

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
November 13, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lee Pinkoson, Chair
Scherwin Henry, Vice Chair
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Paula DeLaney
Jack Donovan
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan
Thomas Hawkins
Bill Henderson/Charles Baldwin
Rodney Long
Lauren Poe
Ed Poppell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Byerly
Craig Lowe
John Martin
Jeanna Mastrodicasa

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante
Lynn Franson-Godfrey

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lee Pinkoson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, asked for approval of the consent agenda and meeting agenda.

ACTION: Mayor Hanrahan moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Hawkins seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD VACANT POSITION

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to fill one vacancy on the B/PAB for a term ending in October, 2010. He asked if there were any applicants present to speak on their candidacy.

Mr. Jacob Smith spoke regarding his candidacy for the B/PAB.

Mr. Sanderson conducted a rollcall vote and reported the results.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to appoint Jacob Smith for a term through October, 2011. Mayor Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. INTERSTATE 75 MASTER PLAN

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 regarding Tier 2- Interchanges on November 18th in the FDOT District 2 Office in Lake City and at the Best Western Gateway Grand on November 20th in Gainesville. He said that the doors would open at 4:30 p.m. and formal comments taken beginning at 6:00 p.m.

IV. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM- STATUS REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that MTPO Chair Pinkoson requested a status report on the installation of the traffic management system.

Mr. Phil Mann, City of Gainesville Traffic Operations Manager, discussed the status of the traffic management system and answered questions.

V. SW 62ND BOULEVARD CONNECTOR

Mr. Sanderson stated that Alachua County received federal earmark funding to relieve traffic on Interstate 75 within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. He said that the MTPO, at its April 10th meeting, discussed four connector corridor alignment alternatives for a four-lane corridor between Newberry Road and Archer Road. He reported that the MTPO approved a motion to move forward with the project, development and environment (PD&E) study on all four alternatives.

Mr. Terry Shaw, HNTB Assistant Vice President, discussed the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector Alternatives. He stated that the County staff, its consultant and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff recommend Corridor 4B-2.

Mr. Ron Carpenter, Carpenter & Roscow, P.A., representing Butler Enterprises, stated that either the Citizens Advisory Committee-recommended Corridor 3 alignment or the joint Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board, Technical Advisory Committee and MTPO staff-recommended Corridor 4B-2 alignment was acceptable.

Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Director, discussed transit service for the two recommended alignments. She said Corridor 4B-2 would be more efficient than Corridor 3 since it is a straighter route. She noted that local transit routes could feed into the bus rapid transit route on Corridor 4B-2.

ACTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to approve Corridor 3 Alignment with the two general purpose lane plus two bus rapid transit lane (2+2) cross section. Commissioner Poe seconded; motion failed.

Several MTPO members discussed their concerns regarding bus rapid transit in the corridor.

Chair Pinkoson asked the maker of the motion to consider MTPO member concerns.

Mr. Shaw said that a 40-foot median for bus rapid transit is a viable and feasible option. He said that he needs to quantify the impacts and costs of bus rapid transit in the median.

ACTION AS AMENDED:

Commissioner Long moved to:

- 1. approve the Corridor 4B-2 Alignment (see Exhibit 1) with the four general purpose lane cross section: and**
- 2. direct staff to return to the MTPO on the implementation of bus rapid transit in the median.**

Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed 7 to 1.

VI. SW 62ND BOULEVARD- INTERIM PROJECTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that a portion of the federal earmark funding Alachua County received to relieve traffic on Interstate 75 within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area is for the three Interim Priority Projects that the MTPO approved in April. He said that the County's consultant has prepared scoping plans for these projects.

Mr. Shaw discussed the Interim Priority Projects scoping plans and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO inquired about a conflict of interest regarding this project.

Mr. Dave Schwartz, MTPO Attorney, stated that she did not have a conflict of interest.

ACTION: Commissioner Henry moved to:

- 1. approve the scoping plans for the three interim projects with the understanding that the mast arms will be painted black; and**
- 2. request that Alachua County execute a maintenance agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) if such an agreement is required by FDOT in order to have black mast arms.**

Commissioner Long seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. SW 20TH AVENUE- SCOPING PLANS

Mr. Sanderson stated that in June, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) informed Alachua County that it would prepare a planning study for the SW 20th Avenue Corridor. He said that FDOT staff would present draft scoping plans. He noted that funds are not currently programmed for this project by either the FDOT or Alachua County. He added that the SW 20th Avenue reconstruction is Priority #3 in the MTPO's adopted long range transportation plan.

