

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium  
Alachua County Administration Building  
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.  
Thursday  
March 2, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scherwin Henry, Chair  
Paula DeLaney, Vice Chair  
Jack Donovan  
Thomas Hawkins  
Bill Henderson/Charles Baldwin  
Rodney Long  
Lee Pinkoson  
Lauren Poe

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Byerly  
Cynthia Moore Chestnut  
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan  
Craig Lowe  
John Martin  
Jeanna Mastrodicasa  
Ed Poppell

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Michael Escalante  
Luis Lopez

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Scherwin Henry called the meeting to order at 2:11 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 remaining meeting agenda.

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

II. DR. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO Citizens Advisory Committee selected Mr. Mike and Ms. Susan Wright as the recipient for the 2008 Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award. He discussed their numerous contributions. He presented the award to Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright thanked the MTPO and the CAC for their selection for the award.

### III. SW 20<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE - SCOPING PLANS

Mr. Sanderson noted that there was not enough County Commissioners present to vote on this agenda item due to a Commissioner's conflict of interest. He suggested discussing this item when there would be enough County Commissioners to vote.

### IV. SW 62<sup>ND</sup> BOULEVARD- BUS RAPID TRANSIT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its November meeting, approved the SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard Connector 4B-2 Alignment and requested information for bus rapid transit in the median. He said that the County's consultant has researched the bus rapid transit issue. He reported the MTPO Advisory Committees and staff recommendations.

Mr. Terry Shaw, HNTB Associate Vice President, discussed a modified SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard Connector 4B-2 Alignment with Bus Rapid Transit in the median and answered questions.

Mr. Jonathan Paul, Alachua County Concurrency Manager, discussed bus rapid transit corridor connectivity and answered questions.

Mr. Doug Robinson, Regional Transit System Chief Transit Planner, discussed the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Feasibility Study corridors and answered questions.

Mr. Kali Blount spoke regarding the modified SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard Connector 4B-2 Alignment with Bus Rapid Transit in the median.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the BRT Feasibility Study. He noted that the Study was 50 percent completed.

Mr. Robinson reported on the BRT Study corridors and the status of the study.

**ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to approve the modified 4B-2 Alignment with four general purpose lane cross-section, plus two additional lanes in the median for bus rapid transit where feasible and that bicycle parking and storage facilities be provided at bus rapid transit stations and park-and-ride facilities. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed 6 to 1.**

### V. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>. He asked the MTPO to reschedule its next meeting for April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**It was a consensus of the MTPO to meet on April 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## VI. COMMENTS

### A. MTPO MEMBERS

A member of the MTPO requested that discussion of the need for designation of the University of Florida and Santa Fe College as Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Economic Hubs be placed on the next MTPO meeting agenda.

Mr. Sanderson described the SIS facilities within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

Mr. Bill Henderson, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Planning and Environmental Manager, discussed the SIS. He noted that the SIS Plan was currently being updated by FDOT.

Several MTPO members endorsed discussion of the SIS.

A member of the MTPO asked about the status of the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor Study.

Mr. Sanderson noted that the MTPO's inability to vote on a corridor cross-section alternative has not yet negatively impacted progress on the study.

Mr. Russ Blackburn, Gainesville City Manager, discussed the SIS. He noted that a letter was sent to Florida House Speaker Richard Cretul regarding the City's concerns on the SIS.

A member of the MTPO encouraged other MTPO members to attend the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Institute training.

### B. CITIZENS

There were no citizens comments.

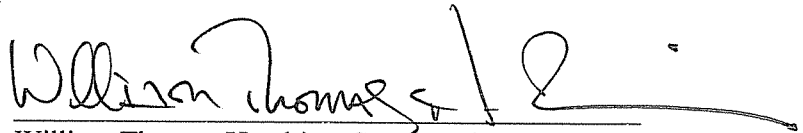
### C. CHAIRS REPORT

There were no MTPO Chair comments.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chair Henry adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

4/20/2009  
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>
Kevin Bergman	Dave Cerlanek	Russ Blackburn	Stephen Browning
Kali Blount	Michael Fay	Paul Folker	Jordan Greene
Deborah Butler	Dave Schwartz	Jesus Gomez	
Ron Carpenter	Jennifer Spagnoli	Doug Robinson	
Todd Davis		Teresa Scott	
Amber Gartner			
Mike Iguina			
Jerry Jones			
Satuya Kolluru			
Francisco Lopez			
Roberta Lopez			
Terry Shaw			
Mike Wright			

\* By telephone

# Provided written comments

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

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Monday, 2:00 p.m.  
March 2, 2009

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #7 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- December 11, 2008 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page #17 CA. 2 MTPO Minutes- February 17, 2009 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page #27 CA. 3 Transit Development Plan Major Update-  
On-Board Survey APPROVE STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION

RTS staff have requested \$18,026 to help pay for an on-board survey

Page #29 CA. 4 Unified Planning Work Program Task 3.4-  
Resolution 09-1 APPROVE STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION

The MTPO's budget needs to be amended because of an increase in Federal  
Transit Administration funds

Page #41 CA. 5 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
Reporter Tool APPROVE STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION

The MTPO is being asked if it is interested in using this software to use to prepare  
the TIP

**Page #57   CA. 7   Public Information Meeting- State Road 24  
(Archer Road)   NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Page #61 CA. 8 Federal Obligations Report NO ACTION REQUIRED

Page #71    CA. 9    **FDOT Tentative Work Program Change-  
Depot Avenue**    **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Page #73 CA. 10 Sixth Street Rail Trail Project- Phase 1- 90  
Percent Plans NO ACTION REQUIRED

Page #97 CA. 11 MPOAC Weekend Institute NO ACTION REQUIRED

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# Corridor 4 – Minimum Four-Lane Alignment

10-ft Median



22-ft Median



Alignment 4B-2

