

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium  
Alachua County Administration Building  
Gainesville, Florida

3:00 p.m.  
Monday  
November 9, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scherwin Henry, Chair  
James Bennett/Lora Hollingsworth  
Mike Byerly  
Cynthia Moore Chestnut  
Jack Donovan  
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan  
Thomas Hawkins  
Rodney Long  
Craig Lowe  
Jeanna Mastrodicasa  
Lee Pinkoson  
Lauren Poe  
Ed Poppell  
Larry Travis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paula DeLaney, Vice Chair

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 3:06 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. He noted that the:

1. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is requesting an additional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment regarding the increase of funding for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Section 5307 purchase of transit vehicles project; and
2. Mr. Robert Pierce is requesting a letter be sent to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requesting the offsite cleanup of the contaminated CSX right-of-way in the Koppers Remediation Plan (see Exhibit 1).

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

- 1. Consent Agenda amended to add item CA.9 Koppers Remediation Plan-Gainesville, Florida that authorizes the MTPO Chair to send a letter to EPA requesting the offsite cleanup of the contaminated CSX right-of-way in the Koppers Remediation Plan; and**
- 2. Meeting Agenda amended to add item III.C ARRA Section 5307.**

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

## II. MTPO Rural Advisor

Mr. Sanderson stated that City of High Springs Commissioner Larry Travis was selected by the Alachua County League of Cities to replace Mr. John Martin, former City of Hawthorne Commissioner, as the MTPO Rural Advisor.

Chair Henry welcomed Commissioner Travis.

## III. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

### A. FTA SECTION 5317 GRANT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the contract for the Regional Transit System (RTS) Section 5317 New Freedom Small Urban Operating/Administrative Assistance Grant [FIN #4252901] project was not executed in Fiscal year 2008/2009. He said that this project needed to be rolled over into the current fiscal year in order for RTS to receive the funding. He asked the MTPO to amend the Fiscal Years 2009/2010 - 2013/2014 TIP.

**ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2009/2010 - 2013/2014 TIP to roll over the Section 5317 New Freedom Small Urban Operating/Administrative Assistance [FIN #4252901] to Fiscal Year 2009/2010 from Fiscal Year 2008/2009. Mayor Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

### B. NW 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT is requesting a TIP amendment for the NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Project. He said that FDOT rejected the bids for the original project. He noted that FDOT has changed the north limit of the project from US 441 to NW 55<sup>th</sup> Boulevard and that the funding is reduced from \$1,000,000 to \$438,420. He asked the MTPO to amend the Fiscal Years 2009/2010 - 2013/2014 TIP to reflect these changes.

A member of the MTPO discussed his concerns regarding the changes to the project.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT District 2 Urban Area Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Project changes. He noted that there were permitting and rights-of-way issues that did not meet ARRA criteria with the original limits of the project. He said that the NW 55<sup>th</sup> Boulevard to US 441 portion is scheduled for construction in Fiscal Year 2013/2014 as a separate project.

Mr. Paul Folker, City of Gainesville Assistant City Manager, stated that City Planning staff could discuss the status of the WalMart project for north Gainesville.

Mr. Ralph Hilliard, City of Gainesville Planning Manager, stated that there was no new information regarding construction of a WalMart near the NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Project since the decision of the Hearing Officer.

Mr. Bennett discussed the process for construction of the sidewalk from NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street to US 441. He reviewed the process that resulted in the project being changed. He noted that the initial ARRA funding needs to be obligated by December 31, 2009 and the redistributed ARRA funding needs to be obligated by March 31, 2009. He acknowledged that FDOT inadvertently erred in its action regarding this project and had misinformed the MTPO. He offered an apology on behalf of FDOT for the misinformation. He added that Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds could be allocated for the NW 55<sup>th</sup> Boulevard to US 441 section of the sidewalk. He noted that if STP funds were used to complete this project, that he could not guarantee that the Enhancement funds would stay in the area.

