

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  
May 29, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lee Pinkoson, Chair  
Scherwin Henry, Vice Chair  
James Bennett/Charles Baldwin  
Mike Byerly  
Jack Donovan  
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan  
Thomas Hawkins  
Rodney Long  
Craig Lowe  
John Martin  
Jeanna Mastrodicasa  
Lauren Poe  
Ed Poppell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia Moore Chestnut  
Paula DeLaney

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons  
Marlie Sanderson  
Lynn Franson-Godfrey  
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lee Pinkoson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that there has been a request that the MTPO remove from the consent agenda CA. 7 Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program- Coordinator Request For Proposal Presentations. He noted that the Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Commission informed MTPO staff that since the MTPO established a committee to receive request for proposal presentations, that the MTPO could not also receive presentations.

A member of the MTPO requested that CA. 2 Airport Access Road- 60 Percent Plans be placed on the meeting agenda as the first item for discussion.

**ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to approve the:**

- 1. Meeting Agenda amended to include CA. 2 Airport Access Road- 60 Percent Plans as the first discussion item; and**
- 2. Consent Agenda amended to also exclude CA. 7 Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program- Coordinator Request For Proposal Presentations.**

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

## CA. 2 AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD- 60 PERCENT PLANS

Mr. Sanderson asked that the Gainesville Regional Airport Access Road consultant provide a status report to the MTPO.

Ms. Rachel Henry, RW Armstrong Project Engineer, discussed the status of the Gainesville Regional Airport Access Road design plans and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson asked the MTPO to approve the Airport Access Road 60 Percent Design Plans.

**ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to approve the Airport Access Road 60 Percent Design Plans. Commissioner Henry seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## II. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TIP is the most important document that is approved annually by the MTPO. He noted that this year's document authorizes about \$31 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area (GMA) in the first fiscal year. 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.

A member of the MTPO discussed his concerns regarding the Duval Area Earmark Projects.

Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Director, discussed the status of the Duval Area Earmark Projects and answered questions. She noted that the City is currently signing contracts for design. She said that there is not enough funding to complete the three facility reconstructions and that an engineering study is underway to fully identify the needs and costs for the facility modifications.

A member of the MTPO discussed her concerns regarding the proposed NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Reconstruction Project.

Mr. Sanderson noted that the proposed NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Reconstruction Project is part of agenda item IV. Unfunded Project Priorities and would be discussed at that time.

**ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2008/2009 - 2012/2013 Transportation Improvement Program. Commissioner Henry seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a rollcall vote. The results were as follows:**

CITY COUNTY

<b>Commissioner Byerly</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Commissioner Donovan</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Commissioner Hawkins</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Commissioner Henry</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Commissioner Long</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Commissioner Lowe</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Commissioner Mastrodicasa</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Commissioner Poe</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Chair Pinkoson</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion passed.**

III. PROPOSED ALACHUA COUNTY LONG TERM CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Alachua County Commission requested review comments from the MTPO on the County's Proposed Long Term Concurrency Management System. He presented the MTPO Advisory Committees and Staff recommendations and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO discussed his concerns regarding the consistency between the proposed Long Term Concurrency Management System and the MTPO's adopted Livable Community Reinvestment Plan.

Mr. Jonathan Paul, Alachua County Concurrency & Impact Fee Manager, noted that during County Staff's presentations on the County's Proposed Long Term Concurrency Management System, that some citizens confused it with the MTPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. He said a slide indicating it was not for the LRTP update was placed in the presentation to address the confusion.

Mr. Paul discussed the County's Proposed Long Term Concurrency Management System (LTCMS) and answered questions.

Commissioner John Martin, MTPO Rural Advisor, discussed his concern regarding the 4-laning of Archer Road between the City of Archer and Tower Road.

Mr. James Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation District Planning Manager, noted that the 4-laning of Archer Road is not in the MTPO's Cost Feasible Plan.

Ms. Scott said that there has been little discussion regarding the County's proposed BRT corridors. She said that the City's focus for BRT would be on targeting transit-oriented density areas. She also noted that City staff has supported a north-south transit route serving Santa Fe Community College students and staff.

