

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 1, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lauren Poe, Vice Chair
Ed Braddy
Mike Byerly
Craig Carter
Todd Chase
Ken Cornell
James Knight/Greg Evans
Yvonne Hinson-Rawls
Robert Hutchinson
Doug Jones
Lee Pinkoson
Helen Warren
Randy Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Chestnut
Curtis Reynolds

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Lauren Poe called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, introduced Mr. Jim Knight, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Urban Planning and Modal Administrator. He noted that Mr. Knight has replaced Mr. James Bennett in this position.

Mr. Knight stated that he looked forward to working with the MTPO and asked members to call him if they had any questions.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sanderson asked for approval of the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda.

A member asked for an explanation of the \$10,000 expense for the State Road 26 Multimodal Corridor Study Phase 2 workshop.

Mr. Sanderson introduced Mr. Bruce Landis, Sprinkle Consulting Vice President.

Mr. Landis discussed the Phase 2 workshop and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson suggested that Consent Agenda item CA.3 State Road 26 Multimodal Study- Phase 2 Contract be discussed with agenda item V. University Avenue Multimodal Study- Phase 1 Report.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda revised to include discussion of CA.3 State Road 26 Multimodal Study- Phase 2 Contract with agenda item V. University Avenue Multimodal Study. Commissioner Carter seconded; motion passed 10 to 1.

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.

Mr. Bruce Frendahl discussed his concerns regarding bicycle safety.

MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the Public Involvement Plan update; Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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, 2017.

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

Mr. Rob Brinkman, Mr. James Samec, Ms. Mary Ann DeMatas, Mr. Gil Levy and Mr. Ron Lieberman spoke regarding their candidacy for the CAC.

Mr. Don Shepherd spoke regarding his transportation concerns. He said he was interested in serving on the CAC.

Chair Poe asked MTPO staff to provide Mr. Shepherd with a CAC application.

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 Wells moved to:

- 1. reappoint E. J. Bolduc, Rob Brinkman and James Samec to the CAC for a term through December 31, 2017; and**
- 2. appoint Gilbert Levy and Ron Lieberman to the CAC for a term through December 31, 2017.**

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD- VACANT POSITIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to fill two vacant positions on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board.

Mr. Dekova Batey, Gainesville Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Coordinator, stated that the City of Gainesville appoints a student representative.

MOTION: Commissioner Wells moved to appoint Luke Tia for a term through December 31, 2017 and Kyle Gorman for a term through December 31, 2016. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.

V. UNIVERSITY AVENUE MULTIMODAL STUDY- PHASE 1 REPORT CA.3 STATE ROAD 26 MULTIMODAL STUDY- PHASE 2 CONTRACT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO's consultant for the University Avenue Multimodal Study was present to discuss the Phase 1 Report.

Mr. Landis and Mr. Peyton McLeod, Sprinkle Consulting Project Manager, discussed the Phase 1 Report and answered questions.

Mr. Knight stated that the University Avenue Multimodal Corridor Study and Florida Department of Transportation Road Safety Audit would be coordinated.

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Senior Planner, and Mr. McLeod discussed roadway level of service within the University Avenue corridor and answered questions

Mr. Landis discussed flasher crossings. He stated that he will provide additional information concerning flasher crossings to MTPO staff to forward on to MTPO members.

Mr. McLeod said that the Road Safety Audit should address Americans with Disabilities Act-compliance deficiencies within the corridor.

Mr. Shepherd spoke in support of the study.

MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to:

- 1. accept the Phase 1 Report as a completed planning document and authorized the Chair to sign a Supplemental Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for \$50,000 for Phase 2 subject to review and approval of the Agreement as to legal form and sufficiency by the MTPO Attorney;**
- 2. send a copy of the University Avenue Multimodal Study-Phase 1 Report to University of Florida Planning staff and Student Government and ask for their participation in the Phase 2 study; and**
- 3. approve the State Road 26 Multimodal Study- Phase 2 Contract.**

Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. 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 and staff recommendations.

Ms. Debbie Leistner, Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the NW 19th Lane Cycle Track project and answered questions.

Mr. James Green, FDOT District 2 Transportation Specialist, noted that the Norton project was in the draft FDOT Tentative Work Program.

