

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium  
Alachua County Administration Building  
Gainesville, Florida

5:00 p.m.  
Monday  
October 4, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paula DeLaney, Chair  
James Bennett/Alan Mosely  
Mike Byerly  
Cynthia Moore Chestnut  
Jack Donovan  
Schervin Henry  
Craig Lowe  
Lee Pinkoson  
Lauren Poe  
Ed Poppell  
Randy Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Hawkins, Vice Chair  
Rodney Long  
Jeanna Mastrodicasa  
Larry Travis

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons  
Marlie Sanderson  
Michael Escalante  
Suwan Shen

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Paula DeLaney called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, asked the MTPO to approve the Meeting Agenda and Consent Agenda.

Chair DeLaney noted a Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (B/PAB) request to move agenda item VI. NW 16th Avenue/Boulevard/NW 23rd Avenue Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (B/PAB) Alternative Option in front of agenda item VI. Depot Avenue Status Report. She asked if there were any public comments on the consent agenda and amended meeting agenda. There was no public comment.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the Consent agenda and Meeting Agenda amended to move agenda item VI. NW 16th Avenue/Boulevard/NW 23rd Avenue Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (B/PAB) Alternative Option in front of agenda item VI. Depot Avenue Status Report meeting. Commissioner Wells seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## II. YEAR 2035 COST FEASIBLE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO is required to update its long range transportation plan every five years.

### A. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Chair DeLaney opened the public hearing and welcomed everyone. She noted that some MTPO members needed to leave at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Sanderson gave an overview of the long range transportation planning process.

### B. ALTERNATIVE 5- 30 PERCENT TRANSIT MODE SHARE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO requested an Alternative 5 test for 30 percent transit mode share. He introduced Ms. Suwan Shen, MTPO Planning Intern. He noted that she developed the Alternative 5 model analysis. He discussed the results and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO commented on the real dollars versus nominal dollars used in the analysis.

A member of the MTPO discussed the fare-free presentation that the MTPO received several years ago. He suggested that the presentation be given again at a future MTPO meeting.

### C. POTENTIAL FUTURE LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION SCENARIOS TO MITIGATE EFFECTS OF PEAK OIL

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO's consultant has completed the "Peak Oil" task for the LRTP update. He introduced Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group (RPG) Vice President.

Mr. Blanton discussed potential future land use and transportation scenarios to mitigate effects of peak oil and answered questions.

### D. DRAFT COST FEASIBLE PLAN

Mr. Sanderson presented an overview of the draft Cost Feasible Plan. He noted that the Advisory Committees' project priority recommendations were not in year of expenditure dollars.

Mr. Blanton discussed the year of expenditure dollar calculations and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the draft Cost Feasible Plan Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects and Roadway Projects and answered questions.

Mr. Blanton discussed the proposed multimodal corridor projects and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson and Mr. Blanton discussed the draft Cost Feasible Plan Transit Projects and answered questions.

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

Ms. Debbie Leistner, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the City's plans for the W. 13th Street and University Avenue multimodal corridors and answered questions.

Chair DeLaney noted that the MTPO would lose its quorum at 7:50 p.m.

A member of the MTPO asked about the need to complete this agenda item this evening.

Mr. Sanderson noted that the next MTPO meeting was scheduled for November 1st, the day before the General Election. He said he hoped that the MTPO could take action this evening on the Year 2035 Cost Feasible Plan and not have to meet in November.

Mr. Jonathan Paul, Alachua County Concurrency & Impact Fee Manager, discussed the Alachua County staff roadway project recommendations and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson discussed a FDOT policy regarding bus rapid transit (BRT) lanes on the State Highway System (SHS).

A member of the MTPO recommended adding FDOT's BRT policy to the next MTPO meeting agenda. She requested that the FDOT provide the MTPO with a written copy of this policy.

Mr. James Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Urban Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the District 2 policy concerning BRT lanes in the State Highway System (SHS) right-of-way and the proposed Streetcar project and answered questions. He noted that separate BRT facilities on the SHS would not be maintained by FDOT. He also discussed his concern regarding the need for the transit maintenance facility expansion before any transit enhancements could be undertaken.

Mr. Doug Robinson, Regional Transit System (RTS) Chief Transit Planner, discussed the transit maintenance facility expansion, including its phasing and funding, and answered questions. He said that the facility would cost between \$50 million and \$66 million if done in phases. He reported that RTS had received a \$4.3 million Earmark. He said that \$850,000 was spent on the purchase of property adjacent to the existing RTS maintenance facility. He noted that this 230-bus facility expansion would accommodate the County's BRT plans. He announced that RTS was awarded \$10.6 million for the transit maintenance facility expansion and bus purchases. He estimated that 75 percent of the grant would be allocated to the transit maintenance facility expansion.

