

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

5:00 p.m.
Monday
December 14, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scherwin Henry, Chair
James Bennett/Lora Hollingsworth
Mike Byerly
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Jack Donovan
Thomas Hawkins
Craig Lowe
Lee Pinkoson
Lauren Poe
Ed Poppell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paula DeLaney, Vice Chair
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan
Rodney Long
Jeanna Mastrodicasa
Larry Travis

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Scherwin Henry called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. He noted that a quorum was not present. He asked MTPO staff which agenda item had a presentation that could begin while the MTPO was waiting to obtain a quorum.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, suggested item III. SW 62nd Boulevard Connector- Interim Projects.

III. SW 62ND BOULEVARD CONNECTOR- INTERIM PROJECTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that Alachua County staff has submitted 60 percent SW 62nd Connector Interim Projects Design Plans for the: SW 40th Boulevard at Archer Road Intersection Modifications; SW 43rd Street at SW 20th Avenue Intersection Modifications; and Smart Bus Bay on SW 20th Avenue. He said that the County's consultant was present to discuss the 60 Percent SW 62nd Connector Design Plans.

Mr. Terry Shaw, HNTB Associate Vice President, discussed the 60 percent design plans and answered questions.

A quorum of the MTPO was present at this time.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sanderson asked for approval of the consent agenda and meeting agenda.

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

III. SW 62ND BOULEVARD CONNECTOR- INTERIM PROJECTS (Continued)

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the 60 Percent Design Plans for the:

- 1. SW 40th Boulevard at Archer Road Intersection Modifications Project;**
- 2. SW 43rd Street at SW 20th Avenue Intersection Modifications Project, with one revision to install raised medians on SW 20th Avenue west of the SW 43rd Street intersection; and**
- 3. Smart Bus Bay on SW 20th Avenue Project, with two revisions to modify the:**
 - A. SW 20th Avenue typical section by widening the 4-foot bikelane to 5-foot with the foot being taken from the center turnlane; and**
 - B. bus shelter to include pedestrian safety railing at the back side.**

Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed 7 to 1.

II. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is requesting five TIP amendments. He asked if the MTPO wanted to vote on them individually or as a batch.

Chair Henry requested batching the amendments for one vote.

- A. FTA SECTION 5317 GRANT
- B. SECTION 5316 JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) GRANT
- C. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM- NE 15TH STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT
- D. INTERSTATE 75 AT NEWBERRY ROAD (STATE ROAD 26) INTERCHANGE RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) PURCHASE PROJECT
- E. AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) PURCHASE OF TRANSIT VEHICLES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the first TIP amendment was the awarding of a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5317 New Freedom Grant. He said that this Grant will be used to purchase additional paratransit trips for Section 5317-eligible clients.

Mr. Sanderson reported that the second TIP amendment was the awarding of an FTA Section 5317 JARC Grant. He said that this Grant would be used by RTS to purchase Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) software for MV Transportation.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the third TIP amendment was the awarding of a Safe Routes to School Grant for the NE 15th Street Sidewalk Project.

Mr. Sanderson reported that the fourth TIP amendment was the ROW Purchase Project at the Interstate 75 at Newberry Road/SR 26 NW Quadrant (Whataburger parcel).

Mr. Sanderson stated that the fifth TIP amendment was the redistribution of unallocated ARRA funding. He said that this project will purchase additional RTS transit vehicles. He asked the MTPO to amend the Fiscal Years 2009/2010 - 2013/2014 TIP for all five projects.

Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT District 2 Transportation Specialist, discussed the ROW project and answered questions. She noted that FDOT identified unobligated ROW funds. She added that, based on the MTPO's request for safety modifications at the Newberry Road interchange with regard to the Interstate 75 Master Plan Study, FDOT is funding this ROW purchase.

ACTION: Commissioner Lowe moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2009/2010 - 2013/2014 TIP in Fiscal Year 2009/2010 to:

- A. increase the funding for the Section 5317 New Freedom Small Urban Operating/ Administrative Assistance Grant [FIN #4272891] by \$36,100 and also \$36,100 in local match;**
- B. add the Section 5316 Job Access Reverse Commute Grant [FIN #4282371] of \$90,000 and \$10,000 local match;**
- C. add the NE 15th Street from NE 39th Avenue [State Road (SR) 222] to the 4400 Block of NE 15th Street Sidewalk Construction Project [FIN #4273261];**
- D. add the Interstate 75 at Newberry Road Interchange ROW Purchase Project [FIN #4278251]; and**
- E. increase the funding for the Purchase of Transit Vehicles Project [FIN #4263201] by \$335,418 in Fiscal Year 2009/2010.**

Commissioner Chestnut seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote. The motion passed unanimously.