Mr. Emery Swearingen, City of Gainesville Public Works Manager, discussed the possibility of connecting the sidewalk through the Northside Park to the Farmers Market.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2009/2010 - 2013/2014 TIP to:**

- 1. delete the NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street from NW 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue (SR 222) to US 441 Sidewalk Construction Project [FIN #4262081]; and**
- 2. add the NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street from NW 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue (SR 222) to NW 55<sup>th</sup> Boulevard Sidewalk Construction Project [FIN #4262082].**

**Commissioner Donovan seconded.**

A member of the MTPO discussed his concern regarding how the project would progress. He suggested that this item could be placed on the agenda for a future MTPO meeting in which all the parties could come forward with all the different possibilities and the implications of what those decisions would be. He noted that he did not want the project delayed until 2014.

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:**

**Commissioner Poe asked to amend the action to ask MTPO staff to report what are some of the MTPO's options for moving forward. Commissioner Byerly accepted the amendment.**

**ORIGINAL ACTION AS AMENDED:**

**Commissioner Byerly moved to:**

- 1. amend the Fiscal Years 2009/2010 - 2013/2014 TIP to:**
  - A. delete the NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street from NW 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue (SR 222) to US 441 Sidewalk Construction Project [FIN #4262081];**
  - B. add the NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street from NW 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue (SR 222) to NW 55<sup>th</sup> Boulevard Sidewalk Construction Project [FIN #4262082]; and**
- 2. request that MTPO staff research if there are any options for constructing the US 441 to NW 55<sup>th</sup> Boulevard portion of this sidewalk any sooner than Fiscal Year 2013/2014.**

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

**C. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) SECTION 5307**

Mr. Sanderson stated that, with the NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Project modification and funding reduction from \$1,000,000 to \$438,420, there is an additional \$561,520 of ARRA funds available for the MTPO's ARRA Section 5307 Purchase of Transit Vehicles priority. He noted that the ARRA Section 5307 funding would increase from \$3,201,000 to \$3,762,520. He asked the MTPO to amend the Fiscal Years 2009/2010 - 2013/2014 TIP (see Exhibit 2).

**ACTION: Mayor Hanrahan moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2009/2010 - 2013/2014 TIP to increase the funding for the Purchase of Transit Vehicles Project from [FIN #4263891] by \$561,520. Commissioner Long seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**IV. WALDO ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY**

Mr. Sanderson stated that Alachua County staff requested that the MTPO receive a presentation on the Waldo Road Corridor Study. He said that Professor Martin Gold, Florida Community Design Center Executive Director, was present to discuss the study.

Professor Gold discussed the Waldo Road Corridor Study and answered questions.

Mr. Hilliard reported that the land use changes implementing the Waldo Road Corridor Study recommendations are scheduled for the next large scale amendment cycle within the next few months. He added that the zoning changes would follow the plan amendment.

**ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to appoint a task force comprised of the University of Florida, City of Gainesville, including the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Alachua County, Gainesville Regional Airport, Tacachale and other interested stakeholders to continue to facilitate and coordinate the development of the Waldo Road Corridor. Commissioner Chestnut seconded.**

Professor Gold discussed the application of form-based code to the Waldo Road Corridor and answered questions.

Mr. Hilliard discussed the status of applying form-based code to different areas of Gainesville and answered questions.

Professor Gold discussed the role of the University and the Florida Community Design Center and answered questions.

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:**

**Commissioner Long move to amend his motion to add work with the University of Florida to continue its involvement in the Waldo Road Corridor Study implementation. Commissioner Chestnut accepted the amendment.**

Mr. Sanderson reviewed the motion.

Mr. Dave Schwartz, MTPO Attorney, noted that referrals from the MTPO would be non-binding.

Mr. Russ Blackburn, City of Gainesville City Manager, suggested that the MTPO have the City Manager and County Manager work together:

1. to develop implementation strategies, including the Task Force representing the University of Florida, City of Gainesville, including the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Alachua County, Gainesville Regional Airport, Tacachale and other interested stakeholders to forward to their respective Commission; and
2. to determine the Task Force membership size, who is on the Task Force, who will lead the Task Force and funding for the implementation of the Waldo Road Corridor Study implementation strategies.

A member of the MTPO suggested that the Task Force include some City and County Commissioners.