Mr. Stephen Browning, FDOT Project Manager, discussed the scoping plans and answered questions.

Mr. Christian Sanchelima supported the Alternative 3 Cross-Section. He discussed his concerns regarding poor streetlighting within the corridor.

Mr. Browning said that FDOT could look into the lighting issue.

Ms. Scott stated that she has sent an email to the Alachua County Public Works Department regarding working with the City, including Gainesville Regional Utilities, regarding the streetlighting issues within the corridor.

ACTION: Commissioner Poe moved to:

- 1. approve the Alternative 3 Cross-Section; and**
- 2. request that the Florida Department of Transportation consider reducing the "Smart Bus Bay" lanes to 11-foot (in order to reduce the amount of right-of-way that will be needed).**

Commissioner Long seconded.

Commissioner DeLaney declared a conflict of interest. This conflict declaration resulted in lack of a quorum of the MTPO.

Chair Pinkoson directed MTPO staff to place the SW 20th Avenue Scoping Plans on the December meeting consent agenda recommending the Alternative 3 Cross-Section.

VIII. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 11th.

Chair Pinkoson requested that the meeting start at 5:00 p.m.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to meet at 5:00 p.m. on December 11th.

IX. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

There were no member comments.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizens comments.

C. CHAIRS REPORT

There was no Chair's report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pinkoson adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

12/16/08
Date

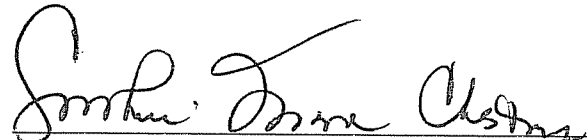

Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Jeff Bowen	Dave Cerlanek	Russ Blackburn	Stephen Browning
Deborah Butler	Michael Fay	Paul Folker	Jordan Green
Ron Carpenter	Richard Hedrick	Jesus Gomez	Karen Taulbee
Christian Sanchelima	Jonathan Paul	Phil Mann	
Terry Shaw	Randall Reid	Doug Robinson	
David Stroud	Dave Schwartz	Teresa Scott	
Jonathan Thigpen	Jennifer Spagnoli		

* 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- September 11, 2008** **APPROVE MINUTES**
- This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review
- Page #15 CA. 2 **Interstate 75 Intelligent Transportation System** **APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**
- The MTPO is being asked to support this project as part of the regional annual legislative agenda
- Page #19 CA. 3 **Sixth Street Rail Trail Project- Scoping Plans** **APPROVE JOINT
RECOMMENDATIONS**
- City of Gainesville staff have developed proposed scoping plans for this project
- Page #35 CA. 4 **Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program-
MV's Transportation Annual Performance Evaluation** **NO ACTION
REQUIRED**
- This material is being submitted to the MTPO for information only
- Page #53 CA. 5 **Transportation Disadvantaged Program-
Status Report** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

Page #65 CA. 6 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) New Members NO ACTION REQUIRED

This material is being submitted to the MTPO for information only

Page #67 CA. 7 Gainesville Transportation Survey NO ACTION REQUIRED

At the September meeting, the MTPO asked us to include a copy of this survey in the next MTPO meeting packet

Page #79 CA. 8 Multimodal Level of Service for Urban Streets NO ACTION REQUIRED

MTPO staff volunteered to participate in these field tests

FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME <i>DeLaney Paula McGehee</i>	NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE <i>County Commissioner</i>
MAILING ADDRESS <i>P.O. Box 13717 Alachua</i>	THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF: <input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY
CITY COUNTY <i>Gainesville FL</i>	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: <i>Alachua County</i>
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED <i>11B-08</i>	MY POSITION IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies equally to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing the reverse side and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which inures to his special private gain. Each elected or appointed local officer also is prohibited from knowingly voting on a measure which inures to the special gain of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he is retained (including the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal by which he is retained); to the special private gain of a relative; or to the special private gain of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you otherwise may participate in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes.
- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Paula M. Delaney, hereby disclose that on 11-13-08, ²⁰⁰⁸

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one)

- inured to my special private gain;
- inured to the special gain of my business associate, _____;
- inured to the special gain of my relative, _____;
- inured to the special gain of _____, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain of _____, which is the parent organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

Our own property along the corridor we were discussing regarding ROW acquisition.

My parcels -

3500 SW 20th Avenue Genesee, FL
3600 SW 20th Avenue Genesee, FL

11-21-08

Date Filed

Paula M. Delaney

Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317 (1991), A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.