

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium  
Alachua County Administration Building  
Gainesville, Florida

3:00 p.m.  
Thursday  
April 12, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Lowe, Chair  
Lee Pinkoson, 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  
Ed Poppell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rodney Long

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons  
Marlie Sanderson  
Michael Escalante  
Lynn Franson-Godfrey

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Craig Lowe called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, noted that the City of Alachua would not be present to discuss agenda item II. US 441 Employee Shuttle. He asked that the meeting agenda be amended to replace the US 441 Employee Shuttle with the Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment- Display Ad for agenda item II.

**ACTION: Commissioner Henry moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Meeting Agenda amended to replace US 441 Employee Shuttle with the Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment- Display Ad for agenda item II. Commissioner Bryant seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## II. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT- DISPLAY AD

Mr. Sanderson stated that the University of Florida is requesting a Project Development and Environmental Study as soon as possible for the following adopted Year 2025 Needs Plan project:

**Archer Road (State Road 24)**- Reconstruct the intersection of Archer Road and SW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue (State Road 226), including a two-lane extension of Shealy Drive to connect to Gale Lemerand Drive, and the reconstruction of Archer Road between SW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Gale Lemerand Drive as a transit mall/emergency access road.

He said that this project is not included in the MTPO's adopted *Cost Feasible Plan*. He noted that, in order to include this project in the adopted *Cost Feasible Plan*, the MTPO has to publish the attached display ad (see Exhibit B) and conduct a public hearing. He recommended that the public hearing be held at the next MTPO meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Ed Poppell, University of Florida Vice President for Finance and Administration, discussed the proposed plan amendment and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to schedule a public hearing for May 31<sup>st</sup> and authorize the publication of the attached display ad. Mayor Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## III. TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM (TD)-

Mr. Sanderson stated that there were five TD program items on the MTPO meeting agenda. He said that they consisted of an overview, Commissioner DeLaney's meeting with the Commission Executive Director, MV Transportation, Inc. performance evaluation, Alachua County referrals, and the Community Transportation Coordinator.

### A. OVERVIEW

Mr. Sanderson delivered an overview presentation on the TD program and answered questions.

### B. MEETING WITH COMMISSION CHAIR

Commissioner DeLaney, Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Chair, discussed her meeting with Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (FCTD) representatives, including Dr. J. R. Harding, FCTD Chairman, Ms. Lisa Bacot, FCTD Executive Director, and Ms. Karen Somerset, FCTD Assistant Executive Director for Program Administration and Oversight.

### C. MV PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its December meeting, requested that MTPO staff prepare a performance evaluation report for the MTPO. He discussed this report and answered questions.

Commissioner DeLaney noted that the TD Board would be reviewing MV performance measures on a regular basis.

Ms. Lynn Franson-Godfrey, MTPO Senior Planner, discussed the transportation disadvantaged program performance evaluation report and answered questions.

### D. ALACHUA COUNTY REFERRALS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its December meeting, requested an assessment of the cost for Alachua County to perform the Community Transportation Coordinator function.

Mr. Richard Hedrick, Alachua County Public Works Department Director, discussed County staff's assessment to perform the Community Transportation Coordinator function countywide and answered questions. He also discussed the Alachua County Public Transportation Task Force.

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next Task Force meeting will be Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Center for Independent Living.

### E. COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR

Mr. Sanderson discussed 12 options for the structure of the transportation disadvantaged program in Alachua County and answered questions.

Mr. Ron Marovich, MV Transportation Special Project Manager, and Ms Brenda Fernandez, MV Transportation General Manager, discussed the program and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson stated that, if the MTPO does not take any action, Option 1 remains in place.

Ms. Staci Graf, Center for Independent Living Executive Director, reminded the MTPO that they had received a copy of the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) report on the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Program.

Ms. Fernandez stated that MV Transportation would be interested in relinquishing its role as the Community Transportation Coordinator function and remain as a service provider for the program.

IV. SW 20<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE & 43<sup>RD</sup> STREET CONCEPTUAL INTERSECTION DESIGN PROJECT

Mr. Sanderson stated that Alachua County staff has requested that this agenda item be deferred.

**ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to defer discussion of the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 43<sup>rd</sup> Street Conceptual Intersection Design Project. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

V. TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM-  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Alachua/Marion County Regional Transportation Plan Executive Committee met February 1<sup>st</sup>. He noted that the Executive Committee is comprised of two appointed members each from the MTPO and the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization. He said that during discussion of these topics, the Executive Committee:

1. approved the Alachua/Marion County Regional Transportation Plan (the Executive Committee had to approve this Plan in order for the Gainesville Traffic Management System Project to be eligible for FDOT District 2 funding); and
2. approved the submission of the Gainesville Traffic Management System (TMS) grant application for FDOT District 2 funding.

