

MINUTES  
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium  
Alachua County Administration Building  
Gainesville, Florida

3:00 p.m.  
Monday  
February 4, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Randy Wells, Chair  
Todd Chase

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons  
Marlie Sanderson  
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Susan Baird chaired the meeting because Chair Randy Wells was absent. She called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning, recommended approval of the consent agenda and meeting agenda.

Several members wanted to know if there were any citizens present who wanted to discuss the Archer Braid Trail. Chair Baird asked if there were any citizens interested in providing comments on the Archer Braid Trail. No one came forward to indicate that they wanted to speak.

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

II. DR. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD

Mr. Sanderson stated that University of Florida Director of Transportation and Parking Services Scott Fox was selected to receive the 2010 Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award. He discussed Mr. Fox's service to the MTPO and the community. He presented him the award.

Mr. Fox discussed his service and thanked the MTPO.

Chair Baird thanked Mr. Fox for his service to the community.

### III. ALACHUA COUNTY INTERSTATE 75 INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Sanderson stated that Florida Department of Transportation staff has an opportunity to update the MTPO on the status of ITS on I-75.

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

### IV. PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY, VOTING MEMBERS AND VOTING PROCEDURES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its December meeting, authorized 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 based on the 2010 census. He discussed draft alternative planning area boundary maps, voting membership and voting procedures and answered questions. He noted that staff has visited some outlying municipalities and met twice with the Alachua County League of Cities.

Mr. James Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Urban Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the minimum metropolitan planning area boundary requirements and funding issues.

City of Hawthorne Mayor Mathew Surrency discussed the planning area boundary, membership and voting procedures.

**MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the Option 2 Map with the addition of voting membership to the City of Alachua and a representative from the Alachua County League of Cities and simple majority voting. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded. After discussion, Commissioner Bottcher moved to split the motion.**

#### **SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

**Commissioner Pinkoson moved to keep Option 1. Mayor Lowe seconded.**

#### **MODIFIED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

**Commissioner Pinkoson moved to keep the Option 1 Map and address all federal requirements. Mayor Lowe seconded.**

#### **SECOND SUBSTITUTE MOTION**

**Commissioner Hinson-Rawls moved to approve the Option 2 Map and keep the existing voting membership and voting procedures. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded. After discussion, Commissioner Byerly move to split the motion.**

**SPLIT SECOND SUBSTITUTE MOTION- PART ONE**

**Commissioner Hinson-Rawls moved to approve the Option 2 Map. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed 8 to 2 with Commissioner Pinkoson and Chair Baird in dissent.**

**SPLIT SECOND SUBSTITUTE MOTION- PART TWO**

**Commissioner Hinson-Rawls moved to keep the existing voting membership and voting procedures. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion failed for lack of a City Commission majority.**

**MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved for staff to come back at the June meeting with additional voting configurations and transition plans. Commissioner Bottcher seconded.**

A member of the MTPO stated that the outlying municipalities do not want the MTPO to expand its metropolitan planning area boundary to include all of Alachua County, and therefore, the MTPO should just keep its current voting membership and voting procedures along with earlier decision to approve the Option 2 map.

**MODIFIED MOTION:**

**Commissioner Poe moved for staff to come back at the June meeting with voting configurations that exclude the outlying municipalities and transition plans. Commissioner Bottcher seconded; motion failed because a majority of the County Commission voted against the motion.**

Chair Baird stated that, since the MTPO approved the Option 2 metropolitan planning area map earlier in the meeting, the final outcome is that the MTPO will be keeping its existing MTPO voting membership and voting procedures along with the metropolitan planning area boundary in Option 2.

**V. HULL ROAD EXTENSION- RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH**

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, Causseaux, Hewett & Wapole Director of Planning & GIS Services, gave a presentation concerning the Village Point project and answered questions.

**MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to reduce the Hull Road Extension right-of-way width from 100 feet to 90 feet within the Village Point Project. Mayor Lowe Seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**VI. LISTENING TOUR**

Mr. Sanderson discussed the status of the "Listening Tour" and answered questions.

Mr. Mark Sexton, Alachua County Communications Director, discussed the proposed Alachua County Summit that will be held on March 27, 2013 and April 10, 2013.

Chair Baird noted that the March 27th date coincided with the Alachua County Schools spring break and would not be a good date for the Alachua County Summit.

A member asked staff to contact the City of Gainesville staff to place the “Listening Tour” dates on the calendars for the Gainesville City Commission and to make sure that these meetings are properly noticed so that they are in the “sunshine.”

