

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 2, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Baird, Chair
Lauren Poe, Vice Chair
James Bennett/Greg Evans
Mike Byerly
Craig Carter
Chuck Chestnut
Gib Coerper
Yvonne Hinson-Rawls
Robert Hutchinson
Curtis Reynolds
Helen Warren

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Braddy
Todd Chase
Lee Pinkoson
Randy Wells

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 5:05 p.m. She welcomed new MTPO members, Commissioner Helen Warren and Commissioner Craig Carter.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, asked for approval of the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda amended to add item VIII_B. Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee Appointments.

MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda amended to add item VIII_B. Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee Appointments. Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson announced that this was the last MTPO meeting for Mr. James Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Urban Transportation Development Engineer.

Chair Baird thanked Mr. Bennett for his service to the MTPO.

Mr. Bennett stated that he would be pursuing other opportunities, including seeking elected office in Baker County.

II. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT-

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program to add a \$25,000 transit operating assistance grant and \$25,000 local match.

MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2013-14 to 2017-18 Transportation Improvement Program to add an Operating Assistance for Regional Transit System Grant [4435864-1] in the amounts of \$25,000 Section 5310 funds and \$25,000 local match funds. Commissioner Chestnut seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.

III. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014-15 TO 2018-19

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 reviewed the project tables and answered questions.

Mr. Mike Fay, Alachua County Interim Assistant County Manager, discussed the NW 34 Street sidewalk project.

Mr. Sanderson noted that he would check with City and County staffs for additional pedestrian projects to be included in next year's Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Bennett noted that the federal and state-funded projects in the Transportation Improvement Program are from the FDOT Work Program.

Mr. Jeff Hays, Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the SW 20 Avenue bridge project and answered questions. He noted that this project is not ready for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Sanderson stated that he would send transportation disadvantaged eligibility criteria to MTPO members. He also discussed the MTPO's policy for including local projects in the Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Bennett discussed project programming in the Transportation Improvement Program. He added that the List of Priority Projects is the MTPO's opportunity to request state and/or federal funds for projects that are not funded.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to have next year's Transportation Improvement Program include only state and federally funded projects, with locally funded projects included in the appendix.

A member of the MTPO discussed his participation at the MPOAC Institute and the information available at the sessions. He recommended the Institute to other MTPO members.

Mr. Sanderson reported the advisory committee recommendations. He noted that there was a display advertisement in local newspapers for the Transportation Improvement Program.

Chair Baird invited citizens to speak on the draft Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION: Commissioner Chestnut moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2013-14 to 2017-18 Transportation Improvement Program. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.

IV. LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that, each year, priorities for unfunded projects are submitted to FDOT. He said that these priorities are used by FDOT 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.

Chair Baird inquired about the composition of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the CAC selection process and answered questions. He discussed the draft priority tables and answered questions.

Mr. Jesus Gomez, Regional Transit System Director, discussed funding for the Transit Maintenance Facility and answered questions.

Mr. Bennett noted that the Transportation Regional Incentive Program Priority #2, Archer Road 4-Laning, is not in the Long Range Transportation Plan and the map shows incorrect termini for the SW 62 Connector project. He also discussed the transportation planning process and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the List of Priority Projects Table 1 and Table 3 revised to correct the map for Priority #1 SW 62 Connector and to delete Priority #2 Archer Road 4-Laning. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded; motion passed 6 to 1.

A member of the MTPO suggested that MPOAC Institute training be required for new MTPO members.

Mr. Sanderson stated that MPOAC Institute training information will be included in future MTPO packets. He also discussed the Table 2 recommendations and answered questions. In addition, he reviewed the funding eligibility for the Bike Map Update Project and answered questions.

Ms. Debbie Leistner, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the recently updated City Bike Maps and answered questions. She noted there was "Share the Road" signage in the NW 6 Street and NW 13 Street corridors. She reported that City staff preferred the projects reported in the Technical Advisory Committee recommendation.

Mr. Scott Koons, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Executive Director, discussed the efforts to develop bike maps within the region for The Original Florida Tourism Task Force and answered questions.

Mr. Bennett discussed the "Share the Road signage." He noted that FDOT would consider a request for changing the signage to "Bicycle May Use Full Lane."

