

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  
June 15, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rodney Long, Chair  
Craig Lowe, Vice Chair  
James Bennett for Charles  
Baldwin  
Ed Braddy  
Mike Byerly  
Cynthia Moore Chestnut  
Schervin Henry  
Paula DeLaney  
Jack Donovan  
John Martin  
Jeanna Mastrodicasa  
Lee Pinkoson  
Linda Dixon for Ed Poppell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Bryant  
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Brian Waterman  
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rodney Long called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

**ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Donovan seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## II. US 441 TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROGRAM

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that MTPO Chair Long requested a status report on the US 441 Transit Corridor Program. He noted that this project has been a collaborative effort among the MTPO, Alachua County, City of Gainesville and the City of Alachua. He reported that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has awarded a one-year grant of \$83,750 for this project. He discussed the program and answered questions.

Chair Long thanked the participants in the grant application process.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT Urban Area Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the Transit Corridor Program application process and answered questions.

**It was a consensus of the MTPO to authorize the MTPO Chair to send a letter to the City of Alachua regarding the US 441 Transit Corridor Program grant award and ask when the City expects to approve a resolution accepting the grant. It was also a consensus of the MTPO to ask the City of Alachua to give the MTPO a status report concerning implementation of this project in six months.**

Mr. Bennett discussed the Joint Participation Agreement process that the City of Alachua needs to execute in order to receive the grant.

## III. URBAN VILLAGE- ACTION PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, discussed the Urban Village: SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Transportation Design Proposal. He said that during this discussion, the MTPO approved a motion which included requesting that Alachua County, the City of Gainesville, Florida Department of Transportation and University of Florida work with MTPO staff to develop proposals and action items to implement the Urban Village: SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Transportation Design Proposal within 60 days.

Mr. Sanderson made a presentation concerning the draft Urban Village Action Plan and answered questions.

Mr. Michael Fay, Alachua County Public Works Department Assistant Director, discussed reserve trips on Archer Road and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson stated that there needs to be active participation by City and County planning staffs. He said that MTPO staff could support the City and County planning staffs and the County's general planning consultant. He said that the funding partnership could include the City, County, MTPO and University. He added that the MTPO could fund up to \$30,000 for this project.

Mr. Ralph Hilliard, City of Gainesville Planning Manager, stated that the City's Comprehensive Plan is already capable of accommodating the Urban Village proposal. He said that the roadway grid was critical to the implementation of the Urban Village concept. He noted that the City Manager would have to make a recommendation on the funding participation level to the City Commission.

Chair Long noted that joint City-County planning is the best option. He suggested adding development of a work plan and scope of services by the City, County, University and MTPO staffs as a ninth recommendation.

Mr. Rick Drummond, Alachua County Growth Management Director, discussed his concerns about the draft Urban Village Action Plan, including the following issues:

1. the scope of the Urban Village area needs to be resolved;
2. the type of joint planning, whether it's formal or informal;
3. how to deal with concurrency, since the area is surrounded by Transportation Concurrency Areas;
4. that a Multimodal District would have to be done jointly;
5. City and County planning priorities; and
6. whether December 31<sup>st</sup> target date could be met.

**ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the eight recommended actions listed on pages 37 and 38 of the Urban Village- Action Plan (attached as Exhibit B) with one additional recommendation to request that the City, County, University and MTPO staffs develop a work plan and scope of services. Commissioner Chestnut seconded.**

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:**

**Commissioner Byerly moved to amend recommendation 3.C to delete the second sentence. Motion was accepted by Commissioner Pinkoson and Commissioner Chestnut.**

**ACTION AS AMENDED:**

**Commissioner Pinkoson moved to:**

1. **approve the eight recommended actions listed on pages 37 and 38 of the Urban Village- Action Plan (attached as Exhibit B);**
2. **add one additional recommendation to request that the City, County, University and MTPO staffs develop a work plan and scope of services; and**
3. **amend recommended action 3.C to delete the second sentence.**

**Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Rick Hedrick, Alachua County Public Works Director, discussed his concern regarding the opportunity to test Auto Merge (A) to see if it is feasible.

Chair Long suggested that the MTPO Rural Advisor should serve on the MTPO Urban Village Steering Committee.

