

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
October 5, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

Rodney Long, Chair
Craig Lowe, Vice Chair
James Bennett/Charles Baldwin
Ed Braddy
Rick Bryant
Mike Byerly
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Paula DeLaney
Linda Dixon/Ed Poppell
Jack Donovan
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan
Scherwin Henry
John Martin
Jeanna Mastrodicasa
Lee Pinkoson

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Marlie Sanderson
Brian Waterman
Michael Escalante
Lynn Franson-Godfrey

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rodney Long called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Long asked for approval of the consent agenda and meeting agenda.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, noted that there was a request to place agenda item V. after agenda item III.

ACTION: Commissioner Lowe moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Meeting Agenda amended to place agenda item V after agenda item III. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. MTPO CHIEF STAFF OFFICIAL RETIREMENT

Mr. Sanderson stated that Mr. Charles F. Justice has retired after serving 33 years as the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) Executive Director and 31 years as the MTPO Chief Staff Official.

Mr. Justice discussed his tenure at the NCFRPC and thanked the MTPO. He introduced Mr. Scott R. Koons as the new NCFRPC Executive Director.

Mr. Koons stated that the NCFRPC staff would continue to serve the MTPO.

Chair Long thanked Mr. Justice for his service to the community and presented him a plaque.

A member of the MTPO requested discussion of CA. 11. FDOT District 2 Work Program Expenditures- Fiscal Years 2007 to 2011.

Chair Long stated that discussion of CA. 11 FDOT District 2 Work Program Expenditures- Fiscal Years 2007 to 2011 would be discussed after IV. Main Street (SR 329) Reconstruction Project- Cost Estimates.

III. TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM (TD)- REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (RTS) CTC ANALYSIS

Mr. Sanderson introduced Ms. Lynn Franson-Godfrey, MTPO Senior Planner, to discuss the transportation disadvantaged program.

Ms. Franson-Godfrey stated that the MTPO, at its January 12, 2006 meeting, requested that Regional Transit System (RTS) staff provide the MTPO with an updated analysis for RTS assuming Alachua County Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) responsibilities. She said that the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) was contracted to prepare this analysis. She reported that the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating (TD) Board, at its June 23, 2006 meeting, accepted the final draft analysis for RTS assuming the role of Alachua CTC and recommended an administrative review of the analysis by the City of Gainesville and Alachua County.

Mr. Bill Morris, CUTR Senior Research Associate, discussed the Alachua County CTC Evaluation report and answered questions.

Ms. Franson-Godfrey and Mr. Jesus Gomez, RTS Director, discussed the CUTR report and answered questions.

The following citizens also commented on this agenda item:

Judy Hamilton	Jean Fisher [#]	Devi Moon [#]	Jack Varnon
William Kennedy	James Gamberton [#]	Carol Massey [#]	

Written comments, denoted by [#], are included as Exhibit 1.

Mr. Ed Griffin, MV Transportation Director of Government Relations, discussed MV Transportation's unacceptable service, commitment to improve service and answered questions.

Ms. Penny Fennell, MV General Manager, discussed driver wages and benefits and answered questions.

Mr. Gomez discussed the exemption of drivers' wages to the City's Living Wage Ordinance and answered questions. He said that he could provide this information to MTPO members.

ACTION: Commissioner Donovan moved to accept the final draft analysis for RTS assuming the role of Alachua County Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) and to request an administrative review of the Center for Urban Transportation Research materials by the City of Gainesville and Alachua County and for the City of Gainesville and Alachua County to report back to the MTPO at its next meeting concerning the following:

- 1. costs associated with the following community transportation coordinator (CTC) responsibilities, including:**
 - A. MV Transportation, Inc. contract (CTC) oversight;**
 - B. grant management;**
 - C. maintenance of purchase of service contracts with agencies;**
 - D. contract (service) compliance monitoring;**
 - E. service planning;**
 - F. public relations; and**
 - G. reporting;**
- 2. options of how to proceed after MV Transportation, Inc.'s contract with the Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Commission expires in 2008; and**
- 3. input from stakeholders.**

Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. SECTION 5311 FUNDS

Mr. Sanderson stated that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff has informed the MTPO that it cannot use Alachua County Medicaid Funds as the 50 percent local inkind match for the Section 5311 Program. He discussed the Section 5311 Program and answered questions.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT District 2 Planning Manager, discussed the Section 5311 Funding Program and answered questions. He noted that he has been in contact with Federal Transit Administration regarding the interpretation for the inkind match of Section 5311 Program funds. He noted that FTA was in agreement with FDOT interpretation for inkind match.

Mr. Kennedy commented concerning this agenda item.

Mr. Sanderson stated that he would continue to work with Alachua County concerning this issue and that he would bring this back to the MTPO at its next meeting for an update.

Commissioner John Martin, MTPO Rural Advisor, offered to involve the League of Cities to help resolve the Section 5311 Program funding issues.

IV. MAIN STREET (SR 329) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT- COST ESTIMATES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has updated its cost estimates for the Main Street project from N. 8th Avenue south to Depot Avenue. He said that this proposed project will reduce the four travel lanes to two travel lanes with a center turnlane with raised medians, parallel parking, bus bays and instreet bike lanes. He noted that the cost for this project has increased from last year's estimate of \$14.4 million to \$16.9 million.

