

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

3:00 p.m.
Monday
August 5, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Todd Chase
Ed Braddy
Gib Coerper

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante
Luke Tia

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wells called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Wells asked for approval of the consent agenda and meeting agenda.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, noted that the Florida Department of Transportation would like to have item CA.6 Archer Road at SW 34th Street Intersection placed on the meeting agenda for discussion.

A member requested adding an agenda item to discuss the Alachua County-City of Gainesville Transportation Surtax Joint Meeting Agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda amended to place item CA.6 Archer Road at SW 34th Street Intersection and a discussion of the Alachua County-City of Gainesville Transportation Surtax Joint Meeting Agenda after item VI. SE 16th Avenue (State Road 226)- Main Street To Williston Road. Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has requested amendments to the Fiscal Years 2012/2013 - 2016/2017 Transportation Improvement Program to address the addition of the US 441 Intelligent Transportation System Project and the rolling forward of several roadway and transit projects into the Fiscal Years 2013/2014 - 2017/2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, Causseaux, Hewett & Walpole Planning Director representing Mr. Garrett Gleim and family, discussed the family's safety concerns regarding the proposed location of a dynamic message sign in front of the Gleim's family home on US 441. He noted the signs proximity to median openings for U-turn opportunities. He added that the family and its consultants have met with Florida Department of Transportation staff to discuss the relocation of the sign and electronic communications equipment and with State Senator Keith Perry to discuss the project's timeline.

Dr. Irvan Gleim discussed his family's concerns regarding the proposed location of a dynamic message sign. He noted that he had participated in the Florida Department of Transportation neighborhood meeting on March 11, 2013. He praised the Florida Department of Transportation for changing the speed limit on NW 39th Avenue near NW 97th Boulevard. He also discussed safety issues concerning the median on NW 39th Avenue and NW 97th Boulevard.

Mr. James Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Urban Transportation Engineer, discussed the message board signs and answered questions.

Mr. Peter Vega, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Intelligent Transportation System Engineer, discussed the US 441 Intelligent Transportation System Project and answered questions.

Ms. Karen Taulbee Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Transportation Specialist, discussed the proposed Transportation Improvement Programs amendments.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the Transportation Improvement Program amendments (Exhibit 1) and request that the Florida Department of Transportation reconsider the recommendations presented by the Gleim family (Exhibit 2). Commissioner Bottcher seconded. Commissioner Chestnut requested that the motion be split.

SPLIT MOTION PART ONE:

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to request that the Florida Department of Transportation reconsider the recommendations presented by the Gleim family (Exhibit 2). Commissioner Bottcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

SPLIT MOTION PART TWO:

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the Transportation Improvement Program amendments (Exhibit 1). Commissioner Bottcher seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed 9 to 1, with Commissioner Baird in dissent.

- III. PROPOSED LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT-
ARCHER ROAD PROJECT AND
- IV. PROPOSED LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT-
TOWER ROAD PROJECT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its June 3rd meeting, requested an agenda item for its next meeting to consider amending the adopted long range transportation plan for the four-laning of Archer Road and for the Tower Road project. He discussed the amendment process and answered questions.

Mr. Bennett discussed right-of-way requirements and the project development and environmental study, design, right-of-way acquisition and construction process. He said that a project development and environmental study for the four-laning of Archer Road is being considered for Fiscal Year 2016-17. He noted that Tower Road was off the State Highway System.

City of Archer Commissioner Fletcher Hope discussed the need for the MTPO to include the four-laning of Archer Road in the Cost Feasible Plan in order for the Florida Department of Transportation to consider four-laning this road to the City of Archer.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to not amend the adopted long range transportation plan at this time, but instead address the project priority for Tower Road modifications and the four-laning of Archer Road along with other transportation priorities over the next two years as part of the Year 2040 long range transportation plan update. Commissioner Bottcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. MARKING PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Mr. Sanderson stated that this agenda item was requested by a member of the MTPO. He noted that the Year 2035 Cost Feasible Plan identifies portions of University Avenue, West 13th Street and Waldo Road as multimodal emphasis corridors.

Commissioner Hawkins discussed his concerns with criteria for marking pedestrian crossings and the costs, scope and timeline of the engineering studies required by the Florida Department of Transportation Traffic Engineering Manual.

Mr. Bennett discussed midblock crossings, Florida Department of Transportation's Transportation Design for Livable Communities policy and answered questions. He said that engineering studies were needed for specific locations for crosswalks at unsignalized intersections. He noted that the multimodal project descriptions in the Cost Feasible Plan need to be clarified so that projects can be included in the List of Priority Projects.

