

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
February 10, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chuck Chestnut IV, Chair
Mike Byerly
Paula DeLaney
Tony Domenech
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan
Rodney Long
Craig Lowe
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Ed Poppell
Warren Nielsen
Lee Pinkoson
Aage Schroder

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Braddy
Rick Bryant

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Chuck Chestnut called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Ms. Sharon Hawkey asked that consent agenda item CA. 2 State Road 26 (Newberry Road) Resurfacing Project be placed on the regular agenda in order to discuss the need for an extension of the left turnlane on Newberry Road at the W 91st Street intersection.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the consent agenda and regular agenda amended to place CA. 2 State Road 26 (Newberry Road) Resurfacing Project on the regular agenda after agenda item IV. Year 2025 Transportation Plan Update. Mayor Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. STATE ROAD 26A PEDESTRIAN SCALE LIGHTING PLANS

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that the MTPO, at its December 9 meeting, was asked to reconsider its June, 2002 decision to use domus fixtures for pedestrian scale lighting. He said that the MTPO was asked to use the traditional “acorn” fixtures instead of the “domus” fixtures. He reported that the MTPO deferred the decision on the lighting fixture and requested additional information concerning the locations of both existing and proposed pedestrian scale and roadway lighting for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) State Road 26/26A projects.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT Project Consultant Manager, and Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation Services Manager, discussed the State Road 26A Lighting Plans and answered questions.

Mr. Ed Poppell, University of Florida Vice President for Finance and Administration, recommended that the MTPO use pedestrian scale lighting consistent with that used by the University of Florida.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to request that the Florida Department of Transportation revise the State Road 26A Lighting Plans to:

- 1. replace the proposed pedestrian scale lighting “domus” fixtures west of SW 34th Street with traditional “acorn” fixtures; and**
- 2. extend the pedestrian scale lighting (using traditional “acorn” fixtures) east of SW 34th Street as far as funding will allow.**

Commissioner Byerly seconded.

Mr. Sanderson noted that Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) staff was not present at the meeting to help answer MTPO questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut moved to table discussion of the State Road 26A Pedestrian Scale Lighting Plans until after the Gainesville Regional Airport Master Plan agenda item. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its December 9th meeting, the MTPO approved a motion to receive a presentation on the update of the Gainesville Regional Airport Master Plan.

Mr. Rick Crider, Gainesville Regional Airport Director, discussed the draft Gainesville Regional Airport Master Plan and answered questions.

II. STATE ROAD 26A PEDESTRIAN SCALE LIGHTING PLANS [Continued]

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to recall the tabled motion on the State Road 26A Lighting Plans. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson restated the MTPO motion on the floor.

Mr. Wright noted that FDOT was funding the project and GRU would be installing the fixtures.

Commissioner Domenech offered a friendly amendment to add “and to the maximum extend possible, integrate the lighting with the University of Florida.” Commissioner Pinkoson accepted the amendment.

Mr. Reid Rivers, GRU Energy Delivery Manager, discussed the State Road 26A Lighting Plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to request that the Florida Department of Transportation:

1. **revise the State Road 26A Lighting Plans to:**
 - A. **replace the proposed pedestrian scale lighting “domus” fixtures west of SW 34th Street with traditional “acorn” fixtures; and**
 - B. **extend the pedestrian scale lighting (using traditional “acorn” fixtures) east of SW 34th Street as far as funding will allow; and**
2. **to the maximum extend possible, integrate the lighting with the University of Florida.**

Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Several members of the MTPO discussed their desire for pedestrian scale lighting that should extend the full length of SW 2nd Avenue. One member of the MTPO said that these cost estimates could be brought to the City Commission and the City and the University of Florida could work together to fund the additional lighting.

Mr. Rivers noted that the University of Florida already has pedestrian scale lighting around the law school. He stated that GRU would work with the University in terms of placing lights in that area. He added that early discussions called for pedestrian scale lighting along the full length of SW 2nd Avenue, but that budget limitations did not allow for this lighting east of SW 34th Street.

Mr. Poppell noted that the University had always envisioned pedestrian scale lighting along SW 2nd Avenue.

ACTION: Mayor Hanrahan moved to refer the SW 2nd Avenue pedestrian scale lighting issues to its Design Team to bring back cost estimates to the next MTPO meeting. Commissioner Lowe seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. YEAR 2025 TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the consultant for the MTPO's Year 2025 Transportation Plan Update was present to discuss the status of various tasks.

A. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mr. Joe Corradino, The Corradino Group Principal, discussed the status of the update of the long range transportation plan.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to schedule the MTPO public hearing on the Year 2025 Transportation Plan update for November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. REVISED HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

Mr. Corradino discussed the draft survey of households and answered questions. He said that he had incorporated MTPO member comments into the survey.

