

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 2, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Chestnut

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wells called the meeting to order at 5:10 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 (MTPO) for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, stated that Regional Transit System (RTS) staff has requested that item VII. Top Ten Needed Bus Pullout Locations be discussed next and that a member of the MTPO requests that CA.2 Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update- Logo be placed on the meeting agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda amended to discuss item VII. Top Ten Needed Bus Pullout Locations next and place CA. 2 Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update Logo after item X. Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council Representatives. Commissioner Chase seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. TOP TEN NEEDED BUS PULLOUT LOCATIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO requested a top ten priority list of bus pullout locations. He also reported the advisory committees and staff recommendations.

Mr. Jesus Gomez, RTS Director and Mr. Matthew Muller, RTS Transit Planner, discussed the locations proposed by Regional Transit System staff and answered questions.

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

Mr. Luis Diaz and Ms. Nelle Bullock spoke concerning the Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations.

MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to:

- 1. approve the top ten bus pullout locations recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board;**
- 2. have staff provide a traffic analysis and safety assessment for each location; and**
- 3. have staff provide a first cut of land acquisition, engineering, design and construction cost estimates.**

Commissioner Byerly seconded.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

Commissioner Pinkoson asked that the two W. 13th Street Bus pullout locations be restored to the list. Commissioners Hutchinson and Byerly accepted the amendment.

ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to:

- 1. approve the top ten bus pullout locations recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board;**
- 2. request that staff prepare a traffic analysis that looks at traffic flow and a safety assessment to identify safety benefits for each location;**
- 3. request that staff prepare preliminary cost estimates for land acquisition, engineering, design and construction; and**
- 4. expand the list (see Exhibit 1) to include the W. 13 Street bus pullout locations.**

Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed 10 to 1 with Mayor Braddy in dissent.

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.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the Public Involvement Plan update; Commissioner Poe seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member suggested that all MTPO members "like" the Gainesville MTPO Facebook page.

III. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE- VACANT POSITIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to fill five vacant positions on its Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). He said that five positions have a term of office through December 31, 2016.

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

Mr. Luis Diaz, Mr. Chris Towne, Mr. Kamal Latham, Mr. Ewen Thomson, Mr. Anson Adams, Ms. Nelle Bullock and Mr. Gil Levy spoke regarding their candidacy for the CAC.

Commissioner Gib Coerper, MTPO Rural Advisor, endorsed the candidacies of John Richter, Luis Diaz and Gil Levy.

Mr. Donald Shepherd endorsed the oral vote process.

MOTION: Commissioner Chase moved to cast a written-only ballot. Commissioner Baird seconded; motion failed 4 to 7.

Mr. Sanderson conducted a voice rollcall ballot for the CAC candidates. He tabulated the votes and reported the results of the CAC appointment vote.

MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to:

- 1. reappoint Nelle Bullock, Luis Diaz and Ewen Thomson to the CAC for a term through December 31, 2016; and**
- 2. appoint Kamal Latham and Chris Towne to the CAC for a term through December 31, 2016.**

Commissioner Poe seconded; motion passed 10 to 1.

Two members noted that there are vacancies on several City and County advisory boards.

IV. BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD- VACANT POSITIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to fill one vacant position on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board. He noted that Mr. Kyle Gorman could not attend the meeting, but did send a statement which was provided to each MTPO member

Ms. Suzanne Skadowski spoke regarding her Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board candidacy.

MOTION: Commissioner Chase moved to appoint Suzanne Skadowski to the B/PAB for a term through October 31, 2016. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chair Wells requested that staff contact Mr. Gorman and encourage him to apply for the vacant City of Gainesville position on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board.

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 Committee recommendations. He noted that FDOT is also funding a \$100,000 multimodal emphasis corridor study.

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. She noted that there could be drainage and permitting issues with the State Road 121 turnlane project.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to request that the Florida Department of Transportation fund the number two priority in the long range transportation plan on the State Highway System- State Road 121 (NW 34th Street) turnlanes for location where they are needed, such as NW 23 Terrace, NW 25 Terrace and the entrance to Rock Creek subdivision. Commissioner Wells seconded, motion passed unanimously.

A member noted that the bus pullouts priorities should be included in the List of Priority Projects.

VI. TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has \$1.2 million available for this program and is requesting the submittal of an eligible project. He said that the City of Gainesville is preparing an application for this funding. He asked the MTPO to appoint a City of Gainesville representative to the Alachua/Marion Regional Transportation Plan Executive Committee. He also noted that the Executive Committee needs to endorse the City's project before December 12, 2013.

Mr. Dave Schwartz, MTPO Attorney, discussed the Sunshine Law and teleconference meetings and answered questions.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT District 2 Urban Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the TRIP Program.

