

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

5:00 p.m.
Monday
December 3, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Byerly, Chair
Susan Baird
Susan Bottcher
Todd Chase
Chuck Chestnut
Gib Coerper
James Bennett/Greg Evans
Thomas Hawkins
Yvonne Hinson-Rawls
Robert Hutchinson
Craig Lowe
Lee Pinkoson
Lauren Poe
Linda Dixon/Curtis Reynolds
Randy Wells, Vice Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

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 5:03 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, recommended approval of the consent agenda and meeting agenda.

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

II. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

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 suggested links to the County website.

MOTION: Commissioner Wells moved to:

- **approve the Public Involvement Plan update;**
- **request that staff incorporate social media strategies into the Plan; and**
- **request that Alachua County and the City of Gainesville notice MTPO Advisory Committee vacancies on their respective websites.**

Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE- VACANT POSITIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to fill six vacant positions on its CAC. He said that five positions have a term of office through December 31, 2015 and one position has a term of office through December 31, 2013. He noted that there were two candidates who live outside the MTPO boundary.

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

Ms. Melinda Koken, Mr. Chandler Otis and Mr. Rajeeb Das spoke regarding their candidacy for the CAC. Mr. Luis Diaz stated that he was interested in serving on the CAC.

Mr. Sanderson conducted a voice rollcall ballot for the CAC candidates. He recommended that the MTPO discuss the next agenda item while the votes were being tabulated.

IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested amendments to the Fiscal Years 2012/2013 - 2016/2017 TIP to add preliminary engineering to two Interstate 75 Resurfacing Projects and the Archer Braid Hull Road Segment Project.

ACTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2012/2013-2016/2017 Transportation Improvement Program to add preliminary engineering to the:

- **Interstate 75 Resurfacing Project from Williston Road (State Road 121) to NW 39th Avenue (State Road 222)[FIN #4288041];**
- **Interstate 75 Resurfacing Project from the Marion Countyline to Williston Road (State Road 121) [FIN #4288051]; and**
- **Archer Braid Trail- Hull Road Segment from the Hull Road Parking Lot to SW 34th Street (State Road 121) [FIN #4322421].**

Commissioner Chestnut seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.

V. 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 District 2 Transportation Specialist, discussed the new FDOT Tentative Work Program website, gave an overview of the Tentative Work Program and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Secretary thanking him for the opportunity to review the Tentative Work Program. Commissioner Wells seconded, motion passed unanimously.

III. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE- VACANT POSITIONS (Continued)

Mr. Sanderson reported the results of the CAC appointment vote.

MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved to:

- 1. reappoint Jan Frentzen, Melinda Koken and Chandler Otis to the CAC for a term through December 31, 2015;**
- 2. appoint Thomas Bolduc and Rajeeb Das to the CAC for a term through December 31, 2015; and**
- 3. appoint Holly Shema to the CAC for a term through December 31, 2013.**

Commissioner Wells seconded; motion passed 6 to 1.

VI. METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY, VOTING MEMBERS AND VOTING PROCEDURES

Mr. Sanderson stated that a letter was received from the Florida Department of Transportation that requested an update of the metropolitan planning area boundary, voting members and voting procedures based on the 2010 census. He discussed the draft planning area boundary map and voting membership and procedures and answered questions.

Mr. Dave Schwartz, MTPO Attorney, discussed legal requirements for the metropolitan planning area boundary and answered questions.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT District 2 Urban Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the minimum metropolitan planning area boundary requirements and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to:

- 1. send the letter to the Florida Department of Transportation that reaffirms the existing MTPO membership, existing voting procedures and approves adjustments to the existing metropolitan planning area boundary as shown in the attached Exhibit 1; and**
- 2. authorize staff to prepare a report over the next six months concerning the advantages and disadvantages of expanding the metropolitan planning area boundary to include either all of Alachua County, or all of Alachua and Gilchrist Counties, including corresponding changes that would be needed to existing membership and voting procedures.**

Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded.

A member suggested including all of the City of Gainesville urban reserve area as one option to consider for the planning area boundary.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to amend the motion to exclude consideration of Gilchrist County as part of the metropolitan planning area boundary. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded, amendment passed unanimously.

MOTION AS AMENDED:

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to:

- 1. send the letter to the Florida Department of Transportation that reaffirms the existing MTPO membership, existing voting procedures and approves adjustments to the existing metropolitan planning area boundary as shown in the attached Exhibit 1; and**
- 2. authorize staff to prepare a report over the next six months concerning the advantages and disadvantages of expanding the metropolitan planning area boundary to include all of Alachua County, including corresponding changes that would be needed to existing membership and voting procedures.**

Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded, motion passed unanimously.

VII. SOUTH MAIN STREET- SCOPING PLANS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the City of Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) requested an opportunity to present South Main Street scoping plans. He reported the MTPO Advisory Committee recommendations.

Ms. Sarit Sela, CRA Project Manager, and Ms. Kelly Fisher, CRA Interim Manager, discussed the scoping plans and answered questions.

A member discussed his concerns regarding undergrounding of utilities in the project corridor.

A member discussed his concerns regarding truck routing in the corridor.

A member suggested including a parking garage in the project.

Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Director, and Mr. Bennett, discussed the South Main Street jurisdiction status and answered questions.

Mr. Mike Fay, Alachua County Development Program Manager, discussed the South Main Street maintenance agreement.

Mr. Luis Diaz, Cade Museum Board member, discussed his concerns regarding undergrounding utilities and a parking garage.

Mr. Fay noted that maintenance costs for milling and resurfacing are about \$1.5 million per mile.