Chair Baird discussed the possibility of using Gainesville Regional Utilities billing as a means to survey the community about transportation issues.

A member requested that a copy of the survey from the Year 2025 Livable Community reinvestment Plan be provided to MTPo members in the next meeting packet.

A member noted that “Open Alachua” is also conducting a transportation survey and that he would look into getting the data when it is available. He also added that he would raise the GRU survey topic at the next City Commission meeting.

A member recommended that discussion items for the “Listening Tour” could be determined later after the Alachua County Summit.

**MOTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to incorporate the “Listening Tour” into the “Joint Alachua County Joint Meetings with Municipalities” schedule and use the August 12, 2013 date for the meeting in Gainesville (see Exhibit 2). Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## VII. MULTIMODAL OVERPASS AT SW 34TH STREET AND HULL ROAD

Mr. Sanderson discussed the proposed multimodal overpass at SW 34th Street and Hull Road. He stated that it was his understanding that the Florida Department of Transportation, the City of Gainesville and the University of Florida have all stated that they are not willing to accept maintenance responsibility for this overpass. He also stated that the University of Florida is concerned about the amount of right-of-way that will be needed for such an overpass.

**MOTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to consider including transit in the proposed SW 34th Street and Hull Road overpass during the design phase of this project, or in the long range transportation plan update, whichever comes first. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed 7 to 1, with Chair Baird in dissent.**

## VII. NEXT MEETING

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next meeting is scheduled for March 4th at 3:00 p.m.

## VIII. COMMENTS

### A. MEMBERS

There were no member comments.

B. CITIZENS

Mr. Richard Miles, Cade Museum Board Vice President, discussed the status of the museum construction and transportation access and answered questions.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Baird adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

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Date



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Lauren Poe, Secretary/Treasurer

**EXHIBIT A**

<b><u>Interested Citizens</u></b>	<b><u>Alachua County</u></b>	<b><u>City of Gainesville</u></b>	<b><u>Florida Department of Transportation</u></b>
Ned Baier	Dave Cerlanek	Russ Blackburn	Karen Taulbee
Gerry Dedenbach	Chris Dawson	Paul Folkers	Peter Vega
Scott Fox	Dave Schwartz	Debbie Leistner	
Beth Lemke	Mark Sexton	Teresa Scott	
Richard Miles	Alan Yeatter		
Wiley Page	Chris Ziegler		
Mathew Surrency			

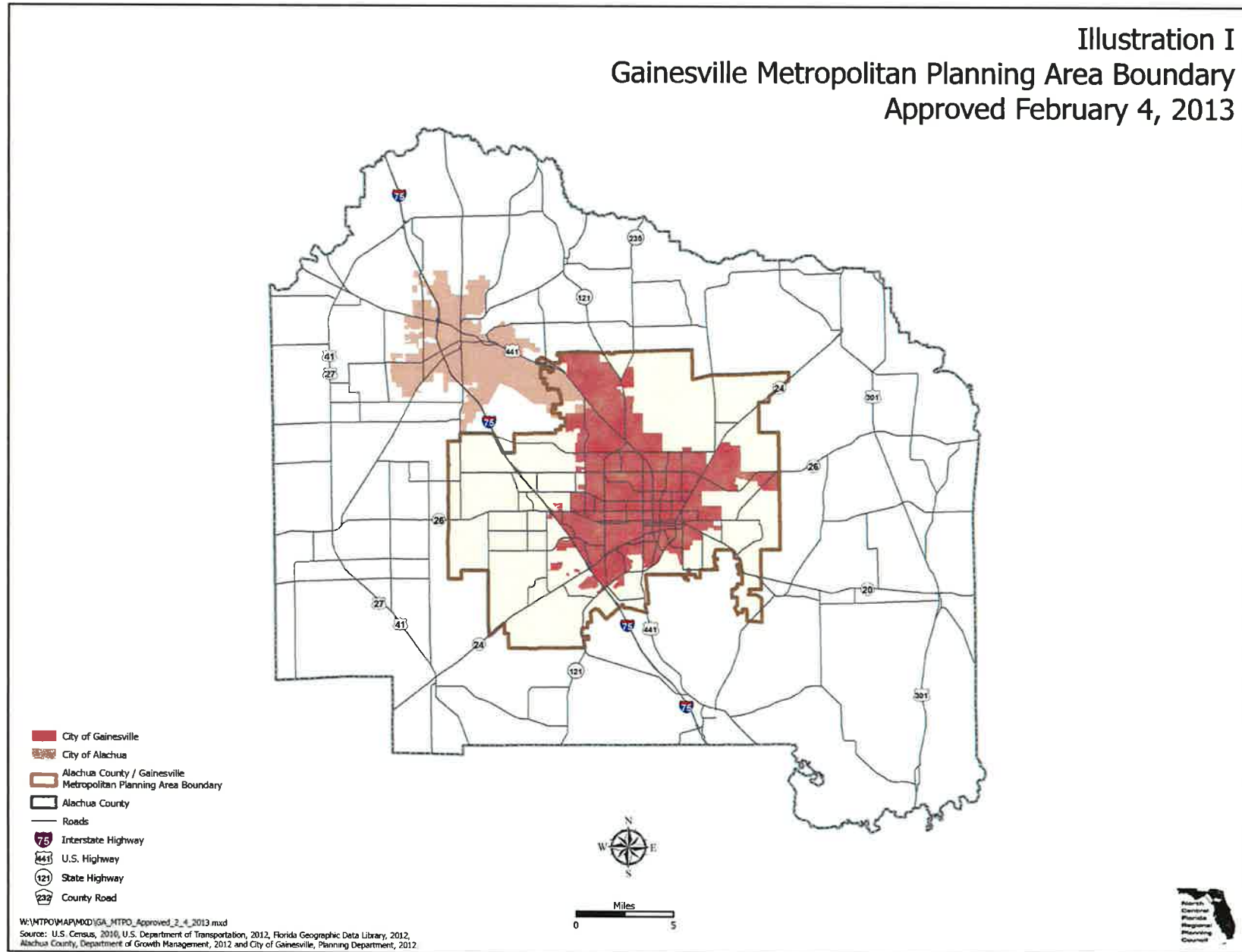
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# Spoke and provided written comments

