

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  
May 2, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Thomas Hawkins, Chair  
Mike Byerly, Vice Chair  
Susan Baird  
James Bennett/Alan Mosely  
Gib Coerper  
Paula DeLaney  
Scherwin Henry  
Craig Lowe  
Jeanna Mastrodicasa  
Warren Nielsen  
Lee Pinkoson  
Lauren Poe  
Ed Poppell  
Randy Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rodney Long

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 5:03 p.m.

I. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that City of Alachua Mayor Gib Coerper has replaced City of High Springs Mayor Larry Travis as the MTPO Rural Advisor.

Chair Hawkins welcomed Mayor Coerper to the MTPO.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sanderson recommended approval of the meeting agenda and consent agenda.

A member of the MTPO suggested the addition of one agenda item to transit fees for the unincorporated area.

**MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the Consent agenda and Meeting Agenda amended with one revision to add agenda item IX<sub>B</sub>. Transit Fee for Unincorporated Area of Alachua County. Mayor Lowe seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. DR. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD- 2010

Mr. Sanderson stated that Mayor Mark Kane Goldstein was selected to receive the 2010 Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award. He presented the award to Mayor Goldstein.

Mayor Goldstein discussed his participation on the City Commission and MTPO and thanked the MTPO.

IV. FISCAL YEARS 2010/11 - 2014/15 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested amendments to the Fiscal Years 2010/2011 - 2014/2015 TIP. He said that the projects included in this amendment include:

1. moving the NE 19 Place Sidewalk Project's design funding to fiscal year 2011/2012;
2. adding Archer Braid Trail design funding to fiscal year 2011/2012; and
3. revising the Archer Road Rail/Trail limits from the City of Archer to SW 91 Street.

**ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved amend the Fiscal Years 2010/2011-2014/2015 Transportation Improvement Program to include the following revisions:**

- 1. moving the NE 19 Place Sidewalk Project's design funding to fiscal year 2011/2012;**
- 2. adding the Archer Braid Trail design funding to fiscal year 2011/2012; and**
- 3. revising the Archer Road Rail/Trail limits from the City of Archer to SW 91 Street.**

**Mayor Lowe seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed 9 to 1.**

V. FISCAL YEARS 2011/12 - 2015/16 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

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 \$20 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next fiscal year.

**ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2011/2012-2015/2016 Transportation Improvement Program. Commissioner Nielsen seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed 9 to 1.**

VI. DEPOT RAIL TRAIL / WALDO ROAD TRAIL BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO referred the Depot Rail Trail/Waldo Road Trail connection to its advisory committees. He presented recommendations from the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team, Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board, Citizens Advisory Committee, City of Gainesville Public Works

Department, Technical Advisory Committee, Mr. Ewen Thomson, the *Restoring Connectivity Along Waldo Road Corridor* report prepared by University of Florida graduate students and MTPO staff. He discussed the recommendations and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to:**

1. **approve the following bicycle/pedestrian safety modifications and include them in the document entitled List of Project Priorities:**
  - A. **add Rail Trail Signage to provide wayfinding and increase aesthetics;**
  - B. **add ladder striping to crosswalks;**
  - C. **add pedestrian refuges at the medians; and**
  - D. **install vegetative medians;**
  - E: **orient commercial establishment to the street with parking placed at the rear of the building; and**
2. **forward the crossing concepts in Exhibit 3 and cases 1, 2 and 3 in Exhibit 5 to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requesting review comments.**

Commissioner DeLaney seconded.

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Commissioner Byerly moved to also forward the Waldo Rail Trail gap safety issue north of State Road 26 (E. University Avenue) to FDOT requesting review comments. Commissioner DeLaney accepted the amendment.**

Mr. Goldstein commented on the challenges for bicyclists and pedestrians crossing this intersection.

**ACTION AS AMENDED:**

Commissioner Byerly moved to:

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  - D. **install vegetative medians; and**
  - E: **orient commercial establishment to the street with parking placed at the rear of the building; and**
2. **forward the crossing concepts in Exhibit 3 and cases 1, 2 and 3 in Exhibit 5 and the Waldo Rail Trail gap safety issue north of State Road 26 (E. University Avenue) to FDOT requesting review comments.**

Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion failed 8 to 2 due to lack of majority by the County Commission.