A member of the MTPO stated that the MTPO needs to see a realistic funded plan for the transit maintenance facility expansion in order to develop its Cost Feasible Transit Plan.

Chair DeLaney noted that there was about six or seven minutes for a quorum.

Mr. Sanderson stated that MTPO staff could work with City and County staff for scheduling another MTPO meeting for later in October.

A member of the MTPO asked whether the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) projects involved travel demand strategies such as high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes.

Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist, discussed the SIS projects and answered questions. She noted that the projects evolved from the Interstate 75 Master Plan.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Archer Road and Williston Road 4-laning projects and answered questions.

Chair DeLaney noted that the MTPO lost its quorum.

Mr. Ed Poppell, University of Florida Vice President for Business Affairs, discussed the need to maintain funding for the current level of transit service.

Mr. Sanderson discussed funding for the transit maintenance facility expansion and answered questions.

Mr. Paul discussed Alachua County funding for the transit maintenance facility and answered questions. He noted that there was \$71 million for transit service in the plan that could be used for the transit maintenance facility expansion. He added the MTPO would need to find funding for transit operations in order to use these funds for transit infrastructure.

Mr. Robinson noted that there was some Transportation Concurrency Exception Area (TCEA) mitigation funding for the transit maintenance facility. He discussed the Transit Development Plan projects and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO stated that the MTPO needs a funding plan in order to make a decision.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Cost Feasible Plan public hearing will be readvertised.

Chair DeLaney offered an opportunity for public comment.

Mr. John Glanzer, Archer City Manager, and Mayor Roberta Lopez, City of Archer, stated that they would defer their comments until the rescheduled public hearing.

Mr. Sanderson noted that the MTPO would be found in non-compliance if it does not adopt a cost feasible plan by November 3, 2010.

Mayor Lopez requested that the Archer Road materials be saved for the next meeting.

Mr. Sanderson stated that MTPO staff would work with City and County staff for scheduling a new MTPO meeting date and that the public hearing would be advertized again.

VI. NW 16TH AVENUE/BOULEVARD/NW 23RD AVENUE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN  
ADVISORY BOARD (B/PAB) ALTERNATIVE OPTION

Mr. Jeff Wade, (B/PAB member) discussed the B/PAB's NW 16th Avenue/Boulevard/NW 23rd Avenue Alternative Option and answered questions. He recommended a joint City-County planning effort.

Mr. Robinson stated that RTS Route 10 serves NW 16th Avenue.

Mr. Mike Fay, Alachua County Development Program Manager, announced that the County's NW 16th Avenue/Boulevard/NW 23rd Avenue Project would be presented to the City on October 11th and to the County on October 12th.

Several MTPO members spoke in support of a joint City-County planning effort for the NW 16th Avenue/Boulevard/NW 23rd Avenue Project.

Ms. Julia Reiskind and Mr. Walter Baruch, B/PAB members, spoke in support of the B/PAB Alternative Option.

Chair DeLaney stated that the remaining agenda items would be discussed at a future MTPO meeting.

V. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

A member of the MTPO encouraged people to get out and vote.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizens comments

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair DeLaney adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

11/9/10  
Date

  
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>
Walter Baruch	Mike Fay	Russ Blackburn	Karen Taulbee
Whit Blanton	Jonathan Paul	Paul Folkes	
David Coffey	David Schwartz	Kelly Henderson	
Laurie Costello		Anthony Lyons	
Gerry Dedenbach		Debbie Leistner	
John Glanzer		Doug Robinson	
J. Glenn		John Veilleux	
Monique Heathcock			
Fletcher Hope			
Mary Hope			
Elizabeth Johnson			
Mayor Roberta Lopez			
Monte Marchant			
Terrence McDavid			
Bob Meliti			
Del Meliti			
S. Montemallin			
Yiqiang Ouyang			
Julia Reiskind			
Hermant Salokhe			
Jeff Wade			

\* 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- August 23, 2010**      **APPROVE MINUTES**
- This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review
- Page #25**      **CA. 2**      **Selection of Auditor for Fiscal Years**      **APPROVE BUDGETS**  
**2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-2012**
- The Audit Committee of the Regional Planning Council is recommending an Auditor to conduct the next three MTPO audits
- Page #27**      **CA. 3**      **Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2009-10**      **APPROVE**  
**RECOMMENDATION**
- This year's MTPO Audit will be prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants
- Page #37**      **CA. 4**      **Citizens Advisory Committee Request-**      **FORWARD REQUEST**  
**City of Gainesville Advisory Committee**      **TO CITY**
- The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is requesting that the City reinstate the CAC as an advisory committee to the City on transportation issues
- Page #41**      **CA. 5**      **Transportation Disadvantaged Board**      **APPOINT MEMBER**  
**Member Appointment**
- The Central Florida Community Action Agency nominated Ms. Monique Harrison to serve as the alternate representative on the Coordinating Board

