

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

3:00 p.m.
Monday
October 6, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Baird, Chair
Lauren Poe, Vice Chair
Ed Braddy
Mike Byerly
Todd Chase
James Green/Greg Evans
Yvonne Hinson-Rawls
Doug Jones
Lee Pinkoson
Helen Warren
Randy Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT

Craig Carter
Chuck Chestnut
Robert Hutchinson
Curtis Reynolds

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Michael Escalante
Lynn Franson- Godfrey

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Susan Baird called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Mr. Scott Koons, Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) for the Gainesville Urbanized Area Chief Staff Official, presented Commissioner Baird a plaque in recognition of her service as Chair.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

II. MV TRANSPORTATION, INC.- CITIZEN COMPLAINT

Mr. Koons stated that complaints regarding transportation disadvantaged service have been referred to the MTPO.

Ms. Lenora Stewart discussed her complaints and answered questions.

Mr. Kelly Gonzalez, MV Transportation General Manager, addressed Ms. Stewart's complaints and answered questions. He noted that he was working with Ms. Stewart to resolve her concerns.

III. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS-

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

MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2013-14 to 2017-18 Transportation Improvement Program to add the Federal Transit Administration Section 5317 Purchase Vehicles and Equipment Grant Project identified in Exhibit 1. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2014-15 to 2018-19 Transportation Improvement Program to add the Interstate 75 at State Road 222 Safety Project identified in Exhibit 2. Commissioner Warren seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.

IV. UNIVERSITY AVENUE MULTIMODAL STUDY- EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT

Mr. Koons stated that the MTPO's consultant for the University Avenue Multimodal Study was present to provide an update on the study.

Mr. Bruce Landis, Sprinkle Consulting Vice President, and Mr. Peyton McLeod, Sprinkle Consulting Project Manager, discussed the Existing Conditions Report and answered questions. Mr. Landis noted that they could look at through movement versus destination traffic.

A member thanked FDOT for its approval of a Complete Streets Policy. He mentioned the Atlanta MPO Latent Demand Study and noted that the University of Florida is updating its Campus Master Plan and hoped it incorporated some of the recommendations into its update.

V. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Koons announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

VI. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

A member discussed a recent trip to Minneapolis for a racial equity workshop and asked about potential light rail connections to the outer municipalities.

Mr. Koons stated that a light rail feasibility study was conducted several years ago and the findings indicated that light rail was not feasible. He noted that express bus service is a more appropriate transit option.

A member asked when the community statistically valid survey would be available. Another member requested that the status of the survey be emailed to MTPO members.

A member discussed the City of Alachua Transit System's (CATS) limited service run and suggested that express bus service be considered under a different business model.

Several members thanked Chair Baird for her service.

Commissioner Doug Jones, MTPO Rural Advisor, stated that the City of Archer is interested in public transportation. He noted that he is an electric vehicle operator and asked about opportunities for recharge access.

A member suggested looking at the Regional Transit System's outreach to outlying communities for public transit.

A member noted that Gainesville Regional Utilities conducted an Electric Vehicle Impact Study.

Ms. Teresa Scott, Gainesville Public Works Director, stated that public transit to outlying communities was evaluated in the 1997 FDOT Multimodal Corridor and Park and Ride Study.

Mr. Jones stated that express bus service is a low priority and that routing needs more discussion.

B. CITIZENS

There were no Citizens comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

December 10, 14
Date

Helen Warren
Helen Warren, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Mary Edwards	Mike Fay	Millie Crawford	Barney Bennett
Kelly Gonzalez	Jeff Hays	Paul Folkers	
Bruce Landis	Michele Lieberman	Teresa Scott	
Peyton McLeod	Sean McLendon		
Demetrius Moring			
Spencer Morton			
Jesse Pete			
Marsha Rivera			
Lee Roberts			
Steve Shams			
Maxine