**SUBSTITUTE ACTION:**

**Commissioner Pinkoson moved to:**

- 1. approve the following bicycle/pedestrian safety modifications and include them in the document entitled List of Project Priorities:**
  - A. add Rail Trail Signage to provide wayfinding and increase aesthetics;**
  - B. add ladder striping to crosswalks; and**
  - C. add pedestrian refuges at the medians; and**
- 2. forward the crossing concepts in Exhibit 3 and cases 1, 2 and 3 in Exhibit 5 and the Waldo Rail Trail gap safety issue north of State Road 26 (E. University Avenue) to FDOT requesting review comments.**

**Commissioner Baird seconded.**

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to also install a vegetative median on State Road 331 (Williston Road) at the State Road 26 (E. University Avenue) intersection. Commissioner Baird accepted the amendment.**

**SUBSTITUTE ACTION AS AMENDED:**

**Commissioner Pinkoson moved to:**

- 1. approve the following bicycle/pedestrian safety modifications and include them in the document entitled List of Project Priorities:**
  - A. add Rail Trail Signage to provide wayfinding and increase aesthetics;**
  - B. add ladder striping to crosswalks;**
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  - D. install a vegetative median on State Road 331 (Williston Road) at the State Road 26 (E. University Avenue) intersection; and**
- 2. forward the crossing concepts in Exhibit 3 and cases 1, 2 and 3 in Exhibit 5 and the Waldo Rail Trail gap safety issue north of State Road 26 (E. University Avenue) to FDOT requesting review comments.**

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

**VII. STATE ROAD 24 (ARCHER ROAD)- MEDIAN CLOSING**

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT staff requested an opportunity to discuss a proposed median closing project for Archer Road east of the Tower Road intersection.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT District 2 Urban Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the proposed Archer Road Median Closing Project and answered questions. He noted that FDOT would conduct an Access Management Hearing on the closure of the median on Thursday, May 5th.

Mr. Michael Fay, Alachua County Development Program Manager, discussed the potential connectivity between the Brighton subdivision and Arredondo Farms subdivision should redevelopment occur.

#### VIII. UNFUNDED PROJECT PRIORITIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that, each year, the MTPO develops priorities for unfunded projects. He said that these priorities are used by the Florida Department of Transportation to develop its Tentative Work Program. He added that this year's draft List of Priority Projects includes projects from the recently adopted Year 2035 Livable Community Reinvestment Plan and from local agency recommendations. He discussed the draft tables and answered questions. He noted that the draft List of Priority Projects is jointly recommended by the MTPO Advisory Committees and staff with the exception of the TAC-recommended Table -9-TAC Safety Priorities in the MTPO meeting packet.

Mr. Fay discussed several project descriptions and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Poe moved to approve the List of Priority Projects revised to use the Technical Advisory Committee-recommended priority order for Table 9- Safety Priorities. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed 8 to 1.**

#### IX. ELECTION OF MTPO SECRETARY-TREASURER

Chair Hawkins stated that the MTPO needed to elect a new Secretary/Treasurer.

**MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved to elect Commissioner Randy Wells as MTPO Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Henry seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IX<sub>B</sub>. TRANSIT FEE FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ALACHUA COUNTY

Several members of the MTPO discussed the proposed City of Gainesville transit fee for unincorporated Alachua County.

A member of the MTPO asked that Alachua County staff forward its transit calculations and evaluation to the City.

Mr. Fay discussed the separation of operations and capital costs and answered questions.

Mr. Jeff Hays, Alachua County Senior Transportation Planner, discussed the County's Mobility Plan and noted that the County would spend an estimated \$20 million for transit capital.

Mr. Armando Grundy discussed his concerns with the current transit service and making Regional Transit System's service more efficient.

X. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that there was no business requiring the MTPO to meet in June. He said that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for July 11th at 3:00 p.m.