The TIP Amendment Log is attached as Exhibit 1.

Mr. Sanderson stated that item IV. Public Involvement Plan Update was advertised for discussion at 6:00 p.m. He suggested discussion of item VII. Florida Department of Transportation Tentative Five Year Work Program.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to discuss item VII. Florida Department of Transportation Tentative Five Year Work Program.

VII. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested comments concerning its Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2010/2011 to 2014/2015.

Ms. Taulbee discussed the Tentative Five Year Work Program and answered questions.

Mr. Jonathan Paul, Alachua County Impact Fee and Concurrency Manager, discussed County staff comments on the Tentative Work Program and answered questions.

Chair Henry asked whether any new ARRA funding could be used to address local street flooding in the Duval Heights neighborhood. Ms. Taulbee noted that the MTPO's List of Priority Projects (LOPP) was used by FDOT to identify projects to be considered in the Tentative Work Program.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT District 2 Urban Area Transportation Development Engineer, noted that these were local roads that are off the State Highway System. He noted that these drainage projects may be eligible for County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) funding. He said that there is a local match requirement. He discussed the ARRA and reported that there was no additional funding. He added that, if there was another Federal Stimulus bill, FDOT would follow the MTPO's priorities.

ACTION: Commissioner Poe moved to authorize the MTPO Chair to send a letter to the FDOT District 2 Secretary thanking her for the opportunity to review and comment on the Tentative Work Program. Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson reported that, due to delays on the turnpike, the MTPO's consultant has not arrived. He suggested that the MTPO discuss item IX. Design Team.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to discuss item IX. Design Team.

IX. DESIGN TEAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the purpose of this agenda item is to discuss whether the Design Team:

1. should continue to meet as a separate MTPO Advisory Committee;
2. be sunsetted and assign its duties and responsibilities to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC); or
3. be incorporated into the TAC.

He reported the MTPO Advisory Committee and Staff recommendations. He noted the City Beautification Board's request for participation in project design review. He also said that, since the formation of the Design Team, the City has established Project Teams and the County has established similar procedures to review design plans.

Mr. Paul noted that Alachua County staff concurred with the sunseting of the Design Team.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to:

- 1. sunset the Design Team;**
- 2. have its duties and responsibilities assigned to the TAC; and**
- 3. appoint an Arborist/Forester to the TAC as a voting member.**

Commissioner Donovan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson noted that MTPO staff would make appropriate revisions to MTPO documents to reflect these changes.

IV. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO is required to review its Public Involvement Plan and revise it as needed. He discussed revisions to the plan and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut moved to approve revisions to the Public Involvement Plan. Commissioner Donovan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)- VACANT POSITIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to fill five vacant positions on its CAC. He said that the five positions have a term of office through December, 2012. He added that the MTPO will also be appointing up to three CAC Designate Members. He asked if there were any applicants present to speak concerning their candidacy.

The following persons spoke regarding their candidacy for the CAC:

Rod Gonzalez Valerie Rosenkrantz Chandler Otis Holly Shema

Mr. Sanderson recommended that the MTPO, as it has in the past, vote for five of the 12 candidates, with the five highest vote recipients being appointed to the CAC for a term ending December 2012 and the next three highest vote recipients being CAC Designate Members. He conducted a rollcall vote. He reported the results of the CAC appointment vote.

ACTION: Commissioner Lowe moved to appoint Thomas Collett and Valerie Rosenkrantz and reappoint Harvey Budd, Blake Fletcher and Chandler Otis to the CAC for a term through December, 2012. Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

According to the MTPO voting results, the three CAC Designate Members, appointed for a term through December, 2010, are Holly Blumenthal, Roderick Gonzalez and Laurie Newsom.

VI. BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD (B/PAB)- VACANT POSITIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to fill two vacancies on the B/PAB for a term ending in October, 2012. He asked if there were any applicants present to speak concerning their candidacy.

A member of the MTPO requested that information concerning the tenure of the B/PAB members be provided to the MTPO.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to include B/PAB tenure information for future B/PAB appointments.

Mr. Rajeeb Das and Mr. Kenneth Duffield spoke regarding their candidacy for the B/PAB.

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

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut moved to reappoint Rajeeb Das and Kenneth Duffield for a term through October, 2012. Commissioner Lowe seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE- VISION STATEMENT, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Mr. Sanderson introduced Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group Vice President, for his presentation on the Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update.

