

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
August 1, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Thomas Hawkins, Chair
Mike Byerly, Vice Chair
James Bennett/Alan Mosely
Susan Bottcher
Todd Chase
Gib Coerper
Paula DeLaney
Craig Lowe
Rodney Long
Jeanna Mastrodicasa
Lee Pinkoson
Ed Poppell
Randy Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Baird
Scherwin Henry

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thomas Hawkins called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. He welcomed Commissioners Bottcher and Chase to the MTPO.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, recommended approval of the meeting agenda and consent agenda amended to place CA.7 Interstate Interchange Signs on the meeting agenda after item IV. State Infrastructure Bank Loan Application.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the Consent agenda and Meeting Agenda amended to place CA. 7 Interstate Interchange Signs on the meeting agenda after item IV. State Infrastructure Bank Loan Application. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT-
BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested amendments to the Fiscal Years 2010/2011 - 2014/2015 TIP. He said that the Regional Transit System (RTS) has been awarded a \$425,000 grant to conduct a BRT alternatives analysis study. He said that the TIP needs to be amended in order for RTS to receive these funds.

Mr. Doug Robinson, RTS Chief Transit Planner, discussed the BRT Alternatives Analysis project and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO requested that the BRT Feasibility Study be distributed to the MTPO since there are some new members on the MTPO.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2010/2011-2014/2015 Transportation Improvement Program to add the \$425,000 BRT Alternatives Analysis project. Mayor Lowe seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.

III. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) "ROLL FORWARD" AMENDMENTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested amendments to the Fiscal Years 2011/2012 - 2015/2016 TIP to roll forward funding from FY 2010/2011 to FY 2011/2012 for several projects. He said that the projects included in this amendment are shown in Exhibit 1.

ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2011/2012-2015/2016 Transportation Improvement Program to roll forward funding to fiscal year 2011/2012 for the projects listed in Exhibit 1. Mayor Lowe seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.

IV. STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (SIB) LOAN APPLICATION

Mr. Sanderson stated that RTS wants to apply for an SIB loan for expansion of its transit maintenance facility. He said that the interest-free loan would be repaid with federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. He noted that this project is in the STP project table of the MTPO's Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT District 2 Urban Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the SIB loan process and answered questions.

Mr. Jesus Gomez, RTS Director, discussed the traffic maintenance facility expansion project's Phase 1 funding. He noted that the SIB loan is for Phase 2.

ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to approve the \$8.1 million State Infrastructure Bank loan application for the Transit Maintenance Facility. Mayor Lowe seconded; motion passed unanimously.

CA.7 INTERSTATE INTERCHANGE SIGNS

Mr. Sanderson reminded the MTPO that they placed the Interstate 75 Interchange Signs consent agenda item on the regular meeting agenda.

Mr. Brian Harrington, Business Community Coalition (BCC) Chair, and Mr. Greg Johnson discussed their concerns regarding the Interstate 75 interchange signs not showing the local street names, particularly the NW 39th Avenue (State Road 222) interchange signs.

Mr. Bennett said that there is an 8-10 year maintenance cycle for the signs. He noted that the signs were recently repainted. He also noted that an overlay panel could possibly be installed on the NW 39th Avenue sign to show the street name.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to direct MTPO staff to work with FDOT staff to provide the MTPO the costs for sign replacements and sign overlays. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that there was no business requiring the MTPO to meet in September. He said that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for October 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to have the MTPO meet on October 3rd at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

A member of the MTPO requested a status report on the trees in the Williston Road median.

Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist, discussed the status of the Williston Road trees and answered questions. She noted that the trees may be replaced by FDOT later this year.

Mr. Bennett discussed the bankruptcies of the landscaping company and the surety bond company.

A member of the MTPO discussed her observation of a flashing green traffic signal and asked if this could be applied locally.

Mr. Bennett stated that traffic control devices need to be in accordance with the national standards provided in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. He noted that it would take federal approval to conduct a pilot study for flashing green signal usage.

A member of the MTPO asked if the City of Gainesville would consider selling an annual transit pass. She also noted the excellent appearance of the University of Florida campus.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizens comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

10/11/11
Date

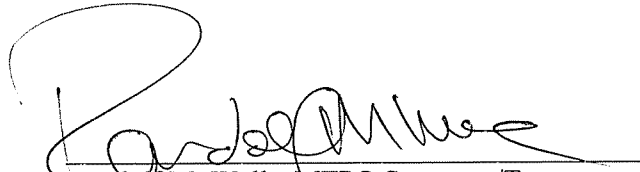

Randolph M. Wells, MTPO Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Bill Conrad	Dave Cerlanek	Russ Blackburn	Karen Taulbee
I. Goodson	Mike Fay	Paul Folkers	
Brian Harrington	Jeff Hays	Jesus Gomez	
Greg Johnson	Dave Schwartz	Debbie Leistner	
		Doug Robinson	

* By telephone

Spoke and provided written comments



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**CONSENT AGENDA
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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| Page #7 | CA. 1 | MTPO Minutes- May 2, 2011 | APPROVE MINUTES |
| | | <u>This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review</u> | |
| Page #17 | CA. 2 | Proposed Amended Budget for FY 2010-2011
and Proposed Budget for FY 2011-2012 | APPROVE BUDGETS |
| | | <u>These budgets will allow staff to monitor MTPO expenditures and make appropriate adjustments as needed</u> | |
| Page #23 | CA. 3 | Unified Planning Work Program- Amendments and
Resolution | APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION |
| | | <u>The Federal Transit Administration has provided additional funding for the Section 5303 Program</u> | |
| Page #39 | CA. 4 | Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Resolution of Appreciation | APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION |
| | | <u>This Resolution of Appreciation is for City Commissioner Randy Wells for his service as the alternate Chair on the Coordinating Board</u> | |
| Page #45 | CA. 5 | Transportation Disadvantaged Board
Member Appointment | APPOINT COMMISSIONER HENRY |
| | | <u>The MTPO is being asked to appoint City Commissioner Scherwin Henry to the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as the alternate Chair</u> | |

Page #49 **CA. 6** **Transportation Disadvantaged Program-
Status Report** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

Page #61 **CA. 8** **New University Avenue Pedestrian Signals-
Push Button Orientation** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed in the meeting packet are recent emails concerning the orientation of pedestrian signals in the downtown area

Page #63 **CA. 9** **State Road 331/Williston Road Trees** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed in the meeting packet is a recent email concerning replacing the dead trees on Williston Road

Page #65 **CA. 10** **Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update-
Final Reports** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed with the meeting packets are copies of the LRTP Summary Report and Brochure