**ACTION: Commissioner Lowe move to:**

1. request that Alachua County coordinate the proposed Long Term Concurrency Management System with:
  - A. the projects in the MTPO's Adopted Year 2025 Needs Plan and the update of the MTPO's Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan;
  - B. the Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study and System Master Plan; and
  - C. the adopted Countywide Bicycle Master Plan;
2. test and evaluate all of the proposed projects in the Alachua County Commission-approved *Long Term Concurrency Management System* as part of the next update of the MTPO's long range transportation plan that will be completed by November 2010;
3. request that the Alachua County Commission consider providing supplemental funding for the BRT Feasibility Study and System Master Plan for the evaluation of Alachua County Staff-proposed BRT corridors;
4. request that the City of Gainesville amend the BRT Feasibility Study and System Master Plan Scope of Services if supplemental funds are provided by Alachua County; and
5. request that the Alachua County Commission not approve a *Long Term Concurrency Management System* until an evaluation for consistency with the MTPO Livable Community Reinvestment Plan, the Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study and System Master Plan, the adopted Countywide Bicycle Master Plan and the guiding principles of the Alachua Countywide Visioning and Planning Committee's July 2005 Countywide Vision and Conceptual Land Use Plan is completed and reported back to the MTPO so that the MTPO may provide recommendations to the Alachua County Commission.

Commissioner Byerly seconded.

Chair Pinkoson requested that the action be split to vote on the consistency evaluation separately.

**SPLIT ACTION PART ONE:**

**Commissioner Lowe move to:**

- 1. request that Alachua County coordinate the proposed Long Term Concurrency Management System with:
  - A. the projects in the MTPO's Adopted Year 2025 Needs Plan and the update of the MTPO's Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan;**
  - B. the Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study and System Master Plan; and**
  - C. the adopted Countywide Bicycle Master Plan;****
- 2. test and evaluate all of the proposed projects in the Alachua County Commission-approved Long Term Concurrency Management System as part of the next update of the MTPO's long range transportation plan that will be completed by November 2010;**
- 3. request that the Alachua County Commission consider providing supplemental funding for the BRT Feasibility Study and System Master Plan for the evaluation of Alachua County Staff-proposed BRT corridors; and**
- 4. request that the City of Gainesville amend the BRT Feasibility Study and System Master Plan Scope of Services if supplemental funds are provided by Alachua County.**

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

**SPLIT ACTION PART TWO:**

**Commissioner Lowe move to request that the Alachua County Commission not approve a Long Term Concurrency Management System until an evaluation for consistency with the adopted MTPO Livable Community Reinvestment Plan, the Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study and System Master Plan, the adopted Countywide Bicycle Master Plan and the guiding principles of the Alachua Countywide Visioning and Planning Committee's July 2005 Countywide Vision and Conceptual Land Use Plan is completed and reported back to the MTPO so that the MTPO may provide recommendations to the Alachua County Commission. Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed.**

A member of the MTPO recommended that agenda item V. Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Minority Set-A-Side for Vendors be deferred until the next MTPO meeting.

**It was a consensus of the MTPO to defer agenda item V. Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Minority Set-A-Side for Vendors until the next MTPO meeting.**

#### 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 2008/2009 - 2012/2013, List of Priority Projects document. He noted that there were two tables, Enhancement Priorities and Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities, that did not have consensus Advisory Committee recommendations. He reported the Enhancement Priorities recommendations and answered questions.

Mr. Paul discussed the SW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Project.

Chair Pinkoson noted that it was his understanding that the County has fully funded the SW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Project.

Mr. Paul said he would research the SW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Project funding.

A member of the MTPO discussed his concerns regarding development in the Hull Road Option M alignment.

Ms. Scott said that the proposed Soho development is following the Option M alignment. She noted that a separate property not in the development is situated north of SW 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and that the proposed corridor currently is offset from SW 43<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Mr. Paul discussed that Alachua County Staff comments regarding the proposed Soho development.

**ACTION: Commissioner Poe moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2008/2009 - 2012/2013, List of Priority Projects Table 1 recommended by MTPO Staff. Commissioner Lowe seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**It was a consensus of the MTPO to delete the SW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Project from the List of Priority Projects if it is fully funded.**

A member of the MTPO asked whether the City could construct the NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Project and then later be reimbursed by FDOT.

Mr. Bennett stated that there is no allowance for advanced construction and reimbursement for federally-funded projects. He noted that advanced construction and reimbursement for state-funded projects is still allowed.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2008/2009 - 2012/2013, List of Priority Projects Table 2 amended to modify the descriptions to read:**

**“provide shade tree landscaping for pedestrian facilities where possible and landscaping to grassed medians where it is not possible.”**

**Mayor Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed the MTPO Advisory Committees and Staff recommendations for STP funded priorities and answered questions. He noted that these priorities are consistent with the MTPO's adopted Cost Feasible Plan.