Mr. Sanderson stated that staff would work with the Florida Department of Transportation and the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team to develop needed crosswalk marking locations for inclusion in the List of Priority Projects.

Ms. Taulbee noted that the second priority in the adopted Year 2035 Cost Feasible Plan, NW 34th Street center turnlanes, has not been fully funded.

Mr. Bennett stated that he wanted time to review Transportation Design for Livable Communities policy before the MTPO requests designations.

Mr. Nathan Skop spoke concerning this agenda item.

MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to request that:

- 1. the Advisory Committees and City, County, MTPO and University of Florida staffs provide sufficient detail for the Cost feasible Plan's Multimodal Emphasis Corridors and Waldo Road Multiway Boulevard for the Florida Department of Transportation to fund specific projects after considering the design standards in the Transportation Design for Livable Communities and request that University of Florida planners participate with respect to roads segments adjacent to campus; and**
- 2. MTPO staff develop a priority list of existing unmarked crosswalks that need enhanced markings to include in the List of Priority Projects next year.**

Commissioner Hawkins seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. SE 16TH AVENUE (STATE ROAD 226)- MAIN STREET TO WILLISTON ROAD

Commissioner Hinson-Rawls discussed her concerns with the intersection modifications and asked why the roadway would not be four-laned.

Mr. Bennett discussed the project, development and environmental study and the status of SE 16th Avenue Project. He reported that the study showed that there was no need to four-lane SE 16th Avenue during the study period and that is why only intersection modifications are being constructed.

Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Director, discussed the status of the SW 16th Avenue Project, transit superstops and crosswalks for high transit ridership stops.

Ms. Taulbee noted that it was too late to modify the project design.

Mr. Skop discussed his concerns with road narrowings.

MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to request the top ten bus pullout locations, including the University of Florida campus, from the MTPO Advisory Committees, including the involvement of bus drivers. Commissioner Poe seconded; motion passed 8 to 1, with Commissioner Baird in dissent.

The MTPO recommended that MTPO staff work with Ms. Teresa Scott to develop this information.

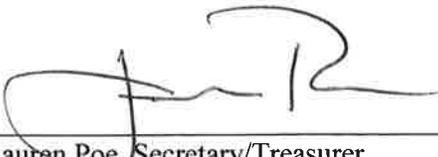
CA.6 ARCHER ROAD AT SW 34TH STREET INTERSECTION

Mr. Bennett stated that there was an opportunity to include modifications to SW 34th Street at the Archer Road and Windmeadows Boulevard intersections as part of the SW 34th Street resurfacing project. He said he needed to know if the MTPO wanted these modifications considered in the design.

After some member discussion, a quorum of the MTPO was no longer in attendance at 6:40 p.m.

10/2/13

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>
Craig Carnes	Chris Dawson	Paul Folkers	Karen Taulbee
Gerry Dedenbach	Mike Fay	Debbie Leistner	Peter Vega
Irvan Gleim	Sean McLendon	Teresa Scott	
Al Grieshaber	Dave Schwartz		
Fletcher Hope	Alan Yeatter		
Doug Jones			
Nathan Skop			