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EXHIBIT 1

Illustration I  
Gainesville Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary  
Approved February 4, 2013



**EXHIBIT 2**  
**Tentative “Listening Tour” Dates**

<b>City</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Alachua</b>	May 20, 2013	6:30 p.m.	Alachua City Hall 15100 NW 142 Terrace
<b>Archer</b>	April 8, 2013	7:00 p.m.	Archer City Hall Chambers 16870 SW 134 Avenue
<b>Gainesville</b>	August 12, 2013	3:00 p.m.	Jack Durrance, Room 209
<b>Hawthorne</b>	May 21, 2013	6:30 p.m.	Hawthorne City Hall Auditorium 6700 S.E. 221 Street
<b>High Springs</b>	May 9, 2013	6:30 p.m.	High Springs City Hall, 110 NW 1st Ave., 2nd Floor
<b>Micanopy</b>	<i>Waiting to hear back – will know after Micanopy Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting</i>		
<b>Newberry</b>	April 22, 2013	7:00 p.m.	Newberry City Hall 25440 W Newberry Rd
<b>Waldo</b>	April 18, 2013	7:00 p.m.	Waldo Yerkes Center 14245 Cole Street





**CONSENT AGENDA  
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

- Page #7 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- December 3, 2012 APPROVE MINUTES**  
This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review
- Page #19 CA. 2 Archer Braid Trail- 60 Percent Plans APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**  
The Alachua County Public Works Department will present 60 percent plans for this project.
- Page #21 CA. 3 Fiscal Year 2011-12 Audit APPROVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**  
The Audit Review Committee recommends acceptance of the audit report and approval of the invoice for payment.
- Page #23 CA. 4 Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan- Request for Qualifications APPROVE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**  
The Request for Qualifications discusses the process that will be used to select the consultant to assist in preparing the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.
- Page #25 CA. 5 Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan- Scope of Services APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION**  
The Scope of Services discusses specific tasks the consultant is responsible for with respect to the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

**Page #29 CA. 6 Continuity of Operations Plan APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

This Plan is reviewed each year and revisions are made as needed.

**Page #31 CA. 7 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-  
Coordinating Board Appointment APPROVE STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION**

The Florida Department of Transportation is recommending that Ms. Janell Damato be appointed as the Department's voting representative.

**Page #35 CA. 8 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-  
Coordinating Board Membership Certification APPROVE STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION**

Each year, this certification is approved certifying that the Board represents a cross section of the community.

**Page #39 CA. 9 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-  
Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program.

**Page #51 CA. 10 MPOAC Weekend Institute NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Please contact staff if you are interested in attending the MPOAC Weekend Institute.