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

Jack Durrance Auditorium Alachua County Administration Building Gainesville, Florida 6:00 p.m. Monday May 16, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chuck Chestnut IV, Chair

Cynthia Moore Chestnut

Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

Ed Braddy Rick Bryant

Mike Byerly Paula DeLaney

Craig Lowe Warren Nielsen Ed Poppell Lee Pinkoson

Tony Domenech

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rodney Long Aage Schroder

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson Thomas Hill Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, announced that Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, has resigned. He thanked him for his service.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

II. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that the <u>TIP</u> is the most important document that is approved annually by the MTPO. He noted that this year's document authorizes about \$22 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area (GMA). He added that, in order for Federal funds to be spent in the GMA, they must be approved by the MTPO and included in this report.

Mr. James Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Urban Area Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the construction schedule for the Main Street Reconstruction Project and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2005/2006 - 2009/2010 TIP. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. ARCHER ROAD AND SW 34TH STREET INTERSECTION- PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A NEW INTERCHANGE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the City's consultant is present to discuss its findings for the Archer Road and SW 34th Street Intersection- Preliminary Feasibility Study for a New Interchange. He suggested continuing with the next agenda item while the consultant set up his exhibits.

IV. YEAR 2025 TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

A. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mr. Sanderson discussed the latest schedule for the Year 2025 Transportation Plan Update and answered questions.

III. ARCHER ROAD AND SW 34TH STREET INTERSECTION- PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A NEW INTERCHANGE (Continued)

Mr. Jack Freeman, Kittelson & Associates Principal Engineer, discussed the study results and answered questions.

Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation Services Manager, noted that the existing intersection configuration was completed about 25 years ago.

Mr. Randall Reid, Alachua County Manager, discussed north-south and east-west corridors that had been previously discussed at a County Commission meeting.

Mr. Hill noted that the long range transportation plan model data are based on input from local comprehensive plans and planning staffs.

The following citizens discussed this agenda item:

Sharon Hawkey Dave Bruderly Jack Donovan

Mr. Sanderson discussed enhanced transit and Bus Rapid Transit. He also discussed projects from the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Masterplan. He reported the recommendations from City Staff. He noted that a significant intersection modification could be tested as part of Alternative 3 later this summer after the Alternative 1 results are available.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to:

- 1. defer action on the Archer Road/SW 34th Street intersection study; and
- 2. direct MTPO staff to test an alternative that evaluates alternative projects that would improve level of service at the Archer Road/SW 34th Street intersection.

Commissioner Domenech seconded.

AMENDMENT:

Commissioner DeLaney requested an amendment to the motion to designate Archer Road as a regionally significant roadway. Commissioner Byerly and Commissioner Domenech accepted the amendment.

ACTION AS AMENDED:

Commissioner Byerly moved to:

- 1. defer action on the Archer Road/SW 34th Street intersection study;
- 2. direct MTPO staff to test an alternative that evaluates alternative projects that would improve level of service at the Archer Road/SW 34th Street intersection; and
- 3. designate Archer Road as a regionally significant roadway.

Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. YEAR 2025 TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE (Continued)

B. APRIL 18 COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Mr. Sanderson discussed the results of the April 18 Community Workshop and answered questions.

C. GAINESVILLE TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

Mr. Joe Corradino, The Corradino Group Principal, discussed the results of the survey and answered questions.

D. ADOPTED/PROPOSED VISION STATEMENT

Mr. Sanderson discussed the current and proposed vision statements for the long range transportation plan.

The following citizens discussed this agenda item:

Sharon Hawkey Dave Bruderly

ACTION: Commissioner Domenech moved to adopt as the Year 2025 Transportation Plan update vision statement:

"Land use developed with intensity and density that creates more balance in east-west Gainesville area growth, connects a limited number of highly developed mixed use centers, and is served by a highly-efficient multimodal transportation system, which allows for mode choice. The transportation system is safely used by people of all ages and income classes, supported by a dedicated transportation funding source and provides for:

- a. walkable University and town centers;
- b. improved and affordable transit service;
- c. improved bikeway/trail system; and
- d. better road connectivity."

Commissioner Braddy seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to include a discussion of the Alachua County Transit Study on a future meeting agenda. Commissioner Bryant seconded; motion passed unanimously.

E. PROPOSED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Mr. Sanderson discussed the proposed goals and objectives and answered questions.

Mr. Bruderly commented on this agenda item.

ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to adopt the Year 2025 Transportation Plan update goals and objectives as stated in Exhibit 1 with revisions to the:

- 1. Fourth Goal Statement, Objective 4.2 modified to add "and seek out additional funding sources." and
- 2. Third Goal Statement, Objective 3.4 modified to read as "Ensure that roadways are safe for pedestrians and bicyclists."

