

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
June 8, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scherwin Henry, Chair
Paula DeLaney, Vice Chair
Mike Byerly
Jack Donovan
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan
Thomas Hawkins
James Bennett/Charles Baldwin
John Martin
Lee Pinkoson
Lauren Poe
Ed Poppell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Craig Lowe
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Rodney Long
Jeanna Mastrodicasa

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 6:10 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

A member of the MTPO requested that agenda item CA.2 SW 62nd Connector Interim Projects 30 Percent Design Plans be placed on the regular agenda.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that a member of the MTPO needed to leave early to attend another meeting. He also 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. He asked for approval of the consent agenda and meeting agenda amended to:

1. defer agenda item VII. SW 20th Avenue - Scoping Plans until the next MTPO meeting;
2. place agenda item VI. Unfunded Project Priorities after agenda item II. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment- Purchase of Transit Vehicles; and
3. place agenda item CA.2 SW 62nd Connector Interim Projects 30 Percent Design Plans after agenda item VI. Unfunded Project Priorities.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Meeting Agenda amended to:

- 1. defer agenda item VII. SW 20th Avenue - Scoping Plans until the next MTPO meeting;**
- 2. place agenda item VI. Unfunded Project Priorities after agenda item II. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment- Purchase of Transit Vehicles; and**
- 3. place agenda item CA.2 SW 62nd Connector Interim Projects 30 Percent Design Plans after agenda item VI. Unfunded Project Priorities.**

Commissioner Donovan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT- PURCHASE OF TRANSIT VEHICLES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the City of Gainesville has received \$475,000 for a HR 1105 Federal High Priority Project to purchase transit vehicles. He discussed the TIP amendment and answered questions. He asked the MTPO to amend the Fiscal Years 2008/09 - 2012/13 TIP.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2008/2009 - 2012/2013 TIP to include the Purchase of Transit Vehicles Project [FIN #4267571]. Commissioner DeLaney seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. 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 the Florida Department of Transportation (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 and answered questions. He noted that there were two tables, Enhancement Priorities and Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities, that did not have consensus Advisory Committee recommendations. He and Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT District 2 Transportation Specialist, explained the differences in the recommendations.

ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to approve the draft Fiscal Years 2008/2009 - 2012/2013, List of Priority Projects. Commissioner Hawkins seconded; motion passed unanimously.

CA.2 SW 62ND CONNECTOR INTERIM PROJECTS 30 PERCENT DESIGN PLANS

- A. SW 40TH BOULEVARD AT ARCHER ROAD INTERSECTION MODIFICATIONS
- B. SW 43RD STREET AT SW 20TH AVENUE INTERSECTION MODIFICATIONS
- C. SMART BUS BAY ON SW 20TH AVENUE

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that Alachua County staff has submitted 30 percent SW 62nd Connector 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.

Mr. Terry Shaw, HNTB Associate Vice President, discussed the 30 percent design plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to approve the:

1. SW 40th Boulevard at Archer Road Intersection Modifications Project 30 Percent Design Plans:

- A. provided that a written explanation is included that discusses why the MTPO Design Policy Manual shade tree provisions cannot be followed; and
- B. include a sidewalk on the west side of SW 40th Boulevard (note- this will require the shifting of the alignment and/or additional right-of-way to accommodate this recommendation).

2. SW 43rd Street at SW 20th Avenue Intersection Modifications 30 Percent Design Plans:

- A. provided that a written explanation is included that discusses why the MTPO Design Policy Manual shade tree provisions cannot be followed; and
- B. extend the curb-and-gutter and sidewalk on the west side of SW 43rd Street past the Begin of Project to the existing driveway for the soccer fields in order to:
 - i. prevent back-out parking (safety issue) that occurs on weekends and evenings; and
 - ii. preserve the edge of pavement for SW 43rd Street and the existing drainage swale.

3. Smart Bus Bay on SW 20th Avenue 30 Percent Design Plans, that includes a written explanation that discusses why the MTPO Design Policy Manual shade tree provisions cannot be followed.

Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. CITY OF ALACHUA CATS TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the City of Alachua staff was present to make a presentation on the City of Alachua Transit System (CATS).

Ms. Danielle Judd, City of Alachua Assistant City Manager, discussed the CATS Transit Improvement Program and answered questions.

Commissioner John Martin, MTPO Rural Advisor, suggested that the City of Alachua partner with the City of High Springs. He also offered his assistance in this effort.

Commissioner Paula DeLaney, Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating (TD) Board Chair, thanked the City of Alachua for its efforts to implement Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) service.

IV. FLORIDA STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS)

Mr. Sanderson stated that a member of the MTPO had requested discussion of the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). He said that Florida Department of Transportation staff was present to discuss the SIS.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT District 2 Urban Area Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the SIS and answered questions. He introduced Mr. Barney Bennette, FDOT District 2 SIS Coordinator.

Several MTPO members discussed their concerns regarding SIS facility designation and funding.

Commissioner Martin discussed his concerns regarding SIS rail facility traffic and economic benefits in Alachua County.

V. INTERSTATE 75 MASTER PLAN STUDY

Mr. Sanderson stated that Florida Department of Transportation staff requested an opportunity to give a status report concerning 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 announced that there would be public meetings on June 16th in the FDOT District 2 Office in Lake City and at the Best Western Gateway Grand on June 18th in Gainesville. He said that the doors would open at 4:30 p.m. and formal comments taken beginning at 6:00 p.m.

VIII. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson announced that, because the MTPO did not have any agenda items that required action in July, the next MTPO meeting would be on August 10th at 3:00 p.m.

IX. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

Commissioner Martin reported on the recent League of Cities meeting. He discussed his concerns regarding the speed limits for the Archer Road/SW 16th Avenue Project.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizens comments.

C. CHAIRS REPORT- FDOT Mast Arms Policy- Update

Chair Henry noted that FDOT's new Mast Arms Policy has financial implications for Alachua County and the City of Gainesville.

Mr. Bennett discussed FDOT's new Mast Arms Policy and answered questions. He said that he would inform the MTPO as to which forthcoming projects would be impacted by the new policy.

A member of the MTPO requested information on which projects are affected by the new FDOT Mast Arm Policy at the next MTPO meeting.

Mr. Bennett stated that he would provide the MTPO with the information as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Henry adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

8/10/2009
Date

William Thomas Hawkins
William Thomas Hawkins, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

Interested Citizens

Danielle Judd

Terry Shaw

Alachua County

Dave Cerlanek

Ha Nguyen

Jonathan Paul

City of Gainesville

Paul Folker

Jesus Gomez

Teresa Scott

**Florida Department
of Transportation**

Barney Bennette

Jordan Green

Sean Kelly

Karen Taulbee

* 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 20, 2009** **APPROVE MINUTES**
- This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review
- CA. 3 **American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
Enhancement Projects- Scoping Plans** **APPROVE JOINT
RECOMMENDATIONS**
- Page #139 A. **NW 34th Street [NW 39th Avenue to US 441] Sidewalk**
- Page #145 B. **SW 8th Avenue [Tower Road to SW 67th Terrace] Sidewalk**
- FDOT has provided draft scopes for these sidewalk projects
- Page #151 CA. 4 **Transportation Enhancement Applications** **APPROVE APPLICATIONS**
- The MTPO needs to approve the submittal of these applications to FDOT
- Page #189 CA. 5 **University of Florida Research Agreement** **APPROVE AGREEMENT**
- The University is requesting that the MTPO sponsor this Co-op position
- Page #197 CA. 6 **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)-
Revisions** **APPROVE REVISIONS**
- Enclosed with this agenda item are revised UPWP pages for Fiscal Year 2009/10
because of an increase in transit planning funds

Page #207 CA. 7 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)- Transit Planning Resolution APPROVE RESOLUTION

The MTPO needs to approve the enclosed resolution because of an increase in transit planning funds

Page #211 CA. 8 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- 2009-2010 Planning Grant Application APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This application is for state funds to support this Program, including providing staff services to the Coordinating Board

Page #217 CA. 9 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program