

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium  
Alachua County Administration Building  
Gainesville, Florida

1:30 p.m.  
Thursday  
March 9, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rodney Long, Chair  
Craig Lowe, Vice Chair  
Rick Bryant  
Cynthia Moore Chestnut  
Paula DeLaney  
Jack Donovan  
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan  
Warren Nielsen  
Lee Pinkoson  
Ed Poppell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Baldwin  
Ed Braddy  
Mike Byerly  
Chuck Chestnut IV  
John Martin

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Lynn Franson-Godfrey  
Brian Waterman  
Michael Escalante  
Ursula Garfield

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rodney Long called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, noted that:

1. some citizens have requested that Agenda Item V. Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Lack of Funding be placed in front of Agenda Item II. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)- Gainesville Regional Airport; and
2. Consent Agenda item CA.9 Transportation Disadvantaged Program (TD)- Regional Transit System (RTS) Analysis should indicate No Action Required.

Chair Long asked for approval of the consent agenda and meeting agenda as amended.

**ACTION: Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut moved to approve the:**

- 1. Consent Agenda as amended to show No Action Required for CA.9 Transportation Disadvantaged Program (TD)- Regional Transit System (RTS) Analysis; and**

**2. Meeting Agenda as amended to place Agenda Item V. Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Lack of Funding in front of Agenda Item II. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)- Gainesville Regional Airport.**

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

**II. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)- GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT**

Mr. Sanderson stated that Gainesville Regional Airport staff is requesting that the TIP be amended to fund the design for the proposed new entrance road from Waldo Road.

Mr. Brian Waterman, MTPO Senior Planner, and Mr. Rick Crider, Gainesville Regional Airport Director, discussed the TIP amendment and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to:**

- 1. approve the new Airport Access Road TIP amendment; and**
- 2. request that Gainesville Regional Airport officials meet with the MTPO's Design Team at appropriate project design review stages as specified in the *MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual*.**

**Commissioner DeLaney seconded.**

**Mr. Sanderson noted that Florida Statutes require that TIP actions be done by rollcall vote and conducted a rollcall vote. The results are as follows:**

	<u>CITY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
Commissioner Bryant	Yes	
Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut		Yes
Commissioner DeLaney		Yes
Commissioner Donovan	Yes	
Mayor Hanrahan	Yes	
Commissioner Lowe	Yes	
Commissioner Nielsen	Yes	
Commissioner Pinkoson		Yes
Chair Long	Yes	

**Motion passed.**

**III. GAINESVILLE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its August 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, the MTPO requested that City of Gainesville identify funding and phasing recommendations to implement the Traffic Signal Master Plan. He said that City staff was present to discuss its recommendations.

Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation Services Manager, discussed the status of the current traffic signal system. He said that the City's consultant would make a presentation on the implementation of the Traffic Signal Master Plan.

Mr. Jack Freeman, Kittleson and Associates Senior Principal, Mr. Kanely and Mr. Phil Mann, City of Gainesville Traffic Engineer, discussed Traffic Signal Master Plan implementation and answered questions.

Chair Long requested that MTPO staff provide a consent agenda item information item regarding a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study timeline and detailed BRT study scope of work.

#### IV. FDOT'S TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that Alachua County received a letter from the FDOT Secretary inquiring whether the County wanted to participate in a Regional Partnership and be eligible for TRIP funding. He discussed the letter and answered questions. He noted that MTPO staff has prepared a draft response letter to the FDOT District 2 Secretary. He said that City and County staffs were present to discuss a Regional Partnership.

Mr. Michael Fay, Alachua County Assistant Public Works Director, discussed potential Regional Partnership and answered questions. He suggested that the Alachua County Commissioners take action on the response letter.

Chair Long requested that the MTPO Attorney advise whether the Alachua County Commission could take action on the response letter.

Mr. Richard Hedrick, Alachua County Public Works Director, Mr. Fay and Mr. Sanderson continued discussion of discussed potential Regional Partnership and answered questions.

Mr. Dave Schwartz, Counsel to the MTPO, stated that the Alachua County Commission could not take action on the response letter at the MTPO meeting, but that it could take action at the Alachua County Commission meeting that followed the MTPO meeting.

#### V. TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM- LACK OF FUNDING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Alachua County Commission has requested that the MTPO discuss the shortage of funds for purchasing rides for the transportation disadvantaged program.

Ms. Lynn Franson-Godfrey, MTPO Senior Planner, discussed the shortage of funds for purchasing rides for the transportation disadvantaged program and answered questions.

Ms. Jo DiNicola discussed her concerns regarding the transportation disadvantaged service.

#### VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The MTPO decided to cancel its April meeting and agreed to meet next on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

VII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no MTPO member comments.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Willow discussed his transportation concerns.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

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Date

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Lee Pinkoson, 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>
Jo DiNicola	Michael Fay	Dekova Batey	Doreen Joyner-Howard
Penny Fennell	Randall Reid	Russ Blackburn	Gwen Pra
Jack Freeman	Dave Schwartz	Jesus Gomez	
Staci Graff		Brian Kanely	
Ed Griffin		Phil Mann	
Jim Hilliard		Teresa Scott	
Lenora McGowan			
Ward Scott			
Russ Teiskuetter			
Johnny Watson			
Mr. Willow			

\* 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 #9 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- January 12, 2006 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page #17 CA. 2 Archer Braid Bicycle Pedestrian Corridor APPROVE PROPOSAL  
Design Proposal

The Florida Community Design Center has submitted a request for funding a design proposal for the number one ranked Bicycle Master Plan corridor

Page #23 CA. 3 Enhancement Applications- 2006 APPROVE JOINT  
RECOMMENDATIONS

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for Enhancement project applications to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

Page #33 CA. 4 MTPO Certification AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO  
SIGN CERTIFICATION

FDOT is recommending that the MTPO planning process be certified

Page #37 CA. 5 Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and APPROVE  
Public Transportation Coordination Agreement AGREEMENT

FDOT has requested that the MTPO update an earlier Agreement approved in 1991

Page #51 CA. 6 **Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan-  
Summary Poster** **APPROVE  
POSTER**

This poster illustrates the main elements of the Year 2025 long range transportation plan approved by the MTPO in November

Page #55 CA. 7 **Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan-  
Summary Report** **APPROVE  
REPORT**

This report summarizes the Year 2025 long range transportation plan approved by the MTPO in November

Page #75 CA. 8 **University of Florida Year 2015 Campus  
Master Plan Comments** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed are MTPO staff comments concerning this Plan

Page #99 CA. 9 **Transportation Disadvantaged Program (TD)-  
Regional Transit System (RTS) Analysis** **NO ACTION  
REQUIRED**

The TD Coordinating Board recommends that the MTPO coordinate with the Center for Urban Transportation Research to prepare this report

Page #111 CA. 10 **Transportation Disadvantaged  
Program - Status Report** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

Page #139 CA. 11 **Regional Transit System (RTS) Ridership** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Each year, MTPO staff provides the MTPO with annual transit ridership information

Page #141 CA. 12 **Universal Access/Fare Free System** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The enclosed Regional Transit System materials are in response to the MTPO's October 17th request for additional information

Page #165 CA. 13 **MTPO Correspondence** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed for information only are copies of recent correspondence