Mr. Sanderson stated that City and County staffs should take the lead on the joint planning effort.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to appoint Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Donovan, Commissioner Mastrodicasa and Mr. Poppell to serve on the MTPO Urban Village Subcommittee (with the MTPO Rural Advisor serving on the Steering Committee). Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. 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. He discussed the draft Fiscal Years 2007/2008 - 2011/2012, List of Priority Projects document and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to approve Table 1 Enhancement Priorities. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Landscaping Priorities and answered questions.

Mr. Bennett noted that the S. Main Street Landscaping project is already funded and is no longer included in the MTPO' priorities document.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to approve Table 2 Landscaping Priorities. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Project, Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Priorities and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve Table 3 Project, Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Priorities. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Public Transportation Priorities and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Lowe moved to approve Table 4 Public Transportation Priorities. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Right-Of-Way Priorities and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve Table 5 Right-Of-Way Priorities. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Safe Routes to School Priorities and answered questions. He noted that the Citizens Advisory Committee's recommendation only included the first priority.

**ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve Table 6 Safe Routes to School Priorities. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Safety Priorities and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO asked about funding safety projects on the Interstate system.

Mr. Bennett discussed funding for the Interstate system and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to approve Table 7 Safety Priorities. Commissioner Donovan seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Strategic Intermodal System Priorities and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Lowe moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 8 Strategic Intermodal System Priorities. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities and answered questions. He noted that the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board recommends that the purchase of paratransit vans be the first priority.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to approve Table 9 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities, revised to reverse Priority #2 and Priority #3. Commissioner DeLaney seconded.**

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:**

**Commissioner Braddy moved to place Priority #5 as the second priority. Commissioner Byerly accepted the amendment. Commissioner DeLaney did not accept the amendment.**

**SUBSTITUTE ACTION:**

**Commissioner Byerly moved to approve Table 9 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities rank sequence as Priority #1, Priority #5, Priority #3, Priority #2 and Priority #4 of the draft table. Commissioner Braddy seconded; motion failed due to a lack of a majority of the County Commission (Commissioner Byerly voting for the substitute action and Commissioner DeLaney, Commissioner Pinkoson and MTPO Chair Long voting against the substitute action).**

**ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to approve Table 9 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities. Commissioner Lowe seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Traffic Operations Priorities- State Highway System (SHS) Only and answered questions.

Chair Long discussed his concern for the Sunday signal timings at the Hawthorne Road/E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street and the Williston Road/SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue intersections.

Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation Services Manager, stated that City staff would look into these timing issues.

**ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to approve Table 10 Traffic Operations Priorities- State Highway System (SHS) Only. Commissioner Lowe seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Transit Corridor Development Priorities and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Delaney moved to approve Table 11 Transit Corridor Development Priorities. Commissioner Henry seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Funds and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Lowe moved to approve Table 12 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Funds. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5311- Nonurbanized Area Formula and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Lowe moved to approve Table 13 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5311- Nonurbanized Area Formula. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to approve Table 14 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities. Commissioner Donovan seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

V. MTPO PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE (PEG) SUBCOMMITTEE- VACANT POSITIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to replace two City of Gainesville Commissioners that were serving on the PEG Subcommittee.

**ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to appoint Commissioner Lowe and Commissioner Henry to the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee. Commissioner Lowe seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VI. TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP)

Mr. Sanderson discussed the status of the TRIP grant application and answered questions.

VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Sanderson noted that the MTPO did not have any agenda items that require a meeting in July.

**ACTION: Commissioner Braddy moved to cancel the July MTPO meeting. Commissioner Lowe seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting would be on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

VIII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

A member of the MTPO requested that the US 301/State Road 20 intersection be placed on the next MTPO agenda.

Chair Long requested that MTPO staff limit the August MTPO agenda to the following three items: Hull Road Extension right-of-way; Village Action Plan work plan and scope of services; and the overpass at State Road 20 at US 301.

Mr. Hedrick stated that the NW 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue/County Road 241 intersection is being studied for warrants for a roundabout or traffic signal.

A member of the MTPO discussed his concern about the traffic signal timing at the E. University Avenue/E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street intersection.