Mr. Koons reported that the Bike Maps Update Project was limited to producing web-based maps and did not include any printing costs. He said that the regional maps are being updated this year and will be web-based.

MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to:

- 1. approve the Technical Advisory Committee-recommended List of Priority Projects Table 2 revised to add the NW 39 Avenue bike/pedestrian trail project from the Regional Transit System bus stop to the Grace Market Place as Priority #18;**

2. **request that the Florida Department of Transportation look into, and if possible, replace the “Share the Road” signage along the NW 6 Street and NW 13 Street with “Bicycles May Use Full Lane” (R4-11) signage; and**
3. **request that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board and the Citizens Advisory Committee coordinate with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with discussions for the printing of the regional bike maps.**

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V YEAR 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE-
VISION STATEMENT, PRINCIPLES AND STRATEGIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to adopt a Vision Statement, Principles and Strategies to provide guidance for the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan update. He introduced Mr. Wiley Page, Atkins Project Manager, to discuss the draft Vision Statement, Principles and Strategies.

Mr. Page discussed the draft Vision Statement, Principles and Strategies, answered questions and reported the advisory committee recommendations.

MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved to approve the Vision Statement, Principles and Strategies for the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Commissioner Byerly seconded.

Several members of the MTPO discussed their concerns with respect to road connectivity, the number of references to bicycle, pedestrian and transit and redundancy in the draft Vision Statement, Principles and Strategies.

FIRST SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to table the Vision Statement, Principles and Strategies agenda item. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded.

Mr. Page stated that the Vision Statement, Principles and Strategies is a required element of the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. He noted that this document is a tool for identifying projects to be selected for funding in the long range transportation plan. He reviewed the long range transportation planning process.

SECOND SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner Byerly moved to refer the Vision Statement, Principles and Strategies agenda item to staff to reduce its length and redundancy and have balance among the modes. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously

There was no longer a quorum of the MTPO.

Mr. Sanderson stated that there were vacancies for City of Gainesville representation on the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee.

Mr. Fay discussed County staff's timetable for a Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee meeting and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson said that he would contact the City Manager to request that the City of Gainesville make three appointments to the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee. He discussed the status of the Statistically Valid Telephone Survey and answered questions.

Chair Baird requested that staff place the Statistically Valid Telephone Survey and the Questionnaire for discussion early in the next meeting agenda. She also stated that the MTPO should review the survey before it is implemented.

A member of the MTPO requested information at the next meeting concerning a "statistically valid survey," what is "a good question- a non-leading question" and information regarding whether a survey is independent and that the results can be trusted.

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

8/12/14
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>
Wiley Page	Mike Fay	Russ Blackburn	James Green
	Jeff Hays	Paul Folkers	
	Ruth Findley	Jesus Gomez	
	Michele Lieberman	Debbie Leistner	
		Matthew Muller	
		Teresa Scott	

* 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- April 14, 2014 APPROVE MINUTES**
This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review.
- Page #15 CA. 2 State Road 26 Multimodal Study- Contract APPROVE CONTRACT**
The consultant selection process resulted in Sprinkle Consulting as the number one ranked firms.
- Page #37 CA. 3 Transportation for America- Draft Resolution APPROVE RESOLUTION**
The Audit Review Committee recommends acceptance of the audit report and approval of the invoice for payment.
- Page #51 CA. 4 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Planning Grant Resolution, Fiscal Year 2014-15 APPROVE RESOLUTION**
This resolution and planning agreement are for funds that are used to provide staff services to the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board..
- Page #83 CA. 5 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Coordinating Board Appointments APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
The MTPO needs to make several appointments to this Board.
- Page #93 CA. 6 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Resolution of Appreciation APPROVE RESOLUTION**
This resolution recognizes the service of Mr. Kyle Morrison.

Page #97 **CA. 7 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-
Status Report** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

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

Page #53 **CA. 8 Elimination of Interstate 75 Median Crossovers** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The Florida Department of Transportation has decided to eliminate all three “Official Use Only” median crossovers on Interstate 75 between Archer Road and Newberry Road.