Mr. Blanton provided a status report on the LRTP. He noted that LRTP Workshop #2 would be some time in February 2010. He discussed the draft LRTP Vision Statement, Goals and Objectives and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO discussed his comments concerning the draft Year 2035 LRTP Vision Statement, Goals and Objectives.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to:

- A. approve the draft Year 2035 LRTP Vision Statement, Goals and Objectives in Exhibit 4; and**
- B. refer Commissioner Donovan's comments to MTPO staff for incorporation into the MTPO-approved draft document.**

Commissioner Poe seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paul noted that the vision statement is concerned with growth and land use issues. He suggested that the vision statement and goals be directed towards transportation issues, such as East Gainesville linkages to transportation and transportation connectivity. He said that Alachua County staff would prepare written comments and forward them to MTPO staff.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to reagenda the LRTP Update Vision Statement, Goals and Objectives for the next MTPO meeting in order to allow staff time to incorporate comments by Commissioner Donovan and Alachua County staff.

X. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needed to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer for the coming year. He identified the current officers and noted that the MTPO Chair traditionally alternates between the City Commission and County Commission.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to elect Commissioner DeLaney as the MTPO Chair, Commissioner Hawkins as the MTPO Vice Chair and Commissioner Chestnut as MTPO Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson presented a plaque to Chair Henry for his service as the 2009 MTPO Chair.

XI. MTPO AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanderson requested that the MTPO appoint two members to an Audit Review Committee. He noted that the MTPO Secretary/Treasurer traditionally chairs this committee.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to appoint Commissioner Chestnut and Commissioner Poe to the MTPO Audit Review Committee and to have Commissioner Chestnut serve as Committee Chair. Commissioner Donovan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (MPOAC)

Mr. Sanderson asked the MTPO to appoint voting and alternate representatives to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) for calendar year 2010.

ACTION: Commissioner Poe moved to reappoint Commissioner DeLaney as the MPOAC voting representative and Commissioner Hawkins as the MPOAC alternate representative. Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XIII. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 8th at 3:00 p.m.

XIV. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

A member of the MTPO discussed his concern about the dead trees recently planted in the Williston Road medians that were identified in item CA. 5 Williston Road Median Oak Trees.

Ms. Taulbee discussed the status of the Williston Road trees and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO discussed the tree removal in the North Main Street project. She noted that County staff had additional information.

Mr. Dave Cerlanek, Alachua County Assistant Public Works Director, discussed the tree removal from the North Main Street project. He noted that he was mistaken in attributing the tree removal to FDOT at a previous County Commission meeting. He said that the trees were removed as part of the sidewalk widening. He added that the tree removal will be mitigated. He said that the Gainesville Sun would be notified to correct a previous article regarding the tree removal.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Henry thanked MTPO staff for its service.

B. CITIZENS

Mr. Brian Harrington, Business Community Coalition (BCC) Chair, discussed the Coalition's interest in working with the MTPO and participating in the Year 2035 LRTP update process.

A member of the MTPO complimented FDOT's work on Main Street.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Henry adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

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Date

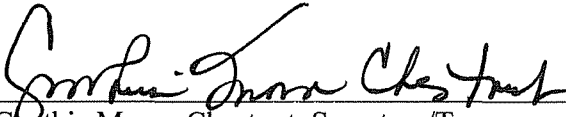

Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Zack Andrews	Dave Cerlanek	Dekova Batey	Karen Taulbee
Whit Blanton	Ha Nguyen	Russ Blackburn	
Rajeeb Das	Jonathan Paul	Paul Folker	
Kenneth Duffield	Randall Reid	Millie Crawford	
Rod Gonzalez	David Schwartz	Jesus Gomez	
Brian Harrington		Debbie Leistner	
Mike Hotta		Doug Robinson	
Tom Oakland		Teresa Scott	
Chandler Otis			
Curtis Paris			
Jackie Paris			
Valerie Rosenkrantz			
Terry Shaw			
Holly Shema			