Commissioner Moore Chestnut seconded. Commissioner Pinkoson split the action to consider the Second Goal Statement, Objectives 2.1 and 2.2 separately.

SPLIT ACTION RESTATED-PART 1:

Commissioner Nielsen moved to adopt as the Year 2025 Transportation Plan update goals and objectives as stated in Exhibit 1, excluding the Second Goal Statement, Objectives 2.1 and 2.2, with the revisions:

- 1. Fourth Goal Statement, Objective 4.2 modified to add "and seek out additional funding sources." and
- 2. Third Goal Statement, Objective 3.4 modified to read as "Ensure that roadways are safe for pedestrians and bicyclists."

Commissioner Moore Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

SPLIT ACTION RESTATED-PART 2:

Commissioner Nielsen moved to adopt as the Year 2025 Transportation Plan Second Goal Statement, Objectives 2.1 and 2.2 as stated in Exhibit 1. Commissioner Moore Chestnut seconded; Chair Chestnut requested a rollcall vote:

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

Motion passed.

The MTPO-approved Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan update goals and objectives are attached to these minutes as Exhibit 1.

F. RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE 1- HIGHWAY

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Recommended Alternative 1- Highway and answered questions.

The following citizens discussed this agenda item:

Ann Walsh

Jack Donovan

Dave Bruderly

Rick Hedrick

ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve Alternative 1- Highway Exhibits 1 - 5. Commissioner DeLaney seconded.

AMENDMENT:

Commissioner Domenech requested an amendment to the motion to include the testing and evaluation Hull Road extended to SW 20th Avenue and SW 43rd Street/SW 42nd Street/SW 40th Boulevard corridor as a four-lane facility and Project H (W. 6th Street from SW 4th Avenue to NW 8th Avenue) as both a two-lane and four-lane facility. Commissioners Nielsen and DeLaney accepted the amendment.

ACTION AS AMENDED:

Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve Alternative 1- Highway Exhibits 1 - 5 with Hull Road extended to SW 20th Avenue and SW 43rd Street/SW 42nd Street/SW 40th Boulevard corridor as a four-lane facility and Project H (W. 6th Street from SW 4th Avenue to NW 8th Avenue) as both a two-lane and four-lane facility. Commissioner DeLaney seconded.

Commissioner Byerly split the action to consider Project V (NW 83rd Street from NW 23rd Avenue to NW 39th Avenue four-laning) and Project X (NW 23rd Avenue from NW 98th Street to NW 55th Street four-laning) separately.

SPLIT ACTION AS AMENDED RESTATED-PART 1:

Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve Alternative 1- Highway Exhibits 1 - 5 with Hull Road extended to SW 20th Avenue and SW 43rd Street/SW 42nd Street/SW 40th Boulevard corridor as a four-lane facility and Project H (W. 6th Street from SW 4th Avenue to NW 8th Avenue) as both a two-lane and four-lane facility and excluding Project V (NW 83rd Street from NW 23rd Avenue to NW 39th Avenue four-laning) and Project X (NW 23rd Avenue from NW 98th Street to NW 55th Street four-laning). Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

SPLIT ACTION AS AMENDED RESTATED-PART 2:

Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve Alternative 1- Highway Exhibit 1, Project V (NW 83rd Street from NW 23rd Avenue to NW 39th Avenue four-laning) and Project X (NW 23rd Avenue from NW 98th Street to NW 55th Street fourlaning). Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed 11 to 1.

The MTPO-approved Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan update Alternative 1- Highway model test lists are attached to these minutes as Exhibits 2 - 8.

G. RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE 2- TRANSIT

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Recommended Alternative 2- Transit and answered questions.

The following citizens discussed this agenda item:

Dave Bruderly Sharon Hawkey

ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve Alternative 2- Transit Table 1. Commissioner DeLaney seconded.

AMENDMENT:

Mayor Hanrahan requested an amendment to the motion to have MTPO staff work with Regional Transit System staff to also include in Alternative 2- Transit a route along N. 8th Avenue. Commissioner Nielsen and Commissioner DeLaney accepted the amendment.

ACTION AS AMENDED:

Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve Alternative 2- Transit Table 1 which includes a route along N. 8th Avenue. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The MTPO-approved Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan update Alternative 2- Transit model test lists are attached to these minutes as Exhibits 9 - 16.

V. SW 20TH AVENUE CHARRETTE- MTPO WORKSHOP

Mr. Sanderson reminded the MTPO that it had decided to schedule a workshop to discuss the SW 20th Avenue/Student Village area.

Two members of the MTPO asked about informing affected property owners and neighborhoods about the workshop.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to request that MTPO staff schedule the SW 20th Avenue Charrette -MTPO Workshop. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member of the MTPO requested that information presented at the workshop include such maps as land use, zoning and wetlands.