* By telephone

Spoke and provided written comments

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EXHIBIT 1

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

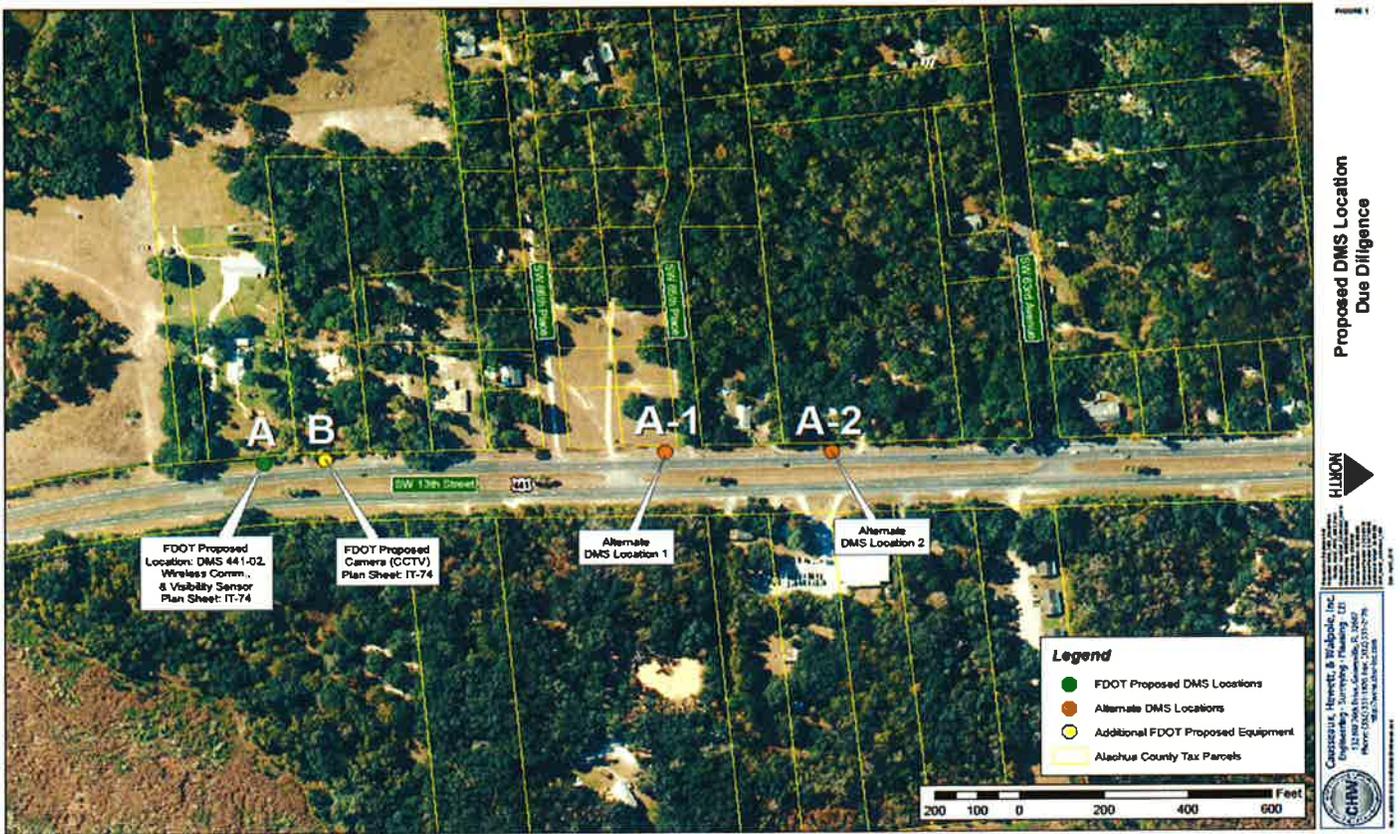
Amend the Fiscal Years 2012/2013-2016/2017 Transportation Improvement Program to add the US 441 Intelligent Transportation System Project [FIN #4337651] from SW 104th Avenue to SW 66th Place; and

Amend the Fiscal Years 2013/2014-2017/2018 Transportation Improvement Program to:

- roll forward the following Traffic Signal Update Projects:
 - Archer Road at Interstate 75 [FIN #4342931] and at SW 23rd Terrace [FIN #4343961];
 - Newberry Road at NW 55th Terrace [FIN #4343951], at NW 57th Street [FIN #4343941], at NW 60th Street [FIN #4343931] and at NW 98th Street [FIN #4343821];
 - NW 6th Street at NW 16th Avenue [FIN #4343811]; and
 - Williston Road at SE 4th Street [FIN #4343831]; and

- roll forward the following Federal Transit Administration Grant-Funded Transit Projects:
 - Section 5307 Formula Grant Purchases [FIN #40440261], [FIN #4044111], [FIN #4044121] and [FIN #4083541];
 - Section 5308 Clean Fuel Program Vehicle Purchases [FIN #4320341];
 - Section 5309 Transit Maintenance Facility and Fare Boxes [FIN #4299271];
 - Section 5317 New Freedom Capital Award [FIN #4335881] and Operating Assistance [FIN #4335891]; and
 - Section 5339 Regional Transit System Alternatives Analysis [FIN #42885914].

