

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Todd Chase
Gib Coerper
Curtis Reynolds

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 5:04 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

MOTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda modified to place CA.5 Archer Road at SW 34th Street Modifications after item VII. Regional Transit System Alternatives Analysis Study. Commissioner Byerly seconded.

Ms. Betsy Hurst noted her concerns regarding item CA. 6 SW 8th Avenue Multi-Use Path 60 Percent Design Plans.

AMENDED MOTION:

Commissioner Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda modified to place CA.5 Archer Road at SW 34th Street Modifications after item VII. Regional Transit System Alternatives Analysis Study and to place CA. 6 SW 8th Avenue Multi-Use Path 60 percent Design Plans after CA.5 Archer Road at SW 34th Street Modifications. Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE- VACANT POSITION

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area stated that one vacant position needs to be filled on the Citizens Advisory Committee. He said that one position has a term of office through December 31, 2013. He noted that there were two candidates who live outside the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area boundary.

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

Mr. Chris Towne, Ms. Jeanne Rochford, Mr. Luis Diaz and Mr. Gilbert Levy spoke regarding their candidacy for this Committee.

Mr. Sanderson conducted a voice rollcall ballot for the candidates and reported the results.

MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to appoint Luis Diaz to the Citizens Advisory Committee for a term through December 31, 2013. Commissioner Bottcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. CERTIFICATION OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS

Mr. Sanderson reported that each year the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area is required to certify that it is in compliance with the federal requirements for the metropolitan transportation planning process.

MOTION: Commissioner Bottcher moved to authorize the Chair to sign the Joint Certification Statement. Commissioner Baird seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012-13 TO 2016-17

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 right-of-way activity for the three University of Florida Campus Greenway segments of the Archer Braid Trail Project.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2012/2013-2016/2017 Transportation Improvement Program to add right-of-way to the:

- **University of Florida Campus Greenway Project from Hull Road Parking Lot to SW 34th Street (State Road 121) [FIN #4322421];**
- **University of Florida Campus Greenway Project from SW 34th Street (State Road 121) to Gale Lemerand Drive [FIN #4288951]; and**
- **University of Florida Campus Greenway Project from Gale Lemerand Drive to Archer Road (State Road 24) [FIN #4306141].**

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

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2013-14 TO 2017-18

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Transportation Improvement Program is the most important document that is approved each year. 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 Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area and included in this report. He noted that this year's document authorizes about \$26 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next fiscal year.

He discussed recommended modifications to the draft Transportation Improvement Program in Exhibit B that were discussed at the Advisory Committee meetings.

Mr. James Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Urban Transportation Engineer, discussed the State Road 226 Transportation System Management Project and answered questions.

Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Director, discussed the Main Street Roundabout Project.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Year 2035 Needs Plan and answered questions.

Mr. Jesus Gomez, Regional Transit System Director, discussed transit projects and answered questions.

A member requested an analysis of funding by mode.

MOTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to:

- 1. approve the Fiscal Years 2013-14 to 2017-18 Transportation Improvement Program with the modifications in Exhibit B; and**
- 2. request that staff provide an analysis of funding by mode at the next meeting.**

Commissioner Bottcher seconded.

**MOTION: Mayor Braddy moved to divide the question by separating out the Transit Maintenance Facility State Infrastructure Bank Loan Repayment Project in Exhibit B.
Commissioner Baird seconded; motion passed 7 to 3.**

Mr. Dave Schwartz, MTPO Attorney, discussed the procedure to divide the question.

Mr. Jim Maruniak discussed his safety concerns regarding sliplanes.

Mr. Bennett noted that, if the Transit Maintenance Facility State Infrastructure Bank Loan Repayment Project is not included in the Transportation Improvement Program, then the State Infrastructure Bank Loan would not be awarded.

DIVIDED MOTION- PART ONE:

Commissioner Hawkins moved to:

- 1. approve the Fiscal Years 2013-14 to 2017-18 Transportation Improvement Program with the modifications in Exhibit B, except the Transit Maintenance Facility State Infrastructure Bank Loan Repayment Project; and**
- 2. request that staff provide updated transportation mode funding information for the material included in the August 6, 2012 meeting packet.**

Commissioner Bottcher seconded. Chair Wells conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed 7 to 3.

DIVIDED MOTION- PART TWO:

Commissioner Hawkins moved to approve the Transit Maintenance Facility SIB Loan Repayment Project. Commissioner Bottcher seconded. Chair Wells conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed 8 to 2.

