

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 3, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Thomas Hawkins, Chair
Mike Byerly, Vice Chair
James Bennett/Nick Tsengas
Susan Bottcher
Todd Chase
Paula DeLaney
Schervin Henry
Lee Pinkoson
Ed Poppell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gib Coerper
Susan Baird
Rodney Long
Craig Lowe
Jeanna Mastrodicasa
Randy Wells

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 5:08 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, recommended approval of the consent agenda and meeting agenda amended to add item IV_B Transportation Improvement Program Amendment after item IV. Florida Department of Transportation Tentative Work Program.

MOTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda amended to add item IV_B Transportation Improvement Program Amendment- Interstate 75 Resurfacing Project after item IV. Florida Department of Transportation Tentative Work Program. Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO is required to review its Public Involvement Plan and revise it as needed. He discussed the revisions that were made to the plan this year and answered questions. He noted that a 45-day legal notice was published in local newspapers inviting the public to attend today's meeting if they wanted to comment on the proposed revisions.

A member of the MTPO requested that the Alachua County/Gainesville Senior Recreational Center and Rosa Williams Center be included in the list of community centers for posting Long Range Transportation Plan notices.

A member of the MTPO discussed her concern with the use of federal acronyms in the plan.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the draft Public Involvement Plan with additional revisions to add the Alachua County/Gainesville Senior Citizen Center and Rosa Williams Center to the list of community centers for posting Long Range Transportation Plan notices and to define federal acronyms in the Glossary. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. DR. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD

Mr. Sanderson stated that University of Florida Vice President Ed Poppell was selected to receive the 2010 Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award. He discussed Vice President Poppell's service on the MTPO and presented him the award.

Vice President Poppell discussed his participation on the MTPO and thanked the MTPO.

Chair Hawkins thanked Vice President Poppell for his service to the MTPO.

IV. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT)
TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has submitted the Tentative Five Year Work Program for review and comment. He also discussed MTPO Advisory Committees' recommendations.

Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist, gave an overview of the Tentative Work Program and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to request the following two additions to FDOT's Tentative Work Program:

- 1. add a construction phase to the University of Florida Greenway Trail Project [FIN # 4306141]; and**
- 2. include in the State Road 121 (W. 34th Street) Resurfacing Project the extension of the southbound left turnlane at the Hull Road intersection [FIN # 4305471].**

Commissioner DeLaney seconded, motion passed unanimously.

IV_B TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT-
INTERSTATE 75 RESURFACING PROJECT

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested amendments to the Fiscal Years 2012/2013 - 2016/2017 TIP to add the Interstate 75 Resurfacing Project.

ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2012/2013-2016/2017 Transportation Improvement Program to add the Interstate 75 Resurfacing Project [FIN #4288031]. Commissioner Byerly seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.

V. DEPOT RAIL TRAIL/WALDO RAIL TRAIL

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has reviewed the Depot Rail Trail/Waldo Road Rail-Trail materials that the MTPO sent to FDOT in May. He said that FDOT supports Case 3. He recommended that the MTPO include this project in next year's List of Priority Projects.

Ms. Debbie Leistner, Gainesville Transportation Services Manager, discussed the Case 3 alternative and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO noted that Case 3 did not appear to be an improvement over the existing rail/trail connection.

A member of the MTPO stated that the City's Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee thought Case 3 was safer.

A member of the MTPO requested cost information for the alternatives. Mr. Sanderson stated that he would work with City staff to get cost information for the alternatives.

Ms. Mary Anderson discussed pedestrian safety concerns at the Depot/Waldo Rail Trail intersection and on SW 13 Street.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to refer the Depot Rail Trail/Waldo Rail Trail connection to the MTPO Advisory Committees to provide, at the next MTPO meeting, a ranking of route alternatives. Commissioner DeLaney seconded.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS:

Commissioner Pinkoson moved also request that appropriate crash data be provided. Commissioners Byerly and DeLaney accepted the amendment.

Commissioner Byerly moved to include a 'do nothing' alternative. Commissioner DeLaney accepted the amendment.

Commissioner DeLaney moved to request that information concerning trail signage, sidewalks and roadway restriping be included in the alternative descriptions. Commissioners Byerly accepted the amendment.

ACTION AS AMENDED:

Commissioner Byerly moved to:

- 1. refer the Depot Rail Trail/Waldo Rail Trail connection to the MTPO Advisory Committees to provide, at the next MTPO meeting, a ranking of route alternatives, including a 'do nothing' alternative;**
- 2. request that appropriate crash data be provided; and**
- 3. request that information concerning trail signage, sidewalks and roadway striping be included in the alternative descriptions.**

Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE- VACANT POSITIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to fill five vacant positions on its CAC. He said that the five positions have a term of office through December 31, 2014. He noted that there was one candidate who lives outside the MTPO boundary.