**SUBSTITUTE ACTION:**

**Commissioner Long moved to refer to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County to have the City Manager and County Manager work together:**

1. to develop implementation strategies, including the Task Force representing the University of Florida, City of Gainesville, including the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Alachua County, Gainesville Regional Airport, Tacachale and other interested stakeholders to forward to their respective Commission; and
2. to determine the Task Force membership size, who is on the Task Force, who will lead the Task Force and funding for the implementation of the Waldo Road Corridor Study implementation strategies.

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

## V. ALACHUA COUNTY MOBILITY PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that Alachua County staff requested that the MTPO receive a presentation on the Alachua County Mobility Plan. He said that Mr. Jonathan Paul, Alachua County Impact Fee and Concurrency Manager, was present to discuss the Plan.

Mr. Paul discussed Alachua County Mobility Plan and financing, including an optional transit sales tax, and answered questions.

## VI. CITY OF GAINESVILLE TCEA MOBILITY STRATEGIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the City of Gainesville staff was present to discuss the City's Transportation Concurrency Exception Area (TCEA) Mobility Strategies.

Chair Henry noted that there were several commissioners that would be leaving soon. A member of the MTPO suggested referring the presentation to the County Commission. Another member of the MTPO requested an opportunity for discussion on the TCEA Mobility Strategies.

Ms. Onelia Lazzari, City of Gainesville Senior Planner, noted that the TCEA Mobility Strategies would be considered for adoption at the City Commission's December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Steve Lachnicht, Alachua County Growth Management Director, noted that there is a County Commission meeting scheduled for the afternoon of November 24<sup>th</sup> and that the the City's TCEA Mobility Strategies presentation could be placed on the agenda.

Ms. Lazzari discussed the TCEA Mobility Strategies with respect to the Butler Plaza development and answered questions.

Mr. Rob Brinkman encouraged more transit development. He noted his concern that it was cheaper to develop at the City's fringe than toward the center.

Ms. Lazzari discussed the TCEA zone criteria and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to refer City of Gainesville TCEA Mobility Strategies presentation to the November 24<sup>th</sup> County Commission meeting. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Lazzari continued her discussion of the TCEA fee structure. She noted that the City was looking at more incentives for infill development and redevelopment.

Mayor Hanrahan noted that she would not be attending the December 14<sup>th</sup> MTPO meeting.

Mr. Doug Robinson, Regional Transit System (RTS) Chief Transit Planner, discussed the City's Transit Development Plan and answered questions.

Mr. Paul noted that County staff has been working with RTS staff regarding transit development and funding. He added that transit projects are identified in the County's Capital Improvements Plan. He noted that projects are scheduled for 2015, but could be moved up.

VII. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. He suggested that the meeting begin at 5:00 p.m., as have recent December MTPO meetings.

**Chair Henry concurred with several MTPO members and directed MTPO staff to reschedule the next MTPO meeting for December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.**

VIII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

A member of the MTPO discussed his concern about the dead trees recently planted on the Williston Road and Waldo Road medians. He asked for an update from FDOT at the next MTPO meeting.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizens comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Henry adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

12/15/2009  
Date

William Thomas Hawkins  
William Thomas Hawkins, 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>
Rob Brinkman	Michael Fay	Russ Blackburn	Karen Taulbee
Martin Gold	Steve Lachnicht	Paul Folker	
Harry Nichols	Jonathan Paul	Millie Crawford	
	Randall Reid	Ralph Hilliard	
	David Schwartz	Onelia Lazzari	
		Debbie Leistner	
		Doug Robinson	
		Emery Swearingen	
		John Wachtel	

\* By telephone

# Provided written comments

**Mike Escalante**

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**From:** Marlie Sanderson  
**Sent:** Monday, November 09, 2009 10:30 AM  
**To:** Scott Koons  
**Cc:** Mike Escalante; Taulbee, Karen  
**Subject:** FW: MTPO/NFRPC/USEPA/Koppers  
SK- FYI. Marlie

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**From:** Robert Pearce [mailto:robertpearce2000@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 09, 2009 10:05 AM  
**To:** CityComm@cityofgainesville.org; boccc@alachuacounty.us; Marlie Sanderson  
**Subject:** MTPO/NFRPC/USEPA/Koppers

November 9, 2009

Re: Future Rail Trail/ Letter to USEPA from NFRPC regarding Koppers Remediation Plan

Members of the MTPO,

CSX shares a 3/4 mile-long boundary with the most heavily contaminated portion of the Koppers Superfund Cleanup Site. Much of the stormwater runoff from this portion of the Site migrates eastward off the Site onto the CSX right-of-way until it hits the rail bed itself. Fugitive dust from this portion of the Site migrates onto the CSX right-of-way as well.