VI. 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 adopted Year 2035 Livable Community Reinvestment Plan and from local agency recommendations. He discussed the draft tables and answered questions.

Mr. Jeff Hays, Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the Newberry Road Park-and-Ride Project.

Ms. Scott discussed the Depot Avenue Reconstruction project.

A member suggested that the City and County develop lists of projects to be considered for long range transportation plan amendments.

Mr. Sanderson reported the status of the Year 2040 long range transportation plan update.

Mr. Bennett discussed the long range transportation plan amendment process and costs related to amending the long range transportation plan. He noted that the Archer Road Project Development and Environmental Study is out-of-date and would need to be updated.

A member requested leaving out Table 11 Priority 5 until after that project is discussed later.

MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved to:

- 1. approve the List of Priority Projects, except for Table 11 Priority 5; and**
- 2. direct staff to place on the agenda for an upcoming meeting to consider whether or not to amend the Year 2035 long range transportation plan and, if there is a recommendation to amend the long range transportation plan, then to provide candidate project lists developed by City and County staff that include fiscal impacts and funding sources for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area to prioritize.**

Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

After Mr. Sanderson noted that there were still action items from the Consent Agenda, Chair Wells stated that CA. 6 SW 8th Avenue Multi-Use Path- 60 Percent Design Plans would be discussed next.

CA. 6 SW 8TH AVENUE MULTI-USE PATH- 60 PERCENT DESIGN PLANS

Ms. Betsy Hurst discussed her concerns that the SW 8th Avenue Multi-Use Path would exacerbate flooding conditions in the SW 91st Street area.

Mr. Chris Towne, Dyer Riddle Mills and Precourt Traffic Engineer, discussed the SW 8th Avenue Multi-Use Path- 60 Percent Design Plans and answered questions.

Mr. Diaz also discussed the flooding concerns regarding the SW 8th Avenue Multi-Use Path.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to:

- 1. approve the SW 8th Avenue Multi-Use Path 60 percent Design Plans; and**
- 2. request that Alachua County address the flooding concerns presented by Ms. Hurst.**

Commissioner Bottcher seconded; motion passed 8 to 1 with Commissioner Baird voting "No."

CA. 5 ARCHER ROAD AT SW 34TH STREET INTERSECTION MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Bennett discussed the Archer Road at SW 34th Street Intersection Modifications report and answered questions. He noted that Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Traffic Operations staff and its consultant were present.

Mr. Mark Manwell, England Thims and Miller Traffic Engineer, discussed the Archer Road at SW 34th Street Intersection Modifications report and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved to approve the Florida Department of Transportation State Road 24 (Archer Road) at State Road 121 (SW 34th Street) Technical Report conclusions (page 22). Commissioner Baird seconded.

Mr. Bennett stated that the Florida Department of Transportation's involvement with the Butler Plaza development would be only for access development permits.

Mr. Bennett stated that the Florida Department of Transportation would provide the Technical Report appendices with the pedestrian data.

A member asked about provisions for enhanced pedestrian signage.

Mr. Manwell discussed the travel time savings with the proposed Florida Department of Transportation recommendations.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to defer discussion on this agenda item, request additional pedestrian count information and request recommendations concerning modifications that will make the area less hostile to pedestrians. Commissioner Hawkins seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member suggested deferring the remaining items to the next meeting. He also noted that the Archer Road and Tower Road issues have already been discussed.

Another member noted his interest in discussing pedestrian crossing markings.

Mr. Bennett stated that he has staff present to address this issue and asked about the locations for pedestrian crossing marking changes. He noted that this topic has been deferred several times and requested that this item be on the agenda for the next meeting.

A member said that he would coordinate with Florida Department of Transportation staff regarding specific locations for the enhanced pedestrian striping modifications.

VII. REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (RTS) ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS STUDY

Mr. Sanderson stated that RTS staff requested an opportunity to provide a status report on the alternatives analysis.

Mr. Alan Danaher, Parsons-Brinkerhoff Project Manager, discussed the status of the alternatives analysis and answered questions.


A member requested information about the community characteristics of Gainesville and Eugene.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wells adjourned the meeting at 11:03 p.m.