Mr. Kanely stated that City staff would look at this intersection traffic signal timing.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

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Date

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Lee Pinkoson, Secretary/Treasurer

**EXHIBIT A**

<b><u>Interested Citizens</u></b>	<b><u>Alachua County</u></b>	<b><u>City of Gainesville</u></b>	<b><u>Florida Department of Transportation</u></b>
None	Rick Drummond	Jesus Gomez	Austin Chapman
	Michael Fay	Ralph Hilliard	Doreen Joyner-Howard
	Richard Hedrick	Brian Kanely	Andre Sutherland
	Randall Reid	Doug Robinson	

\* By telephone

# Provided written comments

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **URBAN VILLAGE- ACTION PLAN**

#### **VII**

#### **ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS**

Listed below are specific action plan recommendations that have been developed:

#### **MTPO VILLAGE SUBCOMMITTEE**

1. Appoint an MTPO Village Subcommittee (similar to the MTPO's Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee) comprised of two City Commissioners, two County Commissioners and the University of Florida's MTPO member.

Staff assistance to the Subcommittee will be provided jointly by the City of Gainesville, Alachua County and MTPO staff. This Subcommittee will oversee the implementation of this Action Plan. Assisting the Subcommittee will be a Steering Committee with representation from the following:

- A. MTPO Rural Advisor;
  - B. Gainesville Chamber of Commerce;
  - C. Gainesville Home Builders Association;
  - D. Florida Department of Transportation;
  - E. Florida Community Design Center; and
  - F. all other interested stakeholders and citizens.
2. Request that the MTPO Village Subcommittee oversee joint University of Florida, City of Gainesville, and Alachua County land use planning for the Village area.

#### **FUNDING PARTNERSHIP**

3. Approve a funding partnership to make funds available to Alachua County to pay one of its general planning consultants to develop the following tasks by December 31<sup>st</sup> working through the MTPO Village Subcommittee:
  - A. proposed Alachua County comprehensive plan amendments needed in the unincorporated area to implement the Village vision contained in the *Urban Village: Southwest 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Transportation Design Proposal*; and
  - B. a design template for Village transit-oriented development; and

- C. review the available concurrency options in this report and develop recommendations concerning which concurrency option should be recommended for the Urban Village area.

*Note- This recommendation does not mean that consideration by the City of Gainesville for the Creekside at Beville Run project should be delayed during this six-month period. The review process by the City of Gainesville should proceed at the same time as these planning tasks are being developed by the County's general consultant.*

4. Approve the use of MTPO charrette funds to match an equal amount of funds contributed by the City of Gainesville and Alachua County to pay Alachua County for the work tasks performed by the County's general planning consultant.
5. Request that the University of Florida consider being an equal funding partner in this effort.

#### **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

6. Request that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) complete its Project, Development and Environmental Study for SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue using the MTPO approved auto-merge (a) design as soon as possible.
7. Request that the MTPO Village Subcommittee discuss the need for a project, development and environmental (PD&E) study for the extension of Radio Road west of SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street and south to SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue and determine what agency should be responsible for conducting this study.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

8. Request that the University of Florida ask the Florida Department of Environmental Protection/Division of State Lands to provide either a public access easement to the developer of the Creekside at Beville Run development and/or a deed transfer to a local government for the Hull Road right-of-way on the University campus west of SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street. [*Note that this may also be necessary for the Radio Road extension.*]

#### **WORK PLAN AND SCOPE OF SERVICES**

9. Request that the City of Gainesville, Alachua County, University of Florida and MTPO staff develop a work plan and scope of services.

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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- May 2, 2006 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page #17 CA. 2 State Road (SR) 329 (Main Street) Median Construction Plans APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Enclosed are 60 percent design plans for medians located between Depot Avenue and SW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Page #21 CA. 3 SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Transportation Design Proposal- Contract Revision APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This contract revision is to accept 10 color copies of the final product instead of six color copies and 14 black and white copies

Page #27 CA. 4 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment APPROVE AMENDMENT

Regional Transit System staff has requested this change in order to begin the grant process to purchase buses with Surface Transportation Program funds

Page #33 CA. 5 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Board Member Appointments APPROVE MR. GITHENS AND MS. WOOD

The Alachua County School Board is recommending that Mr. Githens be the voting member on this Board and Ms. Wood serve as the alternate

**Page #39 CA. 6 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

**CA. 7 Information Items NO ACTION REQUIRED**

- A. Year 2025 Livable Community Reinvestment Plan Summary
- B. Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council Brochure