

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium  
Alachua County Administration Building  
Gainesville, Florida

1:00 p.m.  
Monday  
June 14, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paula DeLaney, Chair  
Thomas Hawkins, Vice Chair  
James Bennett/Alan Mosely  
Mike Byerly  
Jack Donovan  
Scherwin Henry  
Rodney Long  
Craig Lowe  
Jeanna Mastrodicasa  
Lee Pinkoson  
Lauren Poe  
Ed Poppell  
Larry Travis  
Randy Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia Moore Chestnut

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons  
Marlie Sanderson  
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Paula DeLaney called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. She noted that there wasn't a quorum.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, suggested that the MTPO's consultant could begin the presentation on the Long Range Transportation Plan Update.

**It was a consensus of the MTPO to begin the presentation concerning agenda item III Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update- Testing and Evaluation of Alternatives.**

III. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) UPDATE-  
TESTING AND EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO's consultant has completed the alternatives testing for the LRTP update. He introduced Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group Vice President.

Chair DeLaney recognized City of Gainesville Commissioner Randy Wells as a new MTPO member. She noted that he has already attended a Transportation Disadvantaged Board meeting.

Mr. Blanton discussed the Alternative 1- Transit Emphasis Network, Alternative 2- Highway Emphasis Network and the Alternative 3- Transit with Streetcar Network.

A quorum of the MTPO was now present.

## I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Delaney asked for approval of the meeting agenda and consent agenda.

A member of the MTPO asked whether xeriscaping could be used in the State Road 20 landscaping Project.

Ms. Karen Taulbee, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Transportation Specialist, discussed the State Road 20 Landscaping Project and answered questions.

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

## II. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS BUS RAPID TRANSIT ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has provided \$125,000 towards funding a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Alternative Analysis Study. He noted that this study was necessary in order for the Regional Transit System (RTS) to apply for Federal Transit Administration grants for BRT. He said that the TIP needs to be amended in order for RTS to receive this funding.

Chair Delaney asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

**ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2009/2010 – 2013/2014 Transportation Improvement Program and Fiscal Years 2010/2011 – 2014/2015 Transportation Improvement Program to add the Bus Rapid Transit Alternative Analysis project (4285911). Commissioner Lowe seconded; motion passed unanimously by a hand counted vote- 10-0.**

## III. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) UPDATE- TESTING AND EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES (Continued)

Mr. Blanton continued his discussion of Alternative 1- Transit Emphasis Network, Alternative 2- Highway Emphasis Network and the Alternative 3- Transit with Streetcar Network.

Mr. Sean McLendon, Alachua County Sustainability Program Manager, discussed peak oil cost impacts on the economy.

Mr. Blanton discussed the Alternative 4- Hybrid Needs Network and Bike Needs Plan.

Mr. Mike Fay, Alachua County Public Works Development Program Manager, discussed the SW 61<sup>st</sup> Street Road Construction project and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO discussed his concerns regarding the extension of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service beyond the City of Gainesville limits. He suggested that Alternative 4 be modified so that the BRT service does not extend beyond the City of Gainesville limits.

A member of the MTPO discussed the impact of a grade separated interchange at the SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street at Archer Road intersection. He suggested that this project be deleted from Alternative 4.

Mr. Sanderson reported the MTPO Advisory Committee and Staff recommendations.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to:**

- 1. approve the Alternative 4- Hybrid Needs Network with one revision to delete the SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street at Archer Road interchange project (see Exhibit 1); and**
- 2. request that MTPO staff work with the MTPO Consultant to test and evaluate a more intensive countywide transit alternative than the Alternative 1- Transit Emphasis Network that results in a 25 to 30 percent transit mode share.**

**Commissioner Hawkins seconded.**

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:**

**Commissioner Donovan suggested limiting the extent of the Bus Rapid Transit evaluations to the City of Gainesville limits. Commissioner Byerly did not accept the amendment.**

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to:**

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

IV. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that there was no business requiring the MTPO to meet in July. He said that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**It was a consensus of the MTPO to meet on August 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m.**

V. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

Chair DeLaney requested an update concerning the Depot Avenue Project at the next MTPO meeting.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizens comments

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

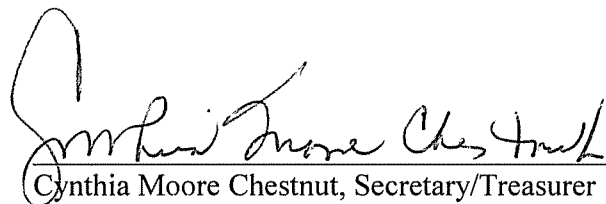
There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Delaney adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Date

8/21/10

  
Cynthia Moore Chestnut, 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>
Mary Anderson	Mike Fay	Paul Folker	Gina Buscher
Oswald Arnold	Jeff Hays	Doug Robinson	Karen Taulbee
Brian Kanely	Sean McLendon	Teresa Scott	Laurie Windham
Whit Blanton	Randall Reid	David Sowell	
	David Schwartz		

\* By telephone

# Provided written comments

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MTPO MINUTES  
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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- May 10, 2010 APPROVE MINUTES  
This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review
- Page #15 CA. 2 Professional Staff Services Contract APPROVE AGREEMENT  
The Federal Highway Administration and Florida Department of Transportation have requested that the MTPO update this 1978 agreement
- Page #31 CA. 3 Unified Planning Work Program Amendments APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS  
This document contains the MTPO budget and identifies work tasks for the next two years
- Page #47 CA. 4 Travel Request Approval- APPROVE RESOLUTION  
In this Resolution, the MTPO is delegating the approval of travel request to the Executive Director of the Planning Council
- Page #53 CA. 5 State Road 20 Landscaping- SEND LETTER OF SUPPORT  
FDOT has identified funds that can be used to landscape portions of Hawthorne Road- MTPO landscaping priority #3 last year and priority #6 this year

Page #61  
APPROVE JOINT

CA. 6

Proposed NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Mast Arm-

RECOMMENDATION

City staff is requesting an exception that will allow for vertical signal heads

Page #71      CA. 7      **Transportation Disadvantaged Program  
Board member Appointments**      **APPROVE STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION**

The MTPO needs to fill vacant positions on this Board

Page #73      CA. 8      **Transportation Disadvantaged Program  
Resolution of Appreciation**      **APPROVE STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION**

The City Commission has nominated Commissioner Wells to replace  
Commissioner Hawkins as Vice Chair of the TD Coordinating Board

Page #77      CA. 9      **Transportation Disadvantaged Program  
Status Report**      **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

Page #87      CA. 10      **Citizens Advisory Committee Designate  
Members**      **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Ms. Holly Blumenthal and Mr. Roderick Gonzalez have filled vacant  
positions on this Committee

Page #89      CA. 11      **Williston Road Trees**      **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed is a letter from the City of Gainesville concerning the trees in the  
Williston Road median