8/15/13

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> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Ned Baier | Dave Cerlanek | Russ Blackburn | Karen Taulbee |
| Jeanette Berk | Mike Fay | Paul Folkers | Tony Falotico |
| Alan Danaher | Jeff Hays | Jesus Gomez | Randy Vitra |
| Luis Diaz | Dave Schwartz | Debbie Leistner | |
| Betsy Hurst | Alan Yeatter | Matthew Muller | |
| Gilbert Levy | | Teresa Scott | |
| Jim Maruniak | | | |
| Mark Manwell | | | |
| Jean Rochford | | | |
| Chris Towne | | | |

* By telephone

Spoke and provided written comments

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EXHIBIT B

**Revisions to Draft Transportation Improvement Program
Presented at the May 22, 2013 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

| Illustration | Table | Page | Modification |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| III | 6 | 33; 36 | Include the University of Florida shared-use path from Illustration VIII and Table 12 |
| V | - | 39 | Show construction in Fiscal Year 2013-14 for SW 13th Street at Archer Road and SW 16th Avenue intersections; remove construction from Archer Road at SW 16th Avenue intersection |
| VIII | - | 55 | Show construction of sidewalks in Fiscal Year 2012-13 on NW 34th Street Westside from NW 23rd Terrace to WalMart and NW 23rd Street from NW 34th Street to NW 62 Avenue |
| VIII | 12 | 55 | Move the University of Florida shared-use path to Illustration III and Table 6 |
| X | - | 61 | Show <u>NW 8th Avenue</u> from NW 41st Street to NW 6th Street lane reduction/resurfacing project for construction in Fiscal Year 2012-13 |
| XI | 15 | 67; 69 | Add <u>Hull Road</u> construction from SW 38th Terrace to SW 34th Street, with design in Fiscal Year 2012-13 and construction in Fiscal Year 2013-14 [developer funded project cost estimates not provided] |
| XI | 15 | 67; 71 | Add <u>SW 38th Terrace</u> construction from SW 20th Avenue to Hull Road, with design in Fiscal Year 2012-13 and construction in Fiscal Year 2013-14 [developer funded project cost estimates not provided] |
| XI | 15 | 67; 68 | Include termini for Celebration Point Boulevard from Archer Road to SW 47th Way in project location and modify Illustration XI for flyover terminus |
| - | 15 | 71 | Place <u>SW 8th Avenue Extension</u> from SW 143rd Street to SW 122nd Street Design and Construction in Fiscal Year 2014-15 with local and County Incentive Grant Program funding |
| - | 15 | 74 | Delete “includes flyover” from SW 30th Avenue project description |
| - | 17 | 81 | Include <u>Transit Maintenance Facility</u> State Infrastructure Bank Loan repayment with \$4 million in Fiscal Year 2015-16 and \$4.1 million in Fiscal Year 2016-17 using Surface Transportation Program funds |

Note; Shaded rows are administrative revisions to the document that were provided at the Technical Advisory Committee meeting.



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

- Page #7 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- February 4, 2013 APPROVE MINUTES**
This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review.
- Page #17 CA. 2 MTPO Minutes- March 11, 2013 APPROVE MINUTES**
This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review.
- Page #25 CA. 3 Nondiscrimination Policy Statement APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
Each year, this form needs to be executed and submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation.
- Page #29 CA. 4 Auditor Selection Process APPOINT COMMISSIONER POE TO AUDIT COMMITTEE**
The Regional Planning Council and MTPO jointly select an auditor to prepare a joint audit.
- Page #115 CA. 7 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Coordinating Board Appointment APPOINT DR. LEVY**
Dr. Levy is the only applicant for the voting Elderly Representative on this Board.
- Page #119 CA. 8 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Planning Grant Resolution, Fiscal Year 2013-14 APPROVE RESOLUTION**
This resolution and planning agreement ar for funds that are used to provide staff services to the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

**Page #137 CA. 9 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-
Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED**

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

Page #149 CA. 10 City Beautification Board Letter- NO ACTION REQUIRED

The enclosed letter to Mayor Lowe states that painting of mast arms is an important design feature that needs to be addressed and funded.

**Page #151 CA. 11 SR 329 (Main Street) Transfer from Depot Avenue to- NO ACTION REQUIRED
SR 331 (Williston Road)**

The enclosed FDOT letter encourages the City and County to work together to reach agreement on which agency should assume ownership and maintenance of Main Street.

Page #153 CA. 12 Funding Florida's Future Transportation System NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed is the MPOAC Transportation Revenue Study.