

MINUTES  
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium  
Alachua County Administration Building  
Gainesville, Florida

3:00 p.m.  
Monday  
April 14, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Byerly  
Gib Coerper  
Curtis Reynolds

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Michael Escalante  
Scott Koons

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Susan Baird called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

A member asked for deferral of CA.2 Transportation for America- Draft Resolution.

A member asked whether the Transportation for America- Draft Resolution was approved by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, noted that the Transportation for America- Draft Resolution was approved by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. He asked for approval of the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda amended to defer CA.2 Transportation for America- Draft Resolution until the June MTPO meeting, add a new item IV<sub>B</sub> State Road 26 Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study after item IV. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment and add CA.6 Statistically Valid Telephone Survey and CA.7 Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan- Questionnaire after item VI. Dr. Kermit Sigmon Award.

**MOTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda amended to defer CA.2 Transportation for America- Draft Resolution until the June MTPO meeting, add a new item IV<sub>B</sub> State Road 26 Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study after item IV. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment and add CA.6 Statistically Valid Telephone Survey and CA.7 Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan- Questionnaire after item VI. Dr. Kermit Sigmon Award. Commissioner Bottcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## II. YEAR 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Mr. Sanderson discussed the draft public participation plan that will be used for the long range transportation plan update. He stated that the MTPO provided the required 45 days public notice in a newspaper of general circulation. He said that notices appeared in the Gainesville Sun, Gainesville Guardian and Independent Florida Alligator.

Chair Baird asked if there was anyone present in the audience that wanted to provide comments on the draft plan. No one came forward to provide comments.

**MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the Public Participation Plan. Commissioner Hawkins 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 submit a signed certification statement that says 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 Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT-

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program to add a Project, Development and Environmental Study for the SW 62nd Boulevard 4-Lane Connector.

Mr. James Bennett, FDOT Urban Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the status of the SW 62nd Boulevard 4-Lane Connector Project, Development and Environment Study and answered questions.

**MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2013-14 to 2017-18 Transportation Improvement Program to add the Project, Development and Environmental Study for the SW 62nd Boulevard 4-Lane Connector [211365-6] in the amounts of \$1,275,794 High Priority Project Funds and \$2,983 S117 Surface Transportation Program Earmark funds. Commissioner Bottcher seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.**

## IV<sub>B</sub> STATE ROAD 26 MULTIMODAL EMPHASIS CORRIDOR STUDY

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested revisions for the funding the State Road 26 Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study. He discussed the revisions and answered questions. He thanked the County Attorney for her assistance with this issue.

Mr. James Bennett discussed the intent of the corridor study and funding scenario and answered questions.

**MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved to approve the Exhibit 1 Resolution 2014-04 authorizing the Chair to sign the Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida department of transportation and approve corresponding revisions discussed in Exhibit 2. Commissioner Hawkins seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

V. GO ENHANCE RTS STUDY

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Regional Transit System (RTS) consultant, Parsons Brinkerhoff, Inc. has completed the Go Enhance RTS Study.

Mr. Alan Danaher, Parsons Brinkerhoff Project Manager, discussed the Go Enhance RTS Study and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson discussed issues related to the peer review of this study and answered questions.

Mr. Jeff Hays, Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager, noted that the Year 2035 Gainesville Urbanized Area Study model was used in this study.

Mr. Jesus Gomez, RTS Transit Director, discussed the Transit Development Plan update and Comprehensive Operational Analysis evaluation of existing service and answered questions.

A member requested that the RTS Transit Director send the Transportation Surtax project list to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Mike Fay, Alachua County Interim Assistant County Manager, discussed the SpringHills Development of Regional Impact transportation costs.

VI. DR. KERMIT SIGMON AWARD

Mr. Sanderson stated that Gainesville City Commissioner Thomas Hawkins was selected to receive the 2013 Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award and presented him the award.

Commissioner Hawkins thanked the MTPO.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the remaining items pulled from the Consent Agenda, CA.2 Transportation For America- Draft Resolution, CA.6 Statistically Valid Telephone Survey and CA.7 Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan- Questionnaire will be included in the next meeting packet.

VII. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

VIII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

A member discussed Highway Trust Fund concerns and asked that a copy of the Orlando Sentinel editorial be provided to the MTPO members at its next meeting.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizens comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Baird discussed pedestrian crossings at SW 62nd Boulevard.

Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Director, stated that the crossing meets requirements but that she will discuss this intersection with City Traffic Operations staff for consideration of modifications.

Chair Baird discussed the Newberry Road at NW 43 Street and the SW 91st Street westbound left turn signalization for permissive left turns.

Ms. Scott noted that the NW 43rd Street signal is protected due to sight distance and speeds.

Mr. Fay stated that FDOT will leave the NW 91st Street intersection movement as protected due to limited sight distance.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

6-9-14  
Date

  
Robert Hutchinson, Secretary/Treasurer

**EXHIBIT A**

**Interested Citizens**

Alan Danaher

Alan Penska

Suzanne Skadowski

Bryan Thomas

**Alachua County**

Mike Fay

Jeff Hays

Ruth Findley

Michele Lieberman

Mark Sexton

**City of Gainesville**

Russ Blackburn

Paul Folkers

Jesus Gomez

Matthew Muller

Teresa Scott

**Florida Department  
of Transportation**

James Green

\* By telephone

# Spoke and provided written comments

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**CONSENT AGENDA  
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

- Page #7 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- February 3, 2013 APPROVE MINUTES**  
This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review.
- Page #49 CA. 3 Fiscal Year 2013 Audit APPROVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**  
The Audit Review Committee recommends acceptance of the audit report and approval of the invoice for payment.
- Page #51 CA. 4 Nondiscrimination Policy Statement APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**  
Each year, this form needs to be executed and submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation.
- Page #53 CA. 5 Unified Planning Work Program APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS**  
This document contains the MTPO budget and identifies work tasks for the next two fiscal years.
- Page #63 CA. 8 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED**  
The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program.