It is my understanding that when the City of Gainesville acquires property from CSX for rail-trail purposes, the City must assume all liability for any contamination on that property. One can only presume that the surface soils on the CSX right-of-way have become contaminated.

USEPA's remediation plan does not include any cleanup of these off-site surface soils. This could be a serious impediment if the City wants to add this section of rail bed to its rail trail network in the future. It is my understanding that it is only Koppers itself and Harwood Brick that continue to use the line.

I would like to request the MTPO to authorize a letter from the NFRPC to USEPA requesting that the remediation plan for the Koppers Superfund Cleanup Site include remediation of these off-site surface soils.

Sincerely,

Robert Pearce

EXHIBIT 2

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 <sup>th</sup> Street Bike/Ped Trail [SE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue to NW 16 <sup>th</sup> Avenue]	09/10	\$1,000 \$9	FSSL SL
			14	4262071	ARRA NE 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Resurfacing [Main Street to NE Boulevard]	09/10	\$300 \$3	FSSL SL
			12	4262081	ARRA NW 34 <sup>th</sup> Street (SR 121) Sidewalk [NW 39 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (SR 222) to US 441]	09/10	\$1,000 \$9	FSSL SL
			14	4262281	ARRA Main Street Resurfacing [N 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue to N 23 <sup>th</sup> Avenue]	09/10	\$1,100 \$10 \$1,273	FSSL SL LF
			12	4264051	ARRA SW 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Street (SR 121) Sidewalk [NW 39 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (SR 222) to US 441]	09/10	\$1,000 \$9	FSSL SL
		Add	12	4262082	ARRA NW 34 <sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk [NW 39 <sup>th</sup> Avenue to NW 55 <sup>th</sup> 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
09-3								

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

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

- Page #7    CA. 1    **MTPO Minutes- August 10, 2009**                      **APPROVE MINUTES**
- This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review
- Page #21    CA. 2    **Engagement Letter for Fiscal**                      **APPROVE STAFF**  
**Year 2008-09 Audit**                      **RECOMMENDATION**
- This year's MTPO Audit will be prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants
- Page #29    CA. 3    **Title VI Complaint Procedures**                      **APPROVE PROCEDURES**
- The MTPO needs to approve the enclosed procedures concerning how to file discrimination complaints
- Page #33    CA. 4    **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Modifications-**                      **APPROVE**  
**Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**                      **MODIFICATIONS**
- These modifications revise the payment schedule for consultant services to move \$40,000 from Fiscal Year 2010/11 to Fiscal Year 2009/10
- Page #39    CA. 5    **City of Gainesville- Tiger Grant**                      **RATIFY MTPO STAFF**  
**Application**                      **ACTION**
- The MTPO needs to retify MTPO staff action taken in August 2009 to send a letter of support for the City's Tiger Grant Application

Page #43 CA. 6 Status of ARRA Federal Stimulus Funds- TIP Appendix K APPROVE APPENDIX K

The Federal Highway Administration has asked the MTPO to include this appendix in its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Page #49 CA. 7 Draft FDOT Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Highway year 2035 Cost Feasible Plan APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The enclosed memorandum discusses the current funding status of MTPO project priorities for ARRA projects

Page #55 CA. 8 Transportation Disadvantaged Program Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

Handout CA. 9 Koppers Remediation Plan- Gainesville, Florida AUTHORIZE LETTER TO EPA

A citizen is asking for a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requesting the offsite cleanup of the contaminated CSX right-of-way in the Koppers Remediation Plan