

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

3:00 p.m.
Monday
February 3, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Baird, Chair
Lauren Poe, Vice Chair
Susan Bottcher
Ed Braddy
Todd Chase
Chuck Chestnut
James Green/Greg Evans
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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Susan Baird called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, introduced Ms. Shundreka Givan, Federal Highway Administration Senior Transportation Planning Specialist.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Bottcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Donald Shepherd asked whether any University of Florida funds were used in these projects.

Mr. James Green, FDOT Transportation Planning Supervisor, stated that these projects are being constructed with federal Transportation Alternatives Program funds and that no University of Florida funds are being used in these projects.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2013-14 to 2017-18 Transportation Improvement Program to add Environment Mitigation and Utility Phases to:

- 1. University of Florida Campus Greenway from SW 34 Street to Gale Lemerand Drive [428869-1] in the amount of \$40,000 Equity Bonus funds;**
- 2. University of Florida Campus Greenway from Gale Lemerand Drive to Archer Road [430614-1] in the amount of \$3,000 Equity Bonus funds; and**
- 3. University of Florida Campus Greenway from Gale Lemerand Drive to Archer Road [430614-1] in the amount of \$37,254 Transportation Alternative funds.**

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

III. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE-
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr. Sanderson discussed the public participation plan that will be used for the long range transportation plan update. He stated that the MTPO is required to provide at least 45 days public notice in a newspaper of general circulation. He said that notices have been prepared for the Gainesville Sun, Gainesville Guardian and Independent Florida Alligator.

Mr. Wiley Page, Atkins Transportation Planning Group Manager, discussed the long range transportation plan update process and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved to authorize staff to publish the display ad for the Public Participation Plan. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE-
COMMUNITY PUBLIC WORKSHOP PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr. Sanderson discussed the public notices that will be used for the long range transportation plan update. He said that display advertisements have been prepared for the Gainesville Sun, Gainesville Guardian and Independent Florida Alligator. He noted that the scheduled workshop conflicts with an Alachua County public hearing on the transportation surtax.

Mr. Bruce Nelson asked how the long range transportation plan issues compared to the transportation surtax issues.

Mr. Page discussed the workshop agenda topics and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to direct staff to reschedule the Community Public Workshop so that it does not conflict with meetings of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and Gainesville City Commission, as well as University of Florida, Santa Fe College and Alachua County District Schools spring breaks. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE-
NEWSLETTER, QUESTIONNAIRE AND WEBSITE

Mr. Sanderson stated that, as part of the long range transportation plan update public participation process, a draft newsletter, questionnaire and website have been developed.

Mr. Page discussed the draft newsletter, questionnaire and website and answered questions.

A member noted that the Gainesville Sun had looked into Mindmixer for surveying transportation issues.

A member discussed telephone surveys and the merits of a statistically valid survey.

A member asked about virtual town hall meetings. She noted that the Bob Graham Center and the University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research could assist in survey efforts.

Mr. Paul Folkers, City of Gainesville Assistant City Manager, discussed Granicus Town Hall and Mindmixer public participation programs.

MOTION: Mayor Braddy moved to direct staff to provide cost estimates for a statistically valid telephone survey. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

Commissioner Poe asked that any other public outreach expenditures that maximize public input be added. Mayor Braddy and Commissioner Hinson-Rawls accepted the amendment.

ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED:

Mayor Braddy moved to direct staff to provide cost estimates for a statistically valid telephone survey and any other public outreach expenditures that maximize public input. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nelson noted the transportation needs expressed by citizens at various retail and public facilities.

Mr. Shepherd discussed transportation system needs.

MOTION: Commissioner Chase moved to approve the newsletter and website as modified to indicate the new workshop date. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Several members discussed the questions in the draft questionnaire.

A member requested that the Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan telephone survey be provided to MTPO members. Mr. Sanderson stated that he would also provide the previous statistically valid survey.

Mr. Nelson noted that the Go-Enhance Regional Transit System website includes information provided by the public, summits and a survey.

Mr. Kevin Thorpe discussed the statistically valid survey and the draft questionnaire.

MOTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to direct staff to solicit individual MTPO member input concerning the questionnaire by email. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. BUS RAPID TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS- STATUS REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that several MTPO members had asked about the status of the Regional Transit System (RTS) Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis. He added that the MTPO would receive a presentation at its next meeting on April 14, 2014.

Chair Baird discussed an interest in having a review of the study by an outside expert.

A member requested that staff provide all MTPO members with a link to the draft study.

Mr. Matthew Muller, RTS Transit Planner, discussed the draft study and answered questions.

Mr. Mike Fay, Alachua County Acting Assistant County Manager, discussed the Transportation Surtax process and answered questions.

MOTION: Mayor Braddy moved to direct staff to investigate inviting Mr. Randall O'Toole to present a review of the draft Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis study and invite him if his participation costs less than \$3,000. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded.

Mr. Shepherd spoke against the peer review.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to direct staff to develop a process and budget for a peer review of the draft Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. He noted that there was one vacancy on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

Chair Baird requested that the CAC application be linked to the Alachua County and City of Gainesville websites.

VIII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

There were no member comments.

B. CITIZENS

Mr. Nelson asked why the Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis was not included in the current the agenda since it was available. He also spoke concerning the cost effectiveness of bus rapid transit for those who are transit dependent.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date

2/14/14



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>
Tony Fulton	Mike Fay	Russ Blackburn	-
Shundreka Givan	Jeff Hays	Paul Folkers	
Bruce Nelson	Sean McLendon	Jesus Gomez	
Wiley Page	Dave Schwartz	Debbie Leistner	
Donald Shepherd	Mark Sexton	Matthew Muller	
Suzanne Skadowski		Teresa Scott	
Kevin Thorpe			
Jackie Varas			
David Wasserman			

* By telephone

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**CONSENT AGENDA
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Page #7 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- December 2, 2013 APPROVE MINUTES**
This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review.
- Page #17 CA. 2 Florida Department of Transportation- Reimbursement Agreement Resolution APPROVE RESOLUTION**
FDOT is providing \$100,000 to the MTPO to fund a study to identify specific multimodal projects on university Avenue from Gale Lemerand Drive east to Waldo Road.
- Page #49 CA. 3 University Avenue Multimodal Study- Technical Committee APPROVE COMMITTEE**
The MTPO needs to appoint members to this Committee.
- Page #51 CA. 4 Continuity of Operations Plan APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
This Plan is reviewed each year and revisions are made as needed.
- Page #53 CA. 5 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED**
The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program.
- Page #63 CA. 6 MPOAC Legislative Priorities and Policy Positions- NO ACTION REQUIRED**
Enclosed are the legislative priorities and policy positions of this organization for the 2014 Florida Legislative Sessions.

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CA. 7 MPOAC Weekend Institute

NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed is information about the next two sessions of this Institute.