Mr. Russ Blackburn, Gainesville City Manager, discussed his concerns regarding funding Option 3 and asked that no action be taken so that he can present this issue to the City Commission at its meeting on Monday.

A member of the MTPO also said that she would like the County Commission to discuss this project at its meeting on Tuesday.

A member of the MTPO requested information on changes of density affecting Main Street.

Mr. Bennett stated that FDOT needs an answer from the MTPO next week.

Mr. Sanderson presented three FDOT-proposed options for the Main Street Reconstruction Project. He discussed the MTPO Advisory Committee and Staff recommendations.

Several MTPO members discussed the Main Street Project and questioned FDOT staff.

Mr. Bennett discussed this Project and answered MTPO member questions. He noted that the project was originally a resurfacing project that evolved to a reconstruction project that corrected storm drainage facilities and reduced a 4-lane to a 2-lane facility with center turnlanes.

A member of the MTPO asked for information on the cost savings by deleting the brick pavers and roundabout from Option 3.

Ms. Teresa Scott, Gainesville Public Works Director, discussed the stormwater drainage issues and answered questions.

Chair Long noted that Mr. Rob Brinkman and Ms. Julia Reiskind provided written comments on this agenda item which are included as Exhibit 2.

A member of the MTPO requested information on the life cycle maintenance cost differences between Option 2 and Option 3.

A member of the MTPO asked for the cost differences for all three options.

Mr. Dave Wagner, MTPO Attorney, noted that a County Commission vote is distinctive from the County Commissioners sitting as part of the MTPO.

CA. 11 FDOT DISTRICT 2 WORK PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

Mr. Sanderson stated that a member of the MTPO requested discussion of this agenda item.

Mr. Bennett noted that transportation system equity is based on gas tax revenue.

Mr. Sanderson noted that the Strategic Intermodal System directs significant funding to areas with major seaports and airports, which is the case in Jacksonville.

VI. NEXT MTPO MEETING

A member of the MTPO discussed his concern regarding the next MTPO meeting date.

Mr. Sanderson stated that he would look into scheduling an MTPO meeting for Monday afternoon, October 9th, as the first priority or Tuesday afternoon, October 10th, as the second priority.

VII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Paula DeLaney, MPOAC Representative, noted that she would be attending the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) national conference and the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Institute workshop in Ft. Lauderdale in November.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Date

Lee Pinkoson, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Rob Brinkman [#]	Michael Fay	Russ Blackburn	Gina Buscher
David Coffey	Richard Hedrick	Millie Crawford	Karen Taulbee
Joan DeNicola	Randall Reid	Jesus Gomez	
Penny Fennell	Dave Schwartz	Brian Kanely	
Jean Fisher [#]		Dean Mimms	
Nikki Frenergy		Teresa Scott	
James Gamberton [#]			
Staci Graf			
Ed Griffin			
Judy Hamilton			
Jim Hilliard			
Charles Justice			
William Kennedy			
Carol Massey [#]			
Mac McEachern			
Joan Miles			
Devi Moon [#]			
Bill Morris			
Julia Reiskind [#]			
Erin Schepers			
Karen Somerset			
Jack Varnon			
Randy Wells			

* By telephone

[#] Provided written comments

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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- August 10, 2006 APPROVE MINUTES**
- This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review
- Page #15 CA. 2 Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) APPROVE REVISIONS**
Audit- Letter of Engagement
- These revisions reflect changes in MTPO personnel
- Page #31 CA. 3 Fiscal Year 2005/06 MTPO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION**
Audit- Letter of Engagement
- The Regional Planning Council is recommending an Auditor to conduct the MTPO Audit
- Page #41 CA. 4 Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)- APPROVE JOINT**
Main Street RECOMMENDATIONS
- FDOT may amend the SIS to remove the emerging connector route for S. Main Street because of the relocation of the Greyhound Bus Station
- Page #55 CA. 5 Landscaping Priorities APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS**
- FDOT is requesting that the MTPO consider revising its landscaping priorities

Page #63 CA. 6 Section 5303 Resolution APPROVE RESOLUTION

This Resolution is required in order for the MTPO to receive Section 5303 transit planning funds (note- this Resolution has been approved by the MTPO Attorney)

Page #67 CA. 7 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)- MTPO Resolution APPROVE RESOLUTION

In order for the MTPO planning program to retain its certification, the MTPO must have a U.S. Department of Transportation approved DBE Plan

Page #129 CA. 8 Section 5311 Program Signatory Authorization and Certification Form APPROVE AUTHORIZATION

This form recognizes Mr. Scott R. Koons as the signatory authority for the MTPO to approve federal grant application, invoices and vendor contracts

Page #133 CA. 9 Transportation Disadvantaged Program Coordinating Board Appointment APPOINT MR. BELDING

Mr. Belding is the only applicant for the alternate Citizen Advocate position on this Board

Page #139 CA. 10 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

Page #149 CA. 11 FDOT District 2 Work Program Expenditures- Fiscal Years 2007 to 2011 NO ACTION REQUIRED

This information shows total transportation expenditures in the latest FDOT District 2 Work Program for all 18 counties for the next five years

Page #157 CA. 12 MPOAC Institute Workshop NO ACTION REQUIRED

On November 1st, the MPOAC is conducting a half-day workshop for elected officials in Ft. Lauderdale