Chair Hawkins asked if there were any applicants present to speak concerning their candidacy.

Mr. Rob Brinkman and Mr. E. J. Bolduc spoke regarding their candidacy for the CAC. Dr. Dave Kaufmann spoke regarding his Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board candidacy.

Mr. Sanderson conducted a voice rollcall ballot for the CAC candidates. He reported the results of the CAC appointment vote.

MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to:

- 1. reappoint Rob Brinkman, Mary Ann DeMatas, James Samec and Ruth Steiner to the CAC for a term through December 31, 2014;**
- 2. appoint E. J. Bolduc to the CAC for a term through December 31, 2014; and**
- 3. appoint Roderick Gonzalez and Melinda Koken as CAC Designates for a term through December 31, 2012.**

Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed 6 to 1.

VII. BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD- VACANT POSITION

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to fill one vacancy on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board for a term ending in October 31, 2014. He asked if there were any Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board applicants present to speak regarding their candidacy.

Ms. Clare Stokes spoke regarding her Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board candidacy.

Mr. Sanderson conducted a voice rollcall vote and reported the results.

MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to appoint Dr. Dave Kaufmann to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board for a term through October 31, 2014. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needed to elect a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer for the coming year. He identified the current officers and noted that the MTPO Chair traditionally alternates between the City Commission and County Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to elect Commissioner Byerly as the MTPO Chair, Commissioner Wells as the MTPO Vice Chair and Commissioner Baird as MTPO Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Chase seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. MTPO AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanderson requested that the MTPO appoint two members to an Audit Review Committee. He noted that the MTPO Secretary/Treasurer traditionally chairs this committee.

MOTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to appoint Commissioner Baird and Commissioner Bottcher to the MTPO Audit Review Committee and to have Commissioner Baird serve as Committee Chair. Commissioner Chase seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (MPOAC) REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Sanderson asked the MTPO to appoint voting and alternate representatives to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) for calendar year 2012.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to reappoint Commissioner DeLaney as the MPOAC voting representative and Commissioner Hawkins as the MPOAC alternate representative. Commissioner Chase seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XI. MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Sanderson discussed a proposal to reduce the number of MTPO meeting dates.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve Option 2 bi-monthly MTPO meetings, with the understanding that, if the MTPO needs to take unexpected action on an agenda item before the next scheduled meeting, MTPO staff will work with City and County staff to schedule a special MTPO meeting. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that there wasn't any business that requires the MTPO to meet in November. He said that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 12th at 5:00 p.m.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to meet December 12th at 5:00 p.m.

XIII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

A member of the MTPO noted the Gainesville Sun article regarding Mr. Jesus Gomez, Regional Transit System Director.

A member of the MTPO noted the amount of federal and state transit funding in the FDOT Tentative Work Program.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

1/3/2012
Date

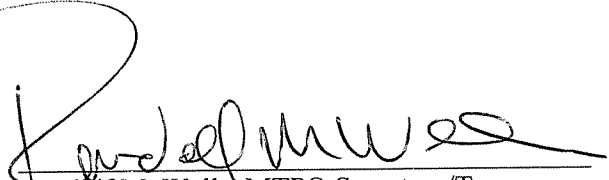

Randolf M. Wells, MTPO Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Mary Anderson	Mike Fay	Paul Folkers	Karen Taulbee
E. J. Bolduc	Jeff Hays	Debbie Leistner	
Rob Brinkman	Randall Reid	Doug Robinson	
Dave Kaufmann		Teresa Scott	
Clare Stokes			

* By telephone

Spoke and provided written comments



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

**Jack Durrance Auditorium
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Gainesville, Florida**

**Monday, 5:00 p.m.
October 3, 2011**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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| Page #7 | CA. 1 | MTPO Minutes- August 1, 2011 | APPROVE MINUTES |
| | | <u>This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review</u> | |
| Page #19 | CA. 2 | Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2010-11 | APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION |
| | | <u>This year's audit will be prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants</u> | |
| Page #27 | CA. 3 | Transportation Improvement Program
Administrative Modifications | APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION |
| | | <u>These modifications add information concerning the estimated total costs for projects</u> | |
| Page #45 | CA. 4 | Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
Member Appointments | APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION |
| | | <u>The MTPO is being asked to fill several positions on the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board</u> | |
| Page #53 | CA. 5 | Transportation Disadvantaged Program-
Status Report | NO ACTION REQUIRED |
| | | <u>The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program</u> | |

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