhopper Road	new two lane road with instreet bikelanes
M	NE 27 th Street Extension from NE 8 th Avenue north to NE 39 th Avenue	new two lane with instreet bikelanes
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 with instreet bikelanes (subject to PD&E study)
R	SW 40 th Boulevard Extension south of Archer Road to SW 34 th Street	new two lane with instreet bikelanes
S	SW 23 rd Terrace Extension north to Hull Road	new two lane with instreet bikelanes
U	NW 83 rd Street from NW 23 rd Avenue to NW 39 th Avenue	widen to four lanes with instreet bikelanes
V	Archer Road from GMA Boundary to Tower Road	widen to four lanes with instreet bikelanes
W	NW 23 rd Avenue from NW 98 th Street to NW 55 th Street	widen to four lanes with instreet bikelanes

EXHIBIT 2A

ADDITIONAL NEEDS PLAN PROJECTS- FEDERAL EARMARKS

PROJECT	ROADWAY	DESCRIPTION
L	Airport access road Gainesville	Construction- H.R. 3 HPP No. 1560, FL HPP No. 75- \$1,600,000
T	Airport Intermodal Center	Construction- \$300,000
X	NE 19 th Street/NE 19 th Terrace from NE 3 rd Avenue to NE 8 th Avenue	Reconstruction- H.R. 3 HPP No. 3486, FL HPP No.146- \$800,000
Y	NE 25 th Street and NE 19 th Drive/NE 20 th Street from State Road 26 to NE 8 th Avenue	Reconstruction- H.R. 3 HPP No. 3487, FL HPP No.147- \$1,600,000

EXHIBIT 3

YEAR 2025 TRANSIT NEEDS PLAN-ENHANCE EXISTING ROUTES

ROUTE	YEAR 2025 WEEKDAY		
	HEADWAYS [minutes]	HOURS OF OPERATION*	BUSES NEEDED
EXISTING FIXED ROUTE SYSTEM			ENHANCED SERVICE
1	15	74	2
2	15	74	6
5	15	74	2
7	15	74	6
8	15	74	3
10	15	74	3
11	15	74	3
15	15	74	4
24	15	74	3
43	15	74	6
75	15	74	3
21	10	111	2
34	10	111	2
36	10	111	3
9	5	222	3
12	5	222	10
13	5	222	8
16	5	222	2
20	5	222	12
35	5	222	5
SUBTOTAL			88
LATER GATOR ROUTES B & F			2
TOTAL			90

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

EXHIBIT 4

YEAR 2025 TRANSIT NEEDS PLAN- NEW ROUTES

ROUTE	YEAR 2025 WEEKDAY		
	HEADWAYS [minutes]	DAILY HOURS OF OPERATION*	BUSES NEEDED
PROPOSED ADDITIONAL BUS ROUTES			
23	15	74	8
25	15	74	6
39	15	74	12
44	15	74	12
46	15	74	12
62	15	74	4
SUBTOTAL			54
BRT- I-75 / SR 24 Route	15	74	2
BRT- I-75 / SR 20 Route	15	74	2
SUBTOTAL			4
PROPOSED PARK-N-RIDE - EXPRESS BUS			
High Springs - Gainesville ^a	15	8	8
Archer - Gainesville	15	8	4
Hawthorne - Gainesville	15	8	3
Newberry - Gainesville	15	8	8
Waldo - Gainesville	15	8	6
SUBTOTAL			29
TOTAL			87
Maintenance facility expansion to accommodate the bus fleet expansion			

*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.