

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
April 2, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Byerly, Chair
James Bennett/Greg Evans
Susan Bottcher
Winston J. Bradley
Todd Chase
Paula DeLaney
Thomas Hawkins
Craig Lowe
Jeanna Mastrodicasa
Lee Pinkoson
Curtis Reynolds

MEMBERS ABSENT

Randy Wells, Vice Chair
Susan Baird
Gib Coerper
Scherwin Henry

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Byerly called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. He introduced Alachua County Commissioner Winston Bradley and University of Florida Vice President Curtis Reynolds.

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.

A member asked for an explanation of the CA.5 Unified Planning Work Program Amendments- Task 3.6 Air Quality agenda item.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Unified Planning Work Program amendments and answered questions.

A member commented on the proposed electronic meeting packets.

MOTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Bottcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested two amendments to the Fiscal Years 2012/2013 - 2016/2017 Transportation Improvement Program consisting of the addition of the I-75 Safety Study at State Road 222 and the purchase of a paratransit vehicle.

MOTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to amend the Transportation Improvement Program to add:

- 1. the I-75 @ SR 222 (NW 39th Avenue) Safety Study to Fiscal Years 2011/2012, 2012/13 and 2013/14 [FIN # 4230711]; and**
- 2. a \$64,862 Federal Transit Administration Section 5317 New Freedom Grant to Fiscal Year 2011/2012 [FIN # 4320341] for the purchase of a paratransit vehicle.**

Commissioner Pinkoson seconded. Chair Byerly conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.

III. INTERSTATE 75 INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation requested an opportunity to provide an update on the Interstate 75 Intelligent Transportation System projects/programs for Gainesville and Alachua County.

Mr. Peter Vega, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Intelligent Transportation System Engineer, discussed the Interstate 75 Intelligent Transportation System projects and programs and answered questions.

Mr. Phil Mann, City of Gainesville Traffic Operations Manager, discussed funding for the Interstate 75 projects and answered questions.

Mr. James Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Urban Transportation Engineer, discussed Interstate 75 highway pavement criteria and answered questions.

IV. TOP TEN MOST DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO requested information on the top ten most dangerous intersections within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

Ms. Debbie Leistner, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the top ten most dangerous intersections within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area and answered questions.

V. PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO requested the following information concerning the pedestrian signals within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area-

“that the MTPO be provided, in its next meeting packet, an explanation regarding the rationale behind requiring pedestrians to have to push a button in order to get the “walk or countdown signal” and, if doing so, does the pedestrian get a longer signal that gives them additional time to make the crossing?”

Mr. Mann discussed pedestrian signal actuation and criteria for pedestrian signalization and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to request that staff prepare a draft policy for review that would require a pedestrian crossing cycle, regardless of whether a pedestrian button is pushed, every time the green-light cycle would accommodate the pedestrian “walk and don’t walk” cycle. Commissioner Bottcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson stated that he would work with City staff to prepare the draft policy and to identify which traffic signals in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area could be set up to implement this policy.

VI. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area meeting is scheduled for June 4th at 5:00 p.m.

VII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

A member discussed his interest in lowering the Interstate 75 speed limit within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

MOTION: Mayor Lowe moved to request state legislation that would lower the speed limit on Interstate 75, from the Micanopy (County Road 234) exit to the NW 39th Avenue (State Road 222) exit, to 55 miles per hour and to request that the state legislative agenda of the City of Gainesville and Alachua County also advocate for this change. Commissioner Hawkins seconded.

A member requested a presentation on this issue before voting on this motion.

Mr. Bennett noted that the District 2 Traffic Operations Office would be the appropriate entity for responding to this topic. He said that there is strict rationale for setting Interstate 75 speed limits. He added that such proposed legislation might create a statutory conflict.

A member noted that an Interstate 75 speed study was conducted a few years ago.

A member requested information regarding the criteria for setting speed limits on Interstate 75 lower than 70 miles per hour and how the criteria can be met.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to request that staff gather information regarding the criteria that would be considered when deciding whether to reduce the Interstate 75 speed limit from 70 miles per hour to some number lower than that and who would make the final decision. Commissioner Bradley seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member requested information concerning the Interstate Logo Sign Program.

Mr. Bennett stated that the Interstate Logo Sign Program is a national program. He said that he would provide information on this Program. He noted that billboards were also regulated.

A member noted that this information could be provided by email rather than including it on the next meeting agenda or including it in the next meeting packet.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Byerly adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Date

6/7/12


Susan Baird, MTPO Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Patricia Kyzar	Mike Fay	Paul Folkers	Karen Taulbee
Virgil Mathis	Jeff Hays	Debbie Leistner	Peter Vega
	Richard Hedrick	Phil Mann	
	Dave Schwartz	Doug Robinson	
	Mark Sexton		

* By telephone

Spoke and provided written comments

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**CONSENT AGENDA
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #9 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- December 12, 2011 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page #17 CA. 2 Fiscal Year 2011 Audit APPROVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Audit Review Committee recommends acceptance of the audit report and approval of the invoice for payment

**Page #19 CA. 3 Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy Statement AUTHORIZE SIGNATURE
BY CHIEF STAFF OFFICIAL**

Each year, the MTPO must sign and submit a Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy Statement in order to receive federal transportation planning funds

Page #25 CA. 4 Joint Certification Statement AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN

The Florida Department of Transportation is recommending that the MTPO planning process be certified

**Page #27 CA. 5 Unified Planning Work Program Amendments- APPROVE AMENDMENT
Task 3.6 Air Quality**

MTPO staff is requesting that one-half of the planning funds in this task be transferred to Task 1.2 and the other one-half transferred to Task 2.

Page #29 CA. 6 Unified Planning Work Program APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS

This document contains the MTPO budget and identifies work tasks for the next two fiscal years

- Page #33 CA. 7 Transportation Enhancement Applications ENDORSE STAFF ACTION**
- MTPO staff submitted the two enclosed enhancement applications before the MTPO's April 2, 2012 meeting in order to meet FDOT's March 23, 2012 deadline
- Page #71 CA. 8 Distribution of MTPO Packets via Electronic Email APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
- MTPO staff recommends discontinuing the mailing of MTPO and committee packets and, in its place, distribute MTPO and committee packets and agendas via electronic email
- Page #73 CA. 9 Continuity of Operations Plan APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
- MTPO staff reviews this Plan each year and recommends revisions that are needed
- Page #75 CA. 10 Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Member Appointment APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
- The MTPO is being asked to fill one position on the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
- Page #79 CA. 11 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program
- Page #91 CA. 12 Alachua County Revision to FDOT Work Program NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- For information only is a letter to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners concerning a change in FDOT's Tentative Work Program for SW 8th Avenue
- Page #93 CA. 13 Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee Meeting Summary NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- Enclosed is a copy of the meeting summary for the February 15, 2012 Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee Meeting
- Page #97 CA. 14 Green Bicycle Lanes NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- The Federal Highway Administration has approved the use of green pavement in marked bicycle lanes and in extensions of bicycle lanes through intersections

Page #105 CA. 15 Gainesville Sun Article Entitled “*Gainesville commute times ranked shortest in Florida*” NO ACTION REQUIRED

For information only is a recent news article concerning work trip commute times in Florida

Page #107 CA. 16 MPOAC Weekend Institute NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed is information concerning this upcoming training workshop for elected officials

Page #117 CA. 17 MPOAC Legislative Priorities and Policy Positions NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed with the MTPO meeting packet is this MPOAC brochure

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