

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

6:00 p.m.
Monday
April 20, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paula DeLaney, Vice Chair
Mike Byerly
Jack Donovan
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan
Thomas Hawkins
Bill Henderson/Charles Baldwin
Craig Lowe
John Martin
Jeanna Mastrodicasa
Lee Pinkoson
Lauren Poe
Ed Poppell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Scherwin Henry, Chair
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Rodney Long

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Paula DeLaney called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. She noted that the MTPO did not have a quorum. She asked Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, if there were any non-action items ready for discussion.

Mr. Sanderson stated that agenda item V. Archer Road/SW 16th Avenue Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study could be discussed.

V. ARCHER ROAD/SW 16TH AVENUE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

Mr. Sanderson stated that the City's consultant was present to provide an update on the Archer Road/ SW 16th Avenue Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study.

Mr. Paul Cherry, Kimley-Horn Traffic Engineer, discussed the alternatives for the Archer Road/SW 16th Avenue PD&E Study and answered questions.

Mr. Ed Poppell, University of Florida Vice President for Business Affairs, discussed the Archer Road/SW 16th Avenue PD&E Study. He noted that Archer Road would have a campus feel from the fire station to SW 13th Street. He added that the SW 16th Avenue/SW 13th Street intersection modifications addressed Florida Department of Transportation concerns regarding capacity.

A member of the MTPO noted that some Archer Road businesses had contacted her and discussed their concerns about the project's impact on Archer Road businesses.

Mr. Don Hambidge, City of Gainesville Traffic Engineer, discussed the City's project review schedule.

Ms. Jane Berman Holton discussed her concerns regarding the project budget, scope, plans to address congestion and access/utility of Archer Road from the fire station to SW 13th Street. She noted she opposed the removal of the onstreet parking on SW 16th Avenue.

Mr. Cherry and Mr. Poppell responded to Ms. Holton's concerns.

A quorum of the MTPO was present. Vice Chair DeLaney said that the agendas could be approved.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sanderson asked for approval of the consent agenda and remaining meeting agenda amended to delete agenda item II. SW 20th Avenue- Scoping Plans. He noted that there were not enough County Commissioners present to discuss agenda item II. SW 20th Avenue- Scoping Plans due to a Commissioner's conflict of interest.

A member of the MTPO asked why the sidewalks were not on the outside of the right-of-way in Alternative 3.

Mr. Sanderson stated that appropriate Florida Department of Transportation and Alachua County staff would be invited to the next MTPO meeting to discuss the location of the sidewalk.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Meeting Agenda amended to delete agenda item II. SW 20th Avenue- Scoping Plans. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT- SW 8TH AVENUE SIDEWALK

Mr. Sanderson stated that the SW 8th Avenue Sidewalk project has received funding under the Federal American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). He asked the MTPO to amend the Fiscal Years 2008/09 - 2012/13 TIP.

Mr. Dave Cerlanek, Alachua County Assistant Public Works Director, discussed the SW 8th Avenue Sidewalk project and answered questions. He noted that the project's limits would be from SW 75th Street to SW 67th Terrace.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2008/2009 - 2012/2013 TIP to include the SW 8th Avenue sidewalk project [FIN #4264051] from SW 75th Street to Interstate 75 in Fiscal Year 2008/2009. Mayor Hanrahan seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TIP is the most important document that is approved annually by the MTPO. He said that the TIP is a staged implementation program of transportation projects consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with adopted comprehensive plans of Alachua County and the City of Gainesville. He added that, in order for Federal transportation funds to be spent in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, they must be approved by the MTPO and included in this report. He noted that this year's document authorizes about \$14 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next fiscal year.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the draft Fiscal Years 2009/2010 - 2013/2014 TIP, as revised to address:

- 1. Florida Department of Transportation review comments; and**
- 2. any changes resulting from projects being American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-funded in the current Fiscal Years 2008/2009 - 2012/2013 TIP.**

Mayor Hanrahan seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. YEAR 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO's consultant has prepared a draft Public Participation Plan for the Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update.

Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group (RPG) Vice President, discussed the status of the Year 2035 LRTP Update and the draft Public Participation Plan for the Year 2035 LRTP Update and answered questions. He announced the kick-off LRTP workshop on April 23rd at Gainesville Regional Utilities. He noted that the LRTP Update Internet website is as follows-
www.livabletransportation.org.

Mr. John Martin, MTPO Rural Advisor, discussed the need for emphasis on maintenance of the existing transportation system.

A member of the MTPO discussed the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) legislative agenda relationship to the LRTP update.

A member of the MTPO discussed the LRTP- Future Land Use Plan Map nexus, nodal densities and network design.

Commissioner DeLaney, Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating (TD) Board Chair, requested a LRTP presentation to the TD Board.

A member of the MTPO asked about the LRTP process.

Mr. Blanton discussed the elements of the LRTP Update process.

A member of the MTPO discussed the City's Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) and the MTPO's Non-Discrimination Policy that extends beyond federal policy. She requested that LRTP Update display ads be placed in the Florida Independent Alligator.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update- Public Participation Plan as a completed document. Commissioner Lowe seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson recommended cancelling the May 26th MTPO meeting, since the MTPO did not have any agenda items that required action, and asked the MTPO to meet on June 8th.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to meet on June 8th.

VI. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

A member of the MTPO requested an update from the City on roadway jurisdiction status in the southwest annexation-affected areas. He said the update could be in writing.

Ms. Teresa Scott, Gainesville Public Works Director, stated that there was a Transition Team addressing jurisdictional transfers relative to the City's annexations. She said that she would see that an update would be provided.

Commissioner Martin congratulated the Gainesville City Commissioners that were re-elected.

A member of the MTPO noted that the new City of Newberry Mayor was in attendance.

Vice Chair Delaney welcomed Mayor Harry Nichols.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizens comments.

C. CHAIRS REPORT

There were no MTPO Chair comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair DeLaney adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

6/8/2009
Date


William Thomas Hawkins, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Whit Blanton	Dave Cerlanek	Dekova Batey	Karen Taulbee
Paul Cherry	Michael Fay	Paul Folker	
Jane Berman Holton	Randall Reid	Jesus Gomez	
Harry Nichols	Dave Schwartz	Don Hambidge	
Jonathan Thigpen		Doug Robinson	
Ryan Thompson		Teresa Scott	
		Despina Veilleux	

* 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- March 2, 2009** **APPROVE MINUTES**

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page #13 CA. 2 **MTPO Fiscal Year 2008 Audit Review
Committee Report** **APPROVE COMMITTEE
REPORT**

The MTPO Audit Review Committee has met and recommends that the MTPO accept the audit report and approve the invoice for payment

Page #37 CA. 3 **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)-
Revisions** **APPROVE REVISIONS**

Enclosed with this agenda item are UPWP pages that need to be approved for Fiscal Year 2009/10

Page #61 CA. 4 **Joint Certification Statement** **AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN**

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

Page #65 CA. 5 **Revised Transportation Planning Funds Joint
Participation Agreement Form: 525-101-02** **APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**

FDOT is requiring the MTPO to include the language in Exhibit 2 as part of the current Transportation Planning Funds Joint Participation Agreement

Page #87 CA. 6 Continuity of Operations Plan- Revisions APPROVE REVISIONS

This Plan has been reviewed and revisions have been made to improve it

Page #103 CA. 7 Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Plan East Gainesville (PEG) Subcommittee and MTPO Advisory Committees received a Bus Rapid Transit Study status report presentation

Page #161 CA. 8 Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee NO ACTION REQUIRED

The Alachua County Commission has appointed Commissioner Pinkoson to replace Commissioner Chestnut on this Subcommittee

Page #163 CA. 9 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

Page #173 CA. 10 U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)- Interview NO ACTION REQUIRED

The GAO interviewed MTPO staff about several issues, such as ways to improve regional transportation planning

Page #175 CA. 11 Regional Transit System Ridership NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed is annual transit ridership information for 2008

Page #177 CA. 12 Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council- 2008 Legislative Policy Positions NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed are copies of the 2009 MPOAC legislative policy positions