

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

3:00 p.m.
Monday
May 10, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paula DeLaney, Chair
James Bennett/Alan Mosely
Mike Byerly
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Jack Donovan
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan
Scherwin Henry
Rodney Long
Craig Lowe
Jeanna Mastrodicasa
Lauren Poe
Ed Poppell
Larry Travis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Hawkins, Vice Chair
Lee Pinkoson

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 3:04 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, asked for approval of the meeting agenda and consent agenda amended to substitute the CA.5- Transportation Planning Funds Joint Participation Agreement handout for the one in the meeting packet. He noted that there were some editorial changes in the document.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to approve the Meeting Agenda and Consent Agenda amended to substitute the CA.5- Transportation Planning Funds Joint Participation Agreement handout for the one in the meeting packet. Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. 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 \$19 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next fiscal year.

Ms. Karen Taulbee, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Transportation Specialist, stated that the TIP is based on FDOT's Work program. She noted that there has been no changes to the Work Program since FDOT's presentation to the MTPO last December.

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

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2010/2011 – 2014/2015 Transportation Improvement Program. Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously by a hand counted vote- 10-0.

III. 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 2011/2012 - 2015/2016 List of Priority Projects document and answered questions. He noted that there were two tables, Enhancement Priorities and Landscaping Priorities, that did not have consensus Advisory Committee recommendations. He explained the differences in the recommendations.

A member of the MTPO discussed his concern regarding the expansion of SE 4th Street.

Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Director, discussed the City's SE 4th Street Reconstruction Project and answered questions.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT District 2 Urban Transportation Development Engineer, discussed Enhancement Project Funding. He noted that the selection of projects for Enhancement Funds was now being done by the FDOT Central Office rather than the FDOT District 2 Office.

Mr. Mike Fay, Alachua County Public Works Development Program Manager, discussed the SW 8th Avenue sidewalk 30 percent plans and answered questions

Ms. Taulbee discussed the W. 6th Street Rail/Trail right-of-way and ground contamination.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to:

- 1. approve the Fiscal Years 2011/2012 – 2015/2016 List of Priority Projects;
and**
- 2. refer to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board, Citizens Advisory
Committee, Technical Advisory Committee and MTPO Staff the
Gainesville-Hawthorne Rail/Trail and Waldo Road Rail/Trail connection.**

Commissioner Poe seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT APPLICATIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested Enhancement Applications for two projects.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to:

- 1. request that appropriate staff prepare applications for enhancement
priorities one and two and submit them to MTPO staff by May 19, 2010;
and;**
- 2. approve the submission of these two enhancement applications to FDOT.**

Mayor Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. FDOT FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION PLAN HORIZON 2060

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO requested a presentation concerning the FDOT Florida Transportation Plan Horizon 2060.

Ms. Taulbee discussed the FDOT Florida Transportation Plan Horizon 2060 and announced that there would be an open house for the FDOT Florida Transportation Plan Horizon 2060 on June 14th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the FDOT State Materials Office in Gainesville. She added that Mr. Dennis Lord is District 2's coordinator for this project.

Chair Delaney noted that the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) recently received a presentation on the FDOT Florida Transportation Plan Horizon 2060.

VI. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for June 14 at 3:00 p.m. He noted that MTPO members may be interested in attending the Shands Hospital groundbreaking.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to meet on June 14th beginning at 1:00 p.m., and if MTPO business is not completed, recess at 3:00 p.m. and then reconvene after the Shands Hospital groundbreaking.

VII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

A member of the MTPO discussed community concerns about the reopening of Main Street. She noted that a letter was sent to FDOT.

Chair DeLaney noted that it was Mayor Hanrahan's last meeting as a MTPO member and thanked her for her service.

B. CITIZENS

Mr. Armando Grundy discussed his concerns regarding the dead and dying trees in the Williston Road median.

Mr. Bennett noted that he would discuss this issue with the FDOT District 2 Maintenance Office.

A member of the MTPO asked whether the City and/or County could be reimbursed for the tree maintenance.

Mr. Dave Wagner, MTPO Attorney, discussed Sunshine Law issues in regard to referrals to the City and County and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to authorize the MTPO Chair to draft a letter to the City and County Commissions asking them to refer to their respective staffs a request that they:

- 1. take a look at the trees planted in the Williston Road median;**
- 2. determine whether they would benefit from watering this dry season; and**
- 3. report back to their respective Commissions with their recommendations.**

Commissioner Poe seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Delaney adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

Date 6/29/10

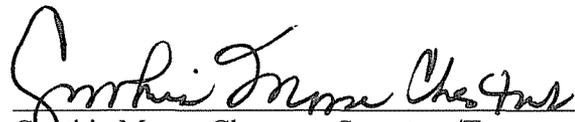

Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

Interested Citizens

Armando Grundy

Alachua County

Mike Fay

Jeff Hays

David Wagner

City of Gainesville

Russ Blackburn

Paul Folker

Jesus Gomez

Debbie Leistner

Doug Robinson

Teresa Scott

**Florida Department
of Transportation**

Gina Buscher

Karen Taulbee

* By telephone

Provided written comments

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MTPO MINUTES
MAY 10, 2010



CONSENT AGENDA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Page #7 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- March 15, 2010 APPROVE MINUTES
This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review
- Page #15 CA. 2 MTPO Audit APPROVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
The MTPO Audit Review Committee recommends that the MTPO accept the audit report and approve the invoice for payment
- Page #41 CA. 3 Unified Planning Work Program APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS
This document contains the MTPO budget and identifies work tasks for the next two years
- Page #49 CA. 4 Long Range Transportation Plan Update- Vision Statement Revision APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS
At the March 15 meeting, the MTPO discussed the need for a consent agenda item at the May meeting to approve a revision to its adopted vision statement

**Page #51 CA. 5 Transportation Planning Funds- APPROVE AGREEMENT
Joint Participation Agreement AND RESOLUTION**

According to FDOT, this Agreement must be approved prior to the next Fiscal Year Federal Planning Funds release, which is July 1, 2010

**Page #79 CA. 6 Williston Road Median Trees- NO ACTION REQUIRED
Status Report**

Enclosed with the meeting packet is a status report concerning this

**Page #81 CA. 7 Transportation Disadvantaged Program NO ACTION REQUIRED
Status Report**

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

**Page #91 CA. 8 Regional Transit System Ridership NO ACTION REQUIRED
Status Report**

Enclosed is annual transit ridership information from 1991 to 2009

**Page #93 CA. 9 Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization NO ACTION REQUIRED
Advisory Council- Legislative Policy Positions**

Enclosed with the meeting packet is a document that lists the policy positions of the statewide organization of MPOs- the MPOAC