Several MTPO members provided additional comments on the survey.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the revised Year 2025 Transportation Plan update household survey incorporating the changes requested by MTPO members. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. REVISED EVALUATION FACTORS

Mr. Corradino discussed the evaluation factors and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Domenech moved to approve the revised Year 2025 Transportation Plan update evaluation factors. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

CA.2 STATE ROAD 26 (NEWBERRY ROAD) RESURFACING PROJECT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the agenda was amended to discuss the Newberry Road Resurfacing Project.

Ms. Hawkey discussed her concern with the Newberry Road Resurfacing Project turnlane closures and extensions.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT District 2 Urban Area Transportation Development Engineer, stated that FDOT would look into the need for an extension of the W 91st Street left turnlane and report back to the MTPO and Ms. Hawkey in writing.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to:

- 1. approve the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) 60 percent resurfacing design plans for State Road 26 from NW 109th Drive to NW 80th Boulevard; and**
- 2. request that FDOT study the need for lengthening the turnlanes at W. 91st Street in order to accommodate both existing and future traffic and to report its findings to the MTPO and Ms. Hawkey.**

Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO does not have any agenda items that require action in March. Therefore, the MTPO agreed to schedule its next meeting for April 21st at 1:30 p.m.

VI. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

A member of the MTPO requested that FDOT provide some input on directional signage in the City.

Mr. Aage Schroder, FDOT District 2 Secretary, stated that FDOT traffic operations staff could work with the City of Gainesville and Alachua County on directional signage issues.

A member of the MTPO discussed the implications of the City's Transportation Concurrency Exception Area and the County's attempt at impact fees on roadway congestion and development. She also discussed her concerns about the implementation of the SW 20th Avenue Charrette projects. She noted her concern regarding roadway modifications and funding being placed ahead of land use, zoning and development of regional impact review issues. She requested a MTPO review of the SW 20th Avenue Charrette.

A member of the MTPO discussed the two pedestrian fatalities that occurred the previous day.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to request that the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team review the circumstances involved in the fatality on Archer Road near SW 69th Terrace, including roadway school zones, posted speed limits, the location of crosswalks and traffic signalization.

A member of the MTPO invited the City Commissioners to attend a County economic development meeting on Tuesday, February 15 at 10:30 a.m. He noted that videotape of the meeting could also be made available for review.

Another MTPO member commented on the pedestrian fatalities. He discussed his concern that the SW 20th Avenue Charrette was off-track. He noted that the County Commission was taking steps to ensure its grant request process would be consistent with its comprehensive planning and zoning.

A member of the MTPO requested that the MTPO discussion of the SW 20th Avenue Charrette not occur until after the Ethics Commission opinion is issued. She also discussed her concerns regarding pedestrian safety. She noted that she voted in favor of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council's legislative agenda and list of funding sources. She said that she would provide this information to MTPO staff for distribution to MTPO members.

A member of the MTPO suggested that discussion of the SW 20th Avenue Charrette should be at a special meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to request that MTPO staff schedule a special evening session of the MTPO, after an Ethics Commission opinion on member participation has been rendered, to:

1. review:
 - A. the SW 20th Avenue Charrette, including its history and results;
 - B. the implementation of Charrette recommendations that has occurred so far;
 - C. what plans have been put in place;
 - D. what expenditures have been made; and
 - E. vehicle usage and transportation system data;
2. have this material reviewed by the MTPO Advisory Committees and invite them to attend this special meeting; and
3. invite the Corradino Group to attend this special meeting and provide the modeling and other relevant transportation data for the area.

Mayor Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member of the MTPO also noted that there may be some enhancement to the NW 8th Avenue underpass at NW 13th Street.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chuck Chestnut adjourned the meeting at 4:30 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>
Joe Corradino	James Bennett	Michael Fay	Brian Kanely
Rick Crider	Gina Buscher	Dave Schwartz	Reid Rivers
Sharon Hawkey	James Driggers		
Bob Reller	Fred Wright		

* 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- December 9, 2004 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page #47 CA. 3 Preliminary Feasibility Study for Intersection/Interchange Modifications for Archer Road and SW 34th Street APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS

City Public Works Department staff recommend that MTPO/City/County charrette funds be used to prepare this study

Page #57 CA. 4 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION

These amendments will bring additional federal transportation funds to this area for Regional Transit System and the Airport projects

Page #61 CA. 5 Year 2025 Transportation Plan Update Existing Plus Committed (E+C) Network NO ACTION REQUIRED

The proposed E+C network includes Main Street and SW 24th Avenue

Page #63 CA. 6 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

Page #67 CA. 7 Archer Road/S. 16th Avenue Master Plan NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed is recent University correspondence and a scope of work concerning this Master Plan

Page #75 CA. 8 Variances from FDOT Work Program NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed is recent correspondence from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) that discusses changes to proposed projects

Page #83 CA. 9 MTPO Correspondence NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed is a copy of recent MTPO correspondence