**It was a consensus of the MTPO to meet on July 11th at 3:00 p.m. if necessary.**

XIII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

A member of the MTPO asked FDOT for a status report on the Williston Road tree replacement project.

Mr. Bennett stated he would provide MTPO staff a status report on the project to forward on to MTPO members.

Commissioner Poe made several comments about his experiences as a City Commissioner and as a member of the MTPO.

B. CITIZENS

Mr. Brian Harrington, Business Community Coalition (BCC) Chair, discussed his group's participation in MTPO issues. He noted that the BCC would continue its involvement in transportation issues. He suggested having a time certain for public comments.

Mr. Dekova Batey, Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Coordinator, discussed midblock crossings.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Date 8/1/2011

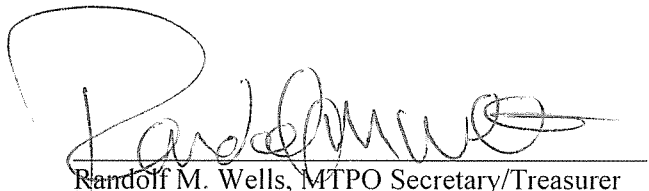
  
Randolf M. Wells, MTPO Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Mark Kane Goldstein	Mike Fay	Dekova Batey	Karen Taulbee
Armando Grundy	Jeff Hays	Russ Blackburn	
Brian Harrington		Jesus Gomez	
Mary Ann Mehn		Debbie Leistner	
		Doug Robinson	
		Teresa Scott	

\* By telephone

# Spoke and provided written comments

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MTPO MINUTES  
MAY 2, 2011



## CONSENT AGENDA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

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Gainesville, Florida

Monday, 5:00 p.m.  
May 2, 2011

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Page #9 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- December 13, 2010 APPROVE MINUTES  
This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review
- Page #19 CA. 2 MTPO Fiscal Year 2010 Audit APPROVE COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION  
The MTPO Audit Review Committee recommends that the MTPO accept the audit report  
and approve the invoice for payment
- Page #45 CA. 3 Certification Review AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN  
CERTIFICATION STATEMENT  
FDOT has conducted its annual certification review of the MTPO planning program and  
recommends that it be certified
- Page #51 CA. 4 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment - APPROVE JOINT  
Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis RECOMMENDATIONS  
In order for the City of Gainesville to receive these funds, the MTPO must amend its  
Work Program to include this task
- Page #61 CA. 5 Unified Planning Work Program Revision- APPROVE REVISION  
Task 1.3 Professional Development  
MTPO staff is requesting that \$8,800 of planning funds (PL) be reallocated from Task 1.3  
to Task 2.2



- Page #63 CA. 6 Unified Planning Work Program Revision- Task 3.6 Air Quality APPROVE REVISION**  
MTPO staff is requesting that \$45,000 of planning funds (PL) be reallocated from Task 3.6 to Task 2.2
- Page #65 CA. 7 Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement #1 APPROVE AGREEMENT**  
The Florida Department of Transportation has requested that this Agreement be modified to include Exhibit E
- Page #77 CA. 8 Section 5303 Resolution APPROVE RESOLUTION**  
This Resolution allows staff to submit the Section 5303 grant application when Federal Transit Administration amounts are available.
- Page #85 CA. 9 Enhancement Applications- 2011 RATIFY SUBMISSION**  
The MTPO is being asked to ratify the submission of two grant applications that were submitted earlier by MTPO staff to the Florida Department of Transportation
- Page #93 CA. 10 Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**  
MTPO staff reviews this Plan each year and recommends revisions that are needed
- Page #107 CA. 11 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- 2011-2012 Planning Grant Resolution APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**  
This grant application will provide funds for MTPO staff to provide staff services to the Alachua County Coordinating Board
- Page #113 CA. 12 Transportation Disadvantaged Board Member Appointment APPOINT MEMBER**  
The MTPO is being asked to appoint one member to the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
- Page #115 CA. 13 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED**  
The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

Page #125 CA. 14 **Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Advisory Council- Legislative Policy Positions**

**NO ACTION REQUIRED**

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