He reported that the TRIP application has been completed and submitted to FDOT.

VI. NEXT MTPO MEETING

**It was a consensus of the MTPO to meet on May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

VII. MTPO MEETING TIME

Mr. Sanderson requested that the MTPO discuss what is the best time to schedule afternoon meetings.

**ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut moved to schedule MTPO daytime meetings to run from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with an option to extend meetings as necessary. Mayor Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## VIII. COMMENTS

### A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

A member of the MTPO discussed a traffic safety concern at the Archer Road and SW 78<sup>th</sup> Street intersection.

A member of the MTPO discussed a request for a median opening on East University Avenue by Lake Forest Farms Home Owners Association.

Ms. Bridget DeSue, Lake Forest Farms Home Owners Association President, discussed the Association's concerns regarding access to the Lake Forest Farms subdivision.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT District Planning Manager, discussed access management along E. University Avenue and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO recommended that the Lake Forest Farms Home Owners Association meet with FDOT staff to discuss the median opening request.

Ms. Carol Barron, Neighborhood Housing Development Corporation (NHDC) representative, noted that the NHDC proposed a median opening into the subdivision and that FDOT had turned down the application.

Mr. Bennett stated that FDOT staff would meet with the Lake Forest Farms Home Owners Association to discuss this issue.

### B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

### C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

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Date

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Rick Bryant, 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>
Carol Barron	Dave Cerlanek	Russ Blackburn	Karen Taulbee
Steve Coughe	Richard Hedrick	Millie Crawford	
Brenda Fernandez	Steve Lachnicht	Lea Ann Lowery	
Staci Graf	John Sabatella	Teresa Scott	
Ron Marovich			

\* By telephone

# Provided written comments

# North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

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## CONSENT AGENDA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

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Thursday, 3:00 p.m.  
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### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #9 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- December 14, 2006 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page #25 CA. 2 MTPO Fiscal Year 2006 Audit Review APPROVE COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting REPORT

The MTPO Audit Review Committee will meet on May 11<sup>th</sup> and its report will be sent to City and County Offices later that day

Page #27 CA. 3 MTPO Audit APPOINT COMMISSIONER BRYANT

In the past, the MTPO's Secretary-Treasurer has been appointed to work with the Regional Planning Council in the auditor selection process

Page #29 CA. 4 Joint Certification Statement AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN

The Florida Department of Transportation is recommending that the MTPO planning process be certified

Page #31 CA. 5 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) APPROVE STAFF  
RECOMMENDATIONS

This document is the MTPO staff budget for Fiscal Year 2007/2008

**Page #37 CA. 6 Section 5303 Resolution APPROVE RESOLUTION**

This Resolution is required in order for the MTPO to receive Section 5303 transit planning funds

**Page #41 CA. 7 Enhancement Applications- 2007 APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS**

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for Enhancement project applications to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

**Page #47 CA. 8 Enhancement Project- Cost Increases NO ACTION REQUIRED**

In 1995, the MTPO adopted a policy to have staff notify the MTPO when there are significant increases in the cost of enhancement projects

**Page #49 CA. 9 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Feasibility Study- Draft Scope of Services APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

The MTPO has requested Advisory Committee comments on this scope

**Page #57 CA. 10 MTPO List of Priority Projects- Revisions for Transit Grant Application APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Regional Transit System wants to apply for federal funds to retrofit 26 buses with wheelchair restraints

**Page #63 CA. 11 Audit Administrative Change AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN**

FDOT is requesting that the MTPO add additional language to an existing agreement

**Page #67 CA. 12 SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue- FDOT Corridor Study APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION**

The recommendation is that this Study be postponed until after the MTPO Village Subcommittee completes its work

**Page #71 CA. 13 MV Purchase of Service Agreement (for Alachua County Funds) APPROVE AMENDMENT**

An amendment is needed to this agreement to extend the expiration date to September 30, 2007



**Page #73 CA. 14 MV Purchase of Service Agreement (for Section 5311 Funds) APPROVE AMENDMENT**

An amendment is needed to this agreement to extend the expiration date to September 30, 2007

**Page #75 CA. 15 Section 5311 Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Alachua County is assisting the MTPO in obtaining full reimbursement from FDOT for MTPO expenses purchasing trips for rural County residents

**Page #77 CA. 16 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- 2007-2008 Planning Grant Application APPROVE RESOLUTION**

This application is for state funds to support the MTPO's Transportation Disadvantaged Program

**Page #81 CA. 17 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- MV Transportation- Operations Report NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

**Page #91 CA. 18 Regional Transit System Ridership NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Each year, MTPO staff provides the MTPO with annual transit ridership information

