

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

7:30 p.m.
Monday
October 9, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

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

None

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Brian Waterman
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rodney Long called the meeting to order at 7:54 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, requested an agenda item to discuss Section 5311 funding as agenda item I.A

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the Meeting Agenda amended to include agenda item I.A Section 5311 Funding. Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

I.A SECTION 5311 FUNDS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needed to request that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) extend the Section 5311 Grant Program for six months.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to authorize the MTPO Chair to extend the Section 5311 Grant Program for six months. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. 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. He discussed the MTPO Advisory Committee and Staff recommendations.

Mr. Richard Hedrick, Alachua County Public Works Director, discussed maintenance costs and answered questions.

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

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT District 2 Planning Manager, discussed the reconstruction, including removal of the bricks, and answered questions. He also discussed FDOT's proposed options.

Ms. Scott stated that the City of Gainesville voted for Option 2 by a 5 to 2 vote. She noted that the City did not have the additional funding to fund Option 3 nor the staff resources to undertake a project of this magnitude. She noted that bus bays could be accommodated by restriping onstreet parking spaces.

Mr. Bennett discussed the transfer of ownership and maintenance of Main Street and answered questions. He also discussed maintenance responsibilities for the City and County.

Mr. Hedrick noted that the County would maintain Main Street from Williston Road to Depot Avenue and the City would maintain Main Street from Depot Avenue to University Avenue.

Ms. Scott noted that there were two bus routes along Main Street within the project area.

Commissioner John Martin, MTPO Rural Advisor, discussed the outlying communities concerns regarding accessibility, maintenance costs and hazardous materials mitigation costs.

The following persons also commented on this agenda item:

Rob Brinkman	Mike Davidson	Peter Alcorn
Steven Boyse	Dave Castine	Rae Marie Gilbert
Walter Willard	Jay Reeves	Tom Daniel
Phyllis Saarinen [#]		

Chair Long noted that written comments were submitted by Ms. Phyllis Saarinen (see attached).

Ms. Scott discussed Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) utility reconstruction in the project area and answered questions.

Mr. Bennett discussed contamination mitigation. He noted that the City of Newberry's primary east-west corridor is on the State's Strategic Intermodal System, and therefore, a different situation than Main Street. He added that the City could have ownership of the roadway. He discussed the costs of the roundabout and answered questions. He noted that FDOT is also frustrated with how long this project has taken and is concerned with rising costs of the project. He said that FDOT has worked with GRU in coordinating of utility reconstruction. He reported that FDOT has not had enough time to develop cost estimates for the components between Option 2 and Option 3. He said that he could not provide the difference in the roadway lifecycle between Option 2 and Option 3. He said that currently Options 1 and 2 lifecycle is planned for 12 years and that Option 3 lifecycle is 18 years. He added that this project cannot be delayed any further.

Mr. Brian Kanely reported that Main Street was last resurfaced in 1973.

ACTION: Commissioner Donovan moved to request that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) construct the Main Street Reconstruction Project Option 2 (see Exhibit 1), and if local funds are available:

- A. the first priority should be the construction of the roundabout at Depot Avenue; and**
- B. the second priority should be the construction of bus bays.**

Commissioner Byerly seconded.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to amend the motion to include the transfer of maintenance of Main Street from Williston Road to University Avenue to the City of Gainesville. Commissioner Chestnut seconded.

Chair Long requested a rollcall vote. The results are as follows:

	<u>CITY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
Commissioner Byerly		No
Commissioner Chestnut		Yes
Commissioner DeLaney		No
Commissioner Donovan	No	
Mayor Hanrahan	No	
Commissioner Henry	No	
Commissioner Lowe	No	
Commissioner Mastrodicasa	No	
Commissioner Pinkoson		Yes
Commissioner Braddy	No	
Commissioner Bryant	No	
Chair Long		No

Motion failed.

ORIGINAL ACTION RESTATED:

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Commissioner Byerly seconded.

Chair Long requested a rollcall vote. The results are as follows:

	<u>CITY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
Commissioner Chestnut		No
Commissioner DeLaney		Yes
Commissioner Donovan	Yes	
Mayor Hanrahan	Yes	
Commissioner Henry	Yes	
Commissioner Lowe	Yes	
Commissioner Mastrodicasa	Yes	
Commissioner Pinkoson		No
Commissioner Braddy	No	
Commissioner Bryant	Yes	
Commissioner Byerly		Yes
Chair Long		Yes

Motion passed.

ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to request that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) reallocate the \$2.2 million of right-of-way funds for the Hull Road Extension Project to the Main Street Reconstruction Project. Mayor Hanrahan seconded; motion passed 11 to 1.

VI. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson noted that there are no MTPO agenda items that require action in November and that the MTPO could have its next meeting on December 14th.

Chair Long stated that, without objection, the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 14th.

VII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no MTPO member comments.

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 10:50 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>
Peter Alcorn	Michael Fay	Russ Blackburn	James Bennett
Stephen Boyes	Richard Hedrick	Jesus Gomez	
Rob Brinkman	Randall Reid	Ralph Hilliard	
Dave Castine	Dave Schwartz	Brian Kanely	
Tom Daniel		Dean Mimms	
Mike Davidson		Teresa Scott	
Bill Gilbert			
Rae Marie Gilbert			
Noel Lake			
Jay Reeves			
Julia Reiskind			
Phyllis Saarinen [#]			
Walter Willard			

* By telephone

[#] Provided written comments

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EXHIBIT 1

MAIN STREET PROJECT OPTIONS (North 8th Avenue South to Depot Avenue) FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009

OPTION 1- RESURFACE AND IMPROVE STORMWATER DRAINAGE

Estimated Cost \$10.7 million (all funded by FDOT)

- Keep the existing four-lane road with ADA upgrades and install mast arm replacements
- Resurface from North 8th Avenue south to Depot Avenue
- Replace storm drainage system from University Avenue south to Depot Avenue
- FDOT retains ownership

OPTION 2- ORIGINAL PROJECT MINUS THE ROUNDABOUT AND BRICK PAVERS

Estimated Cost \$12.7 million (all funded by FDOT)

- Current four lane section will be converted to a two lane with center turn lane, bicycle lanes and on-street parking
- *Project does not include the bus bays, roundabout at Depot Avenue or installing brick pavers*
- Construct mast arm replacements, *some limited* sidewalk reconstruction and bulb-outs at intersections (*note- the physical curb line will remain except in the area of the bulb-outs*)
- Replace storm drainage system from University Avenue south to Depot Avenue
- Ownership transfers to Alachua County from University Avenue south to Williston Road
- City of Gainesville executes an agreement with Alachua County to maintain Main Street from University Avenue south to Depot Avenue and executes an agreement with FDOT to maintain Main Street from N 8th Avenue south to University Avenue

OPTION 3- ORIGINAL PROJECT [Constructed as a Local Area Program (LAP) Project]

Estimated Cost \$16.9 million (FDOT will pay \$12.7 million of this cost)

- Current four lane section will be converted to a two lane with center turn lane, bicycle lanes and on-street parking
- *Construct roundabout at Depot Avenue and install brick pavers*
- Construct mast arm replacements, bulb-outs at intersections and sidewalk reconstruction
- Replace storm drainage system from University Avenue south to Depot Avenue
- Ownership transfers to Alachua County from University Avenue south to Williston Road
- City of Gainesville executes an agreement with Alachua County to maintain Main Street from University Avenue south to Depot Avenue and executes an agreement with FDOT to maintain Main Street from N 8th Avenue south to University Avenue