

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
June 4, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Byerly, Chair
Susan Baird
James Bennett/Greg Evans
Susan Bottcher
Winston J. Bradley
Todd Chase
Gib Coerper
Paula DeLaney
Thomas Hawkins
Yvonne Hinson-Rawls
Lee Pinkoson
Lauren Poe
Curtis Reynolds
Randy Wells, Vice Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT

Craig Lowe

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante
Steve Dopp

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Byerly called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

I. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Chair Mike Byerly welcomed recently elected Gainesville City Commissioners Yvonne Hinson-Rawls and Lauren Poe.

II. 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 II_B Transportation Improvement Program Amendments.

MOTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda with one amendment to add item II_B Transportation Improvement Program Amendments. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II.B. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 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 to advance the University of Florida Campus Greenway Projects to Fiscal Year 2011-12.

MOTION: Commissioner Wells moved to amend the Transportation Improvement Program to advance to Fiscal Year 2011-12:

- 1. the University of Florida Campus Greenway Project from SW 34 Street (State Road 121) to Gale Lemerand Drive [FIN # 4288961]; and**
- 2. the University of Florida Campus Greenway Project from Gale Lemerand Drive to Archer Road (State Road 121) [FIN # 4306141].**

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

III. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Transportation Improvement Program is the most important document that is annually approved. He said that the Transportation Improvement Program 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 \$13.4 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next fiscal year.

Ms. Debbie Leistner, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the Main Street Roundabout Project and answered questions.

Mr. Jeff Hays, Alachua County Transportation planning manager discussed the Archer Braid Trail Project and SW 8th Avenue Sidewalk project and answered questions.

Mr. James Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Urban Transportation Engineer, discussed funding sources and the transportation funding process.

It was a consensus to request that the Florida Department of Transportation provide a 5-to-10 year listing of projects, by funding source, in order to compare transportation mode funding levels for currently funded projects and also for future projects.

MOTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2012-13 to 2016-17 Transportation Improvement Program. Commissioner Hawkins seconded. Chair Byerly conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed 10 to 1 with Commissioner Baird voting "No."

IV. LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that, each year, priorities for unfunded projects are developed. 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.

Mr. Bennett discussed the transportation planning process and answered questions.

Mr. Phil Mann, Gainesville Traffic Operations Manager, discussed the intelligent transportation system priorities and answered questions.

Mr. Doug Robinson, Regional Transit System Chief Transit Planner, discussed the transit corridor development priorities and answered questions.

Mr. Bennett discussed the City of Alachua Transit Service (CATS) transit development project and answered questions.

A member discussed the deviated fixed route transportation disadvantaged service being provided in Alachua County.

MOTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to approve the List of Priority Projects. Commissioner Hawkins seconded. Chair Byerly conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed 10 to 1 with Commissioner Baird voting "No."

V. INTERSTATE 75 TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SPEED STUDY

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area requested a speed study for Interstate 75.

Mr. Tony Falotico and Mr. Jerry Ausher, Florida Department of Transportation Traffic Operations Engineers, discussed the Interstate 75 Traffic Speed Study, intelligent transportation system low visibility cameras and studies and answered questions.

VI. PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC SIGNAL TIMING STUDY

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its April 2nd meeting, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area discussed pedestrian traffic signal timing issues and requested that staff prepare a draft pedestrian traffic signal policy.

Mr. Phil Mann, Gainesville Traffic Operations Manager, discussed the draft pedestrian traffic signal timing policy and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to approve the Pedestrian Traffic Signal Policy in the attached Exhibit 1. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area meeting is scheduled for August 6th at 3:00 p.m.

VII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

A member discussed the List of Priority Projects Table 4 Traffic Operations Priorities.

MOTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to request that appropriate staff present at a future meeting possible modifications to accommodate right turn movements at the Archer Road at SW 34th Street intersection. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member encouraged new members to attend the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Institute in order to familiarize themselves with transportation planning activities. She also noted that the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board meets on Wednesday, June 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium.

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

8/9/12


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>
Chris Curry	Mike Fay	Russ Blackburn	Jerry Ausher
	Jeff Hays	Paul Folkers	Gina Buscher
	Dave Schwartz	Jesus Gomez	Tony Falotico
		Debbie Leistner	Karen Taulbee
		Phil Mann	
		Doug Robinson	
		Teresa Scott	

* By telephone

Spoke and provided written comments

EXHIBIT 1

Pedestrian Traffic Signal Timing Policy Approved on June 4, 2012 by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area

To improve pedestrian transportation along the corridors that have high pedestrian volumes.

To improve transportation along certain major corridors, to extent possible, TMS staff will implement the following:

- Pedestrian phases in which the minimum programmed green time exceeds the length of the “walk” and flashing “DON’T WALK” will be placed in an automatic mode during times of high pedestrian activity;
- The corridors that will be targeted specifically are:
 - East / West University Avenue from NE 9th St to NW 22nd Street;
 - North / South Main Street from N. 2nd Avenue to S. Depot Avenue;
 - N.W. / S.W. 13th Street from N. 10th Avenue to S.W. 16th Avenue;
 - S.W. Archer Road from S.W. 13th Street to S.W. 34th Street;
 - S.W. 34th Street from Radio Road to Archer Road
 - NW 13th Street at NW 16th Avenue intersection;
 - SW 2nd Avenue at Village Drive intersection;
 - SW 2nd Avenue at SW 34th Street intersection;
 - University of Florida campus streets; and
 - SW 16th Avenue from Archer Road to SW 13th Street; and
- Generally, this will be in place from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Nothing herein shall prohibit Traffic Management System staff from expanding those hours or roadway segments.



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**CONSENT AGENDA
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Page #7 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- April 2, 2012 APPROVE MINUTES**
This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review
- Page #15 CA. 2 Unified Planning Work Program Revision-
Task 1.3 Professional Development APPROVE REVISION**
Staff is requesting a budget revision to reallocate \$17,500 from Task 1.3 to Task 2.2
- Page #17 CA. 3 Bylaws APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
Staff is requesting authorization to work with the MTPO Attorney to prepare an updated set of bylaws for the MTPO to review
- Page #19 CA. 4 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-
Planning Grant Resolution, Fiscal Year 2012-13 APPROVE RESOLUTION**
This resolution and planning agreement are for funds that are used to provide staff services to the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
- Page #49 CA. 5 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-
Board Member Appointment APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**
The City of Gainesville nominated Commissioner Thomas Hawkins to serve as the alternate Chair on the Alachua County Coordinating Board

**Page #51 CA. 6 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-
Resolution of Appreciation**

**APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**

This Resolution is to express appreciation to Commissioner Scherwin Henry for his service on the Alachua County Coordinating Board

**Page #33 CA. 7 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-
Status Report**

NO ACTION REQUIRED

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program