Ms. Leistner discussed the City's SW 62 Boulevard corridor project and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Bottcher moved to:

- 1. appoint to the Alachua/Marion Regional Transportation Plan Executive Committee- Commissioner Pinkoson as the Alachua County representative and Commissioner Hutchinson as his alternate and Commissioner Bottcher as the City of Gainesville representative and Commissioner Wells as her alternate;**
- 2. recommend that the Alachua/Marion Regional Transportation Plan Executive Committee approve the SW 62 Boulevard Connector Project from Archer Road to Newberry Road as the number one TRIP priority; and**
- 3. request that the City of Gainesville staff prepare a project description, cost estimate and schedule in time to submit it by the December 12, 2013 deadline.**

Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded, motion passed unanimously.

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

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

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

X. 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 the coming year.

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

CA.2 YEAR 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE- LOGO

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO wanted to discuss the proposed logo.

**MOTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to approve the staff-recommended logo #5.
Commissioner Byerly seconded.**

Mr. Donald Shepherd commented on the logo modifications.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

**Commissioner Baird moved to approve logo #2 modified to state Livable Community
Creating Connections. Commissioner Poe seconded.**

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:

**Chair Wells asked that the Pedestrian symbol be green as in the current logo.
Commissioners Baird and Poe accepted the modification.**

SUBSTITUTE MOTION AS AMENDED:

**Commissioner Baird moved to approve logo #2 modified to state Livable Community
Creating Connections and with the pedestrian symbol being green. Commissioner Poe
seconded; motion passed 10 to 1 with Commissioner Hawkins in dissent.**

XI. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

XII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

There were no member comments.

B. CITIZENS

Mr. Bennett stated that he wanted to recognized Ms. Taulbee's service to the MTPO. He announced that this was her last meeting and that she has been promoted to staff to the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization.

Several MTPO members thanked Ms. Taulbee for her service.

Ms. Taulbee thanked the MTPO.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

2/7/14
Date


Robert Hutchinson, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Anson Adams	Mike Fay	Russ Blackburn	Karen Taulbee
Nelle Bullock	Jeff Hays	Paul Folkers	
Ken Cornell	Dave Schwartz	Jesus Gomez	
Luis Diaz	Mark Sexton	Debbie Leistner	
Doug Dycus		Matthew Muller	
Kamal Latham		Teresa Scott	
Gil Levy			
Wiley Page			
Donald Shepherd			
Suzanne Skadowski			
Ewen Thomson			
Chris Towne			
Sara Varela			

* By telephone

Spoke and provided written comments

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Exhibit 1

**Table G-1
Bus Pullout Priorities**

Priority	Project	Bus Stop	Location [Cross-Street]	Description
1	Main Street	763	AT: NE 14 Avenue	Construct southbound bus pullout adjacent to Publix parking lot
2	Main Street	703	AT: NE 14 Avenue	Construct northbound bus pullout adjacent to post office parking lot
3	SW 20 Avenue	815	AT: SW 42 Drive	Construct westbound bus pullout across from Ventura Apartments
4	SW 20 Avenue	810	AT: SW 34 Street	Construct westbound bus pullout across from Windsor Terrace Apartments
5	SW 62 Boulevard	818	AT: SW 20 Avenue	Construct westbound bus pullout across from The Woodlands Apartments
6	SW 2 Avenue	191	AT: SW 34 Street	Construct eastbound bus pullout across from Westgate Shopping Center
7	Gale Lemerand Drive	1253	AT: Museum Road	Construct northbound bus pullout across from Graham Hall
8	SW 20 Avenue	814	AT: SW 40 Terrace	Construct westbound bus pullout across from the Pinetree Gardens apartments
9	Main Street	-	FM: State Road 26 TO: N 8 Avenue	Construct southbound bus pullout
10	Main Street	-	FM: State Road 26 TO: N 8 Avenue	Construct northbound bus pullout
11	NW 13 Street	265	AT: NW 29 Road	Construct northbound bus pullout adjacent to WalMart parking lot
12	SW 13 Street	685	AT: SW 36 Place	Construct northbound bus pullout adjacent to The Landings Apartments

FM = From; N = North; NE = Northeast; SE = Southeast; SW = Southwest



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**CONSENT AGENDA
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**Monday, 5:00 p.m.
December 2, 2013**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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| Page #7 | CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- September 30, 2013 | APPROVE MINUTES |
| | <u>This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review.</u> | |
| Page #25 | CA. 3 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-
Coordinating Board Membership Appreciation | APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION |
| | <u>Each year, this certification is approved certifying that the Board represents a cross section of the community.</u> | |
| Page #29 | CA. 4 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-
Board Member Appointment | APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION |
| | <u>The MTPO is being asked to fill one position on the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.</u> | |
| Page #33 | CA. 5 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-
Status Report | NO ACTION REQUIRED |
| | <u>The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program.</u> | |