**Page #95 CA. 19 Heart of Florida Transportation Alliance NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Funds are being requested to develop a plan to make ITS modifications along the I-75 corridor in Alachua and Marion Counties

**Page #97 CA. 20 Progress Report on Urban Village Project NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed with this meeting packet is a report prepared by Alachua County staff discussing the current status of this project

**Page #99 CA. 21 MPOAC 2007 Legislative Policy Positions NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed with this meeting packet is the 2007 MPOAC Legislative Policy Positions

**Page #103 CA. 22 MPOAC Weekend Institute NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed are materials describing this upcoming event

**Page #107 CA. 23 FDOT Work Program Letter NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed is a letter from FDOT responding to the December MTPO review comments concerning FDOT's Tentative Work Program

**Page #109 CA. 24 West Sixth Rail Trail Corridor NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed is a letter from FDOT stating the funding for this project has been delayed from Fiscal Year 2009/2010 to Fiscal Year 2010/2011

**Page #111 CA. 25 Traffic Management System Letter NO ACTION REQUIRED**

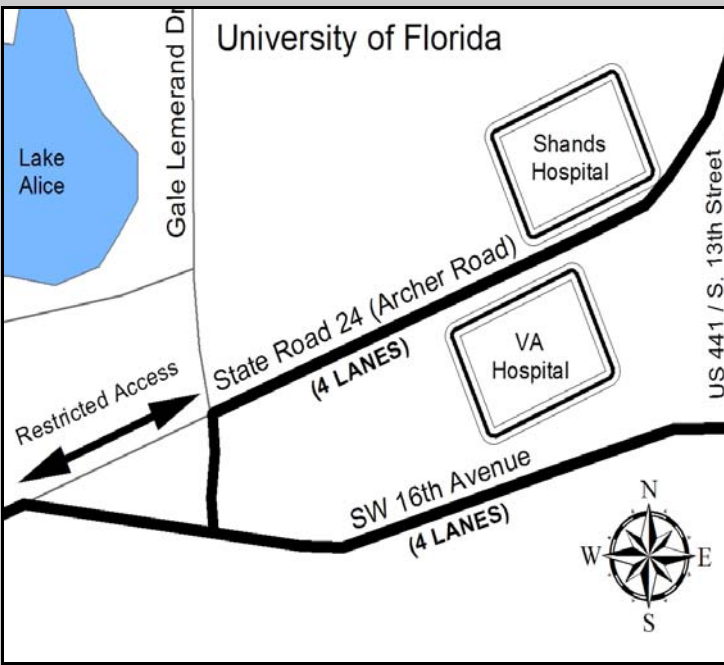
Enclosed is a letter of support sent to Representative Corrine Brown for the county-wide traffic management system

**Page #113 CA. 26 State Road 26 Median Opening NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed is information about a request to have a median opening constructed on East University Avenue

# PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

## YEAR 2025 GAINESVILLE METROPOLITAN AREA COST FEASIBLE PLAN AMENDMENT



The map shows a section of Gainesville, Florida. On the left is Lake Alice. To its right is Gale Lemerand Drive. Further east is the University of Florida campus. Below the university are Shands Hospital and VA Hospital. A main road, State Road 24 (Archer Road), runs diagonally from the top right towards the bottom left. It is labeled as having 4 lanes. Below it is SW 16th Avenue, also labeled as having 4 lanes. On the far right, a vertical road is labeled US 441 / S. 13th Street. An arrow labeled 'Restricted Access' points from the intersection of Gale Lemerand Drive and SW 16th Avenue towards the intersection of State Road 24 and SW 16th Avenue. A compass rose is located in the bottom right corner of the map area.

**MAY 31, 2007**  
**[time to be determined later]**  
**JACK DURRANCE AUDITORIUM**  
**ALACHUA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING**  
**12 SE 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET, GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA**

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) has scheduled a public hearing to amend its Year 2025 Long Range Cost Feasible Transportation Plan. The proposed amendment includes-

- reconstruction of the intersection of Archer Road and SW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, including a two-lane extension of Shealy Drive to connect to Gale Lemerand Drive; and
- reconstruction of Archer Road between SW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Gale Lemerand Drive as a transit mall/emergency vehicle access.

The meeting room will be open, with staff present to answer questions, at 7:00 p.m. More detailed information concerning this public hearing can be obtained in several ways: by visiting the website at [www.ncfrpc.org](http://www.ncfrpc.org) (click transportation); by writing to the MTPO, 2009 NW 67<sup>th</sup> Place, Suite A, Gainesville, Florida 32653; by appearing in person at the above address during regular business hours; or by calling 955-2200. Braille, large print or recorded agendas are available upon request. Any person requiring special assistance, including special agendas or sign language interpretation, or accommodations to participate in this workshop should contact MTPO staff at 955-2200 no later than May 24, 2007.