Mr. Sanderson stated that he would work with both the City and County Managers to have appropriate City and County staff present at the workshop to discuss the information the MTPO requested. He added that he would also have to work with City and County staff and the MTPO Consultant to find a date that would be acceptable to everyone.

VI. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is on June 29th at 6:00 p.m.

VII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

A member of the MTPO requested discussion of the traffic signals within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area and their potential retiming at the next MTPO meeting.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to discuss the traffic signals within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area and their potential retiming at the next MTPO meeting.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Bruderly discuss the possibility of using light emitting diode (LED) technology for the traffic signals within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There were no Chair comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chuck Chestnut adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

Date

Craig Lowe, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

Interested Citizens	<u>Florida Department</u> <u>of Transportation</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>
Dave Bruderly	James Bennett	Dave Cerlanek	Brian Kanely
Joe Corradino	Gina Buscher	Michael Fay Barbara Lipscom	
Bruce DeLaney	Doreen Joyner-Howard	Richard Hedrick	
Jack Donovan		John Sabatella	
Jack Freeman		Dave Schwartz	
Sharon Hawkey		Randall Reid	
Ann Walsh			

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Jack Durrance Auditorium Alachua County Administration Building Gainesville, Florida Monday, 6:00 p.m. May 16, 2005

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page [#] 9	CA. 1	MTPO Minutes- May 5, 2005	APPROVE MINUTES
		This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review	
Page [#] 21	CA. 2	Unified Planning Work Program Revision Modification	APPROVE REVISION
		This revision is needed to move staff resources another	from one approved task to
Page [#] 23	CA. 3	Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Status Report	NO ACTION REQUIRED
		The MTPO has asked for regular status reports of	concerning this program
Page [#] 31	CA. 4	Traffic Trends	NO ACTION REQUIRED
		<u>University of Florida staff have requested that w</u> with the MTPO	ve share this information
Page [#] 37	CA. 5	Additional Considerations for the Highway and Transit Alternatives	NO ACTION REQUIRED
	Enclosed are materials from the April 18 th public workshop on the Year 2025 Transportation Plan update		

EXHIBIT 1

YEAR 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

FIRST GOAL STATEMENT

Develop and maintain a balanced transportation system that supports the economic vitality and quality of life in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area through expanded transportation choice, improved accessibility for motorized and non-motorized users and the preservation of environmental, cultural and historic areas.

OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 Improve regional accessibility to major employment, health care, commerce and goods distribution centers.
- 1.2 Improve the viability of alternatives to the single-occupant automobile (bicycle, walking, public transit, carpooling and telecommuting) as options for all users of the transportation system through accessibility, convenience and comfort.
- 1.3 Improve access for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users to public places and centers of activity.
- 1.4 Establish an interconnected and continuous system of off-road trails and greenways.
- 1.5 Coordinate transportation and future land use decisions to promote efficient development patterns and a choice of transportation modes.
- 1.6 Improve access to transportation facilities and services for elderly, children, disabled and economically disadvantaged individuals.
- 1.7 Reduce the adverse impacts of transportation on the environment, fragmentation of natural areas and wildlife.
- 1.8 Minimize the adverse impacts of transportation on established neighborhoods through development of a balanced transportation system.
- 1.9 Preserve the intended function of the Florida Interstate Highway System (FIHS) and other appropriate corridors for intercity travel and goods movement, but minimize adverse impacts resulting from this policy that are inconsistent with other goals and objectives.

SECOND GOAL STATEMENT

Develop and maintain a sustainable transportation system that supports and preserves the existing transportation network through compact development patterns, improved system management and operations, coordination and communication.

OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 Minimize travel distances for work, shopping and recreation.
- 2.2 Encourage infill and redevelopment in areas that have existing and adequate infrastructure in place.
- 2.3 Improve the interconnectivity of streets and other components of the transportation system, including sidewalks, bikeways and transit ways.

- 2.4 Create opportunities for access by all forms of travel at centers for jobs, services, commerce and housing through land use strategies and urban design principles that minimize travel distances and allow for a mix of uses.
- 2.5 Enhance connectivity between different forms of travel by creating multimodal access hubs within new development or redeveloping areas.
- 2.6 Implement transportation demand management and system management strategies before adding general purpose lanes to a roadway.
- 2.7 Improve the operational efficiency of the existing transportation system for all modes of travel based on a balance of needs within the corridor.
- 2.8 Phase in new vehicle fleets for public agencies that make use of alternative fuels that reduce air quality impacts.
- 2.9 Coordinate transportation plans and programs with all stakeholders in the transportation system, including the public, public agencies, transit, emergency management, police and fire, etc.
- 2.10 Develop a balanced transportation system that includes a dispersion of traffic across multiple smaller roads rather than concentrating traffic on a few major roadways.

THIRD GOAL STATEMENT

Develop and maintain a safe and secure transportation system for all users and neighbors of transportation facilities and services.

OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 Address existing and potential safety and security problems on or adjacent to transportation corridors through an interagency planning and prioritization process.
- 3.2 Implement techniques to calm traffic in residential, educational and commercial areas where walking and bicycling are common.
- 3.3 Establish criteria and performance standards for roadways to maintain their residential or rural character, as appropriate.
- 3.4 Ensure that roadways are safe for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- 3.5 Improve the pedestrian/bicycle connections between commercial centers and surrounding neighborhoods.

FOURTH GOAL STATEMENT

Invest strategically in transportation infrastructure to enhance the vitality of the community.

OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 Give priority to preservation and maintenance of the existing transportation system.
- 4.2 Develop a financially responsible plan that allocates available resources and seek out additional funding sources.
- 4.3 Preserve current and planned rights-of-way for transportation system improvements.

EXHIBIT 2

MTPO-APPROVED ALTERNATIVE 1- HIGHWAYS (WITH EXISTING TRANSIT SERVICE)

PROJECT	ROADWAY	DESCRIPTION	
А	Hull Road Right-of-Way- SW 34th Street west to SW 62nd Boulevard	acquire right-of-way wide enough for four lanes	
В	SW 20 th Avenue from SW 34 th Street west to SW 62 nd Boulevard	reconstruct with sidewalks, roundabouts, turnlanes, raised medians, bus bays, and transit super stops	
С	SE 16th Avenue from Williston Road west to Main Street	widen from two to four lanes	
D	NW 76 th Boulevard Extension	new two lane to Ft. Clarke Boulevard	
Е	Depot Avenue from Williston Road west to US 441	reconstruct existing two lanes	
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_1	W. 6 th Street from SW 4 th Avenue north to NW 8 th Avenue	reconstruct to include roundabouts	
H_2	W. 6 th Street from SW 4 th Avenue north to NW 8 th Avenue	widen to four lanes	
Ι	NW 34 th Street from NW 16 th Avenue north to US 441	widen to add center turnlane	
J	NW 83rd Street Extension from NW 39th Avenue north to Millhopper Road	new two lane road	
K	Hull Road Extension from SW 34th Street west to SW 62nd Boulevard	new two lane	
	Eliminate section of SW 20th Avenue just east of Hogtown Creek	east/west trips now load on Hull Road Extension	
L	NW 8 th Avenue from NW 23 rd Street to NW 31 st Drive	reduce from four lanes to two lanes	
М	NE 27 th Street Extension from NE 8 th Avenue north to NW 39 th Avenue	new two lane	
Ν	NW 23rd Avenue Extension from NW 98th Street to west County Road 241	protect right-of-way	
0	NW 122 nd Street Extension from State Road 26 north to NW 39 th Avenue	protect right-of-way	
Р	NW 8 th Avenue Extension from SW 122 nd Street west to SW 143 rd Street	protect right-of-way	
Q	Radio Road Extension west and south to Hull Road	new two lane	
R	SW 40 th Boulevard Extension south of Archer Road to SW 34 th Street	new two lane	
S	SW 23 rd Terrace Extension north to Hull Road	new two lane	
Т	SW 16 th Avenue from Archer Road east to US 441	widen to six lanes (may only need to be restriped)	
U	NW 83 rd Street from NW 23 rd Avenue to NW 39 th Avenue	widen to four lanes	
V	Archer Road from GMA Boundary to Tower Road	widen to four lanes	
W	NW 23 rd Avenue from NW 98 th Street to NW 43 rd Street	widen to four lanes	

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EXHIBIT 9

ALTERNATIVE 2 - TRANSIT YEAR 2025 INCLUDES HIGHWAY EXISTING PLUS COMMITTED (E+C)

	WEEKDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
ROUTES	HEADWAYS [minutes]	HOURS OF OPERATION*	HEADWAYS [minutes]	HOURS OF OPERATION*	HEADWAYS [minutes]	HOURS OF OPERATION*
EXISTING FIXED-ROUTE BUS SYSTEM						
1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 21, 24, 34, 35, 36, 43, 75	15	74	30	44	30	24
PROPOSED ADDITIONAL BUS ROUTES						
N. 8 th Avenue	15	74	30	44	30	24
23	15	74	30	44	30	24
39	15	74	30	44	30	24
62	15	74	30	44	30	24
PROPOSED PARK-N-RIDE						
Alachua-Gainesville	15	8	-	-	-	-
Archer-Gainesville	15	8	-	-	-	-
Hawthorne-Gainesville	15	8	-	-	-	-
Newberry-Gainesville	15	8	-	-	-	-
Waldo-Gainesville	15	8	-	-	-	-

* Fixed-Route- Weekday, 5:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m.; Saturday, 5:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m.; and Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Park-N-Ride- Weekday, 5:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Numbers are daily hours for each identified route