MOTION: Mayor Lowe moved to approve the South Main Street Scoping plans with the following revisions:

- 1. Include a safety buffer of appropriate width between the southbound parallel parking areas and the westside bikelane similar to the buffers on Hawthorne Road;**
- 2. Consider the use of “smart bus bays” with pedestrian access to bus stops similar to those recently installed on SW 20th Avenue;**
- 3. Design a better northbound, in-street bicycle lane transition along South Main Street at the planned SE 10th Avenue intersection and bulb out;**
- 4. Consider the use of back-in angle parking;**
- 5. Request that the Community Redevelopment Agency bring back 30 percent design plans for review;**
- 6. Consider expanding the project area to extend south to South 16th Avenue; and**
- 7. Consider undergrounding utilities and provide cost estimates for the following two segments- South 10th Avenue to Depot Avenue; and South 16th Avenue to South 10th Avenue.**

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded, motion passed 10 to 1 with Commissioner Baird in dissent.

VIII. YEAR 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN- SCOPE OF WORK EMERGING ISSUES

Mr. Sanderson stated that there are several emerging issues from the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century transportation legislation. He discussed the emerging issues and answered questions.

A member discussed her concerns regarding network connectivity.

A member discussed his concerns regarding travel demand management.

MOTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to incorporate the following “emerging issues” into the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Scope of Work:

- Performance Measurement;**
- Sustainable Transportation and Context Sensitive Solutions;**
- Scenario Planning; and**
- Intermodal Connections.**

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Chair Byerly stated that the performance measures should be presented for approval by the MTPO.

IX. 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 Hawkins moved to elect Commissioner Wells as the Chair, Commissioner Baird as the Vice Chair and Commissioner Poe as the Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Wells presented Commissioner Byerly a plaque for his service as Chair.

X. 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 Hawkins moved to appoint Commissioner Poe and Commissioner Chestnut to the Audit Review Committee and to have Commissioner Poe serve as Committee Chair. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XI. METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Sanderson asked the MTPO to appoint voting and alternate representatives to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) for calendar year 2013.

MOTION: Commissioner Wells moved to appoint Commissioner Hawkins as the voting representative and Commissioner Hutchinson as the alternate representative to the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council. Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to appoint Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee members. He discussed the Subcommittee activity and its membership and answered questions.

Several members stated interest in serving on the subcommittee.

MOTION: Commissioner Chase moved to appoint Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Hinson-Rawls, Commissioner Chestnut and Commissioner Baird to the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee. Commissioner Baird seconded.

MOTION: Mayor Lowe moved to divide the question to separately select Alachua County and City of Gainesville representatives.

SPLIT MOTION PART ONE:

Commissioner Chase moved to appoint Commissioner Chestnut and Commissioner Baird to the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee. Commissioner Baird seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson noted that there is no restriction on the size of the subcommittee.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO SPLIT MOTION PART TWO:

Commissioner Chase moved to appoint Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Hinson-Rawls and Mayor Lowe to the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee. Commissioner Baird seconded; motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Wells moved to appoint Mayor Lowe to serve as the Chair and Commissioner Chestnut to serve as the Vice Chair of the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee. Commissioner Chase seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to appoint Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee members. He discussed the Subcommittee activity and its membership and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved to appoint Commissioner Bottcher as the Chair and Commissioner Hawkins as the Vice Chair of the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XIV. NEXT MEETING

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area meeting is scheduled for February 4th at 3:00 p.m.

VIII. COMMENTS

A. MEMBERS

A member asked about the CAC representation from outside the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the MTPO policy on CAC geographic representation and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Baird moved to appoint to fill vacancies on the advisory committees as they occur. Commissioner Poe seconded; motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Baird moved to limit CAC membership to three consecutive terms. Commissioner Chase seconded; motion failed 3 to 6 with Commissioners Baird, Chase and Hawkins voting in favor of the motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to direct staff to outline a sketch of a countywide Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area listening tour to talk with citizens and elected officials regarding their transportation concerns, municipal capital improvement programs, the Alachua County Capital Improvement Program and the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area long range transportation plan. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson noted that he would work with Commissioner Hawkins regarding the details of the tour.

A member suggested an internet presence for questionnaires and feedback.

Chair Byerly recommended that the MTPO try and schedule the listening tour so that it corresponds with the dates that the Alachua County Commission schedules joint meetings with the Alachua County municipalities.

Commissioner Hawkins stated that he would coordinate with staff and suggested that Alachua County Commission Chair Byerly also coordinate with staff regarding this listening tour.

MOTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to schedule an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss marking unmarked pedestrian crossings on roads within high pedestrian activity areas, such as along University Avenue near the University of Florida. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to schedule an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss having a multimodal overpass at Hull Road and SW 34th Street for bicycles, pedestrians and transit vehicles. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

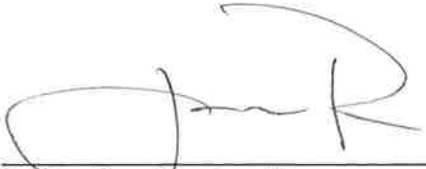
C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Byerly noted that the replacement trees are being installed along Williston Road.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Byerly adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

2/13/13
Date



Lauren Poe, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Rajeeb Das	Mike Fay	Dekova Batey	Karen Taulbee
Luis Diaz	Jeff Hays	Kelly Fisher	
Jason Haeseler	Dave Schwartz	Paul Folkers	
Melinda Koken	Mark Sexton	Jesus Gomez	
Chandler Otis	Alan Yeatter	Leslie Rizzo	
		Sarit Sela	
		Teresa Scott	

* By telephone

Spoke and provided written comments

EXHIBIT 1