Mr. Shepherd spoke in support of the NW 19th Lane Cycle Track project.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to recommend that the Florida Department of Transportation revise the Tentative Work Program to include the following two projects:

- 1. adding turnlanes to State Road 121 (NW 34th Street) where they are needed, such as the entrance to Northwood Pines Subdivision (NW 23rd Terrace) and the entrance to Rock Creek Subdivision; and**
- 2. the NW 19th Lane Cycle Track- the Transportation Alternatives Program project application approved at the October 6, 2014 MTPO meeting.**

Commissioner Wells seconded, motion failed for lack of a City Commission majority.

Mr. Jeff Hays, Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the County's Transportation Alternatives Program projects and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to recommend that the Florida Department of Transportation revise the Tentative Work program to include adding turnlanes to State Road 121 (NW 34th Street) where they are needed, such as the entrance to Northwood Pines Subdivision (NW 23 Terrace) and the entrance to Rock Creek Subdivision. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded, motion passed 10 to 1.

VII. UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA SURVEY RESEARCH CENTER- TELEPHONE SURVEY 2014

Mr. Sanderson stated that the statistically valid telephone survey is completed. He introduced Mr. Scott Richards, University of Florida Survey Research Center Project Manager.

Mr. Richards discussed the Telephone Survey 2014 report and answered questions.

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.

Mr. Shepherd suggested postponing the elections.

MOTION: Commissioner Wells moved to elect Commissioner Poe as the Chair, Commissioner Hutchinson as the Vice Chair and Commissioner Warren as the Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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 Wells moved to appoint Commissioner Warren and Commissioner Cornell to the Audit Review Committee and to have Commissioner Warren serve as Committee Chair. Commissioner Chase 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 Hutchinson moved to appoint Commissioner Warren as the voting representative and Commissioner Pinkoson as the alternate representative to the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council. Commissioner Wells seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

VI. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

A member discussed his concerns regarding safety on State Road 121 from Radio Road to NW 8th Avenue and State Roads 26 and 26A from the fire station to just east of the Publix shopping center. He noted that the shopping center was planned to be redeveloped.

MOTION: Commissioner Chase moved to request a Florida Department of Transportation presentation at the February 2, 2015 meeting to review the design and possible need for modifications that address safety and access management concerns, including access to adjacent properties for State Road 121 (W. 34th Street) from Radio Road north to NW 8th Avenue and State Roads 26 (Newberry Road) and 26A (SW 2nd Avenue) from the fire station east to just past the Publix shopping center. Commissioner Byerly seconded, motion passed unanimously.

B. CITIZENS

Mr. Shepherd discussed his safety concerns regarding the Westgate shopping area. He suggested exclusive right turnlanes on SW 34th Street at the Hull Road and Radio Road intersections. He also suggested including a building on the NE 8th Avenue park. He noted that he reported a trailer fire at lot 192.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Poe requested that the June 1, 2015 MTPO meeting begin at 3:00 p.m. to accommodate Secretary Hattaway's calendar.

MOTION: Commissioner Wells moved to schedule the June 1, 2015 MTPO meeting to begin at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Carter seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

2-5-15
Date


Helen Warren, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

| <u>Interested Citizens</u> | <u>Alachua County</u> | <u>City of Gainesville</u> | <u>Florida Department of Transportation</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Rob Brinkman | Mike Fay | Dekova Batey | James Green |
| Mary Ann DeMatas | Ruth Findley | Debbie Leistner | |
| Bruce Frendahl | Jeff Hays | Teresa Scott | |
| Mark Girson | Michele Lieberman | | |
| Bruce Landis | | | |
| Gilbert Levy | | | |
| Ron Lieberman | | | |
| Peyton McLeod | | | |
| Scott Richards | | | |
| Lee Roberts | | | |
| James Samec | | | |
| Don Shepherd | | | |

* By telephone

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**CONSENT AGENDA
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Page #7 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- October 6, 2014 APPROVE MINUTES**
This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review.
- Page #15 CA. 2 Florida Department of Transportation- Reimbursement Agreement APPROVE RESOLUTION**
FDOT is providing \$50,000 for the preparation of Phase 2 of the State Road 26 (University Avenue) multimodal Study.
- Page #37 CA. 4 Joint Participation Agreement (JPA)- Correction for Scrivener's Error APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
There are several errors in this Florida Department of Transportation JPA that need to be corrected (the MTPO approved this JPA at its October 6, 2014 meeting).
- Page #47 CA. 5 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Resolution of Appreciation APPROVE RESOLUTION**
This resolution recognizes the service of Ms. Tassie Fuller.
- Page #65 CA. 6 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED**
The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program.