Mr. Bennett discussed the State Road 24 realignment.

Ms. Scott noted that the City's Comprehensive Plan allows limited six-laning to accommodate Shands Hospital expansion. She added that the project, development and environment (PD&E) study will look at lane requirements.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2008/2009 - 2012/2013, List of Priority Projects Table 9 reversing priorities 1 and 2. Commissioner Hawkins seconded; motion failed.**

**ACTION: Mayor Hanrahan moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2008/2009 - 2012/2013, List of Priority Projects Table 9 recommended by MTPO Staff. Commissioner Lowe seconded; motion passed.**

**ACTION: Commissioner Mastrodicasa moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2008/2009 - 2012/2013, List of Priority Projects Tables 3 through 8 and Tables 10 through 16. Commissioner Henry seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## VI. INTERSTATE 75 MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Sanderson stated that Florida Department of Transportation staff requested an opportunity to discuss the Interstate 75 Master Plan update.

Mr. Jordan Green, FDOT District 2 Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the Interstate 75 Master Plan update and answered questions. He also announced that there would be public meetings on June 12<sup>th</sup> in the FDOT District 2 Office in Lake City and at the Best Western Gateway Grand on June 19<sup>th</sup> in Gainesville. He said that the doors would open at 4:30 p.m. and formal comments taken beginning at 6:00 p.m.

## VII. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>. He said that the MTPO could meet in June or July to discuss the Transportation Disadvantaged Program.

Chair Pinkoson noted his concern for access to the meeting by transportation disadvantaged citizens. Mr. Sanderson stated that he would look into the situation and coordinate with the City and County staff to arrange the meeting time.

**It was a consensus of the MTPO members present to meet on July 17<sup>th</sup>.**

V. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner John Martin, MTPO Rural Advisor, stated that it was a honor to serve with former MTPO members Ed Braddy and Rick Bryant.

Chair Pinkoson stated that letters would be sent to former Commissioners Braddy and Bryant thanking them for their service on the MTPO.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Bennett reported that, due to state legislative action, two landscaping projects in the FDOT Work Program have been deleted. He reported that the two projects are Williston Road and E. University Avenue. He said that the legislation changed from a minimum of 1.5 percent funding for landscaping to a minimum of zero percent to a 1.5 percent maximum for landscaping and that no funding would be allocated for landscaping for projects in Fiscal Year 2008/2009. He noted that the MTPO could amend its List of Priority Projects to add the projects dropped from the Work Program.

Mr. John Butler discussed his concerns regarding NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Project.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pinkoson adjourned the meeting at 10:09 p.m.

July 23, 2008  
Date

  
Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Secretary/Treasurer

**EXHIBIT A**

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Lorin Brissett	Jeffrey Hays	Paul Folker	Jordan Green
John Butler	Jonathan Paul	Debbie Leistner	Karen Taulbee
Ed Griffin		Teresa Scott	
Rachel Henry		Emory Swearingen	
Michael Iguina			
Ron Marovich			
Rachel Swasiland			

\* 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- April 10, 2008                      APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page#37      CA. 3      Depot Avenue Section 3- 60 Percent Plans                      APPROVE PLANS

The City of Gainesville has submitted 60 percent design plans for review

Page#47      CA. 4      Enhancement Applications                      AGREE TO SUBMIT CITY  
SIDEWALK PROJECT

The MTPO needs to decide if it wants to submit any enhancement applications to  
FDOT by June 1<sup>st</sup>

Page #61      CA. 5      Alachua County Contract Amendment-  
Urban Village Planning Tasks                      APPROVE AMENDMENT

This contract needs to be extended to September 30, 2008

Page #63      CA. 6      Year 2008 Title VI Update                      NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed is a copy of the Year 2008 Title VI Update materials that have been  
submitted to the Federal Transit Administration

Page #95      CA. 8      Transportation Disadvantaged Program-  
2008-2009 Planning Grant Application                      APPROVE RESOLUTION

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

**Page #105 CA. 9 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-  
Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

**Page #115 CA. 10 Florida Department of Transportation  
(FDOT)- May 12<sup>th</sup> Letter NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed for your information only is a recent letter we received from FDOT