* By telephone

Provided written comments

EXHIBIT 1

TIP AMENDMENT LOG

TIP AMENDMENT			PROJECT DESCRIPTION					
NUMBER	APPROVAL DATE	PURPOSE	TIP TABLE	PROJECT LOCATION (FIN NUMBER)	TYPE WORK	PROJECT YEAR	PROJECT FUNDING [thousands]	FUND CODE TABLE 3
09-1	08/10/09	Rollover	9	2129498	I-75 interchange modification [@Newberry Road (SR 26)]	09/10	\$10 \$24	DIH NHAC
			6	4262061	ARRA W 6 th Street Bike/Ped Trail [SE 2 nd Avenue to NW 16 th Avenue]	09/10	\$1,000 \$9	FSSL SL
			14	4262071	ARRA NE 8 th Avenue Resurfacing [Main Street to NE Boulevard]	09/10	\$300 \$3	FSSL SL
			12	4262081	ARRA NW 34 th Street (SR 121) Sidewalk [NW 39 th Avenue (SR 222) to US 441]	09/10	\$1,000 \$9	FSSL SL
			14	4262281	ARRA Main Street Resurfacing [N 8 th Avenue to N 23 th Avenue]	09/10	\$1,100 \$10 \$1,273	FSSL SL LF
			12	4264051	ARRA SW 8 th Avenue Sidewalk [Tower Road to end/I-75]	09/10	\$110 \$1	FSSE SE
			5	4068473	Section 5309 Transportation Hub [@Gainesville Regional Airport]	09/10	\$298	FTA
			18	4242921	Section 5311 Rural Transit Funding- operating/administration assistance	09/10	\$208 \$208	DU LF
			17	4243901	Section 5307 Small Transit Incentive Cities Allocation- fixed route capital	09/10	\$752 \$188	FTA LF
			17	4263891	ARRA 5307 purchase of transit vehicles	09/10	\$3,201	FTA
17	4267571	RTS purchase of transit vehicles with HR 1105 High Priority Project funding	09/10	\$475 \$119	FTA LF			
09-2	11/09/09	Rollover	18	4252901	Section 5317 New Freedom RTS Small Urban Operating/Administrative Assistance	09/10	\$50 \$50	DU LF
		Add	-	-	Appendix K to show ARRA-funded project completion dates	-	-	-
		Delete	12	4262081	ARRA NW 34 th Street (SR 121) Sidewalk [NW 39 th Avenue (SR 222) to US 441]	09/10	\$1,000 \$9	FSSL SL
		Add	12	4262082	ARRA NW 34 th Street Sidewalk [NW 39 th Avenue to NW 55 th Boulevard]	09/10	\$438 \$4	FSSL DIH
		Add & Funding Increase	17	4263201	ARRA 5307 purchase of transit vehicles [additional \$561,520 is flexed FSSL funds added to \$692,000 funded in FY 2008/2009]	09/10	\$562	FTA

EXHIBIT 1 (Continued)

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09-3	12/14/09	Funding Increase	18	4272891	Section 5317 New Freedom RTS Small Urban Operating/Administrative Assistance [additional \$36,000 grant plus \$36,000 local match added to \$100,000 funded in TIP Amendment 09-2 project 4252901]	09/10	\$36 \$36	DU LF
		Add	18	4282371	Section 5316 Job Access Reverse Commute Grant to purchase Mobile Data Terminal software	09/10	\$90 \$10	DU LF
		Add	12	4273261	Safe Routes to School NE 15 th Street Sidewalk [NE 39 th Avenue (SR 222) to 4400 Block]	09/10	\$405 \$130 \$70	SR2S SR2E SA
		Add	9	4278251	Purchase right-of-way in I-75 interchange NW quadrant [I-75 @ Newberry Road (SR 26)]	09/10	\$592 \$10	NHAC DIH
		Funding Increase	17	4263201	ARRA 5307 purchase of transit vehicles [additional \$335,418 is redistributed flexed FSSL funds added to \$692,000 funded in FY 2008/2009 and \$562,000 funded in FY 2009/2010]	09/10	\$562 \$335	FTA FTA
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CONSENT AGENDA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

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Monday, 5:00 p.m.
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Page #9 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- November 9, 2009 APPROVE MINUTES**
- This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review
- Page #21 CA. 2 Long Range Transportation Plan Update Technical Memorandum- Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gases APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
- The Federal Highway Administration is recommending the MTPO to adopt targets and strategies to reduce greenhouse gases as part of the long range plan
- Page #23 CA. 3 Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Membership Certification AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN**
- Each year, the MTPO must certify that this Board represents a cross-section of the community
- Page #27 CA. 4 NW 34th Street Sidewalk Project- NW 55th Boulevard to US 441 NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- At the last meeting, the MTPO wanted to know if there are any options to construct this project sooner than 2014
- Page #29 CA. 5 Williston Road Median Oak Trees NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- At the last meeting, the MTPO requested information about when replacement trees will be planted on this road

Page #31 CA. 6 Transportation Disadvantaged Program NO ACTION REQUIRED
Status Report

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

Page #41 CA. 7 MPOAC Weekend Institute NO ACTION REQUIRED

If any MTPO member wants to attend this institute, please contact MTPO staff