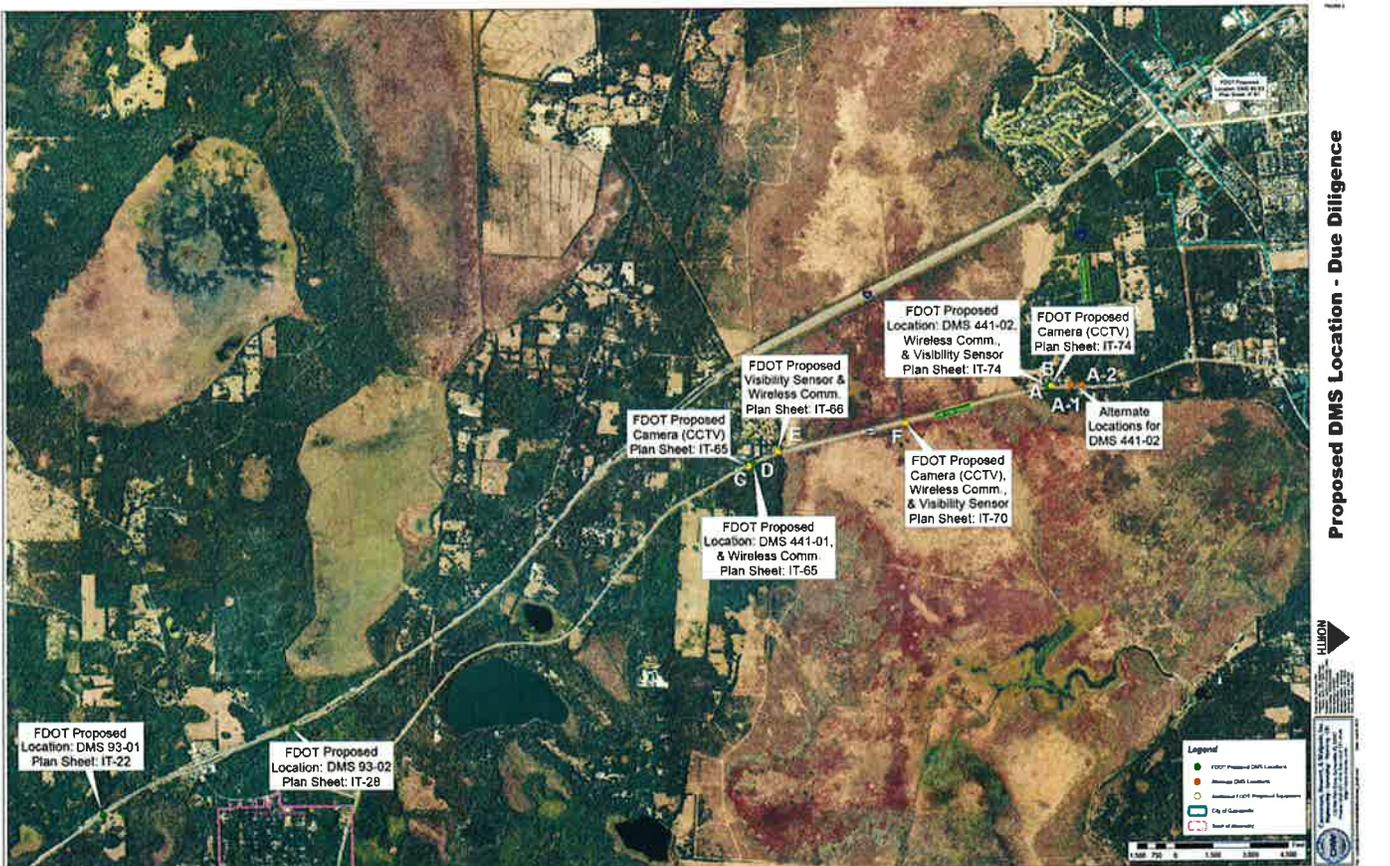
EXHIBIT 2



Proposed DMS Location
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**CONSENT AGENDA
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**Monday, 5:00 p.m.
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Page #7 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- June 3, 2013 APPROVE MINUTES**
This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review.
- Page #17 CA. 2 Transportation Alternative Projects APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION**
This year, the Florida Department of Transportation is requesting new projects in September with applications for new projects due in November.
- Page #21 CA. 3 Section 5305(d) Grant Application APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
Each year, the MTPO submits a grant application for these funds.
- Page #37 CA. 4 Unified Planning Work Program Amendments APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
These amendments are needed to incorporate the increase in Section 5305(d) funds and to also include a new Regional Transit System task for the Transit Development Plan.
- Page #47 CA. 5 Proposed Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13- and Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14 APPROVE BUDGETS**
These budgets will allow staff to monitor MTPO expenditures and make appropriate adjustments as needed.

Page #59 **CA. 7 Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Appointment** **APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The City of Gainesville has recommended that Commissioner Chase serve as Coordinating Board Chair.

Page #61 **CA. 8 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-Resolution of Appreciation** **APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

This Resolution is to recognize Commissioner Bottcher's service as Coordinating Board Chair.

Page #65 **CA. 9 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-Status Report** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

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

Page #79 **CA. 10 Title VI/Nondiscrimination Policy Statement-** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

On April 2, 2012, the MTPO authorized the Chief Staff Official to sign this Policy Statement each year.

Page #83 **CA. 11 Eugene, Oregon and Gainesville Comparative Analysis** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

At the June 3rd meeting, the MTPO requested that staff prepare this comparison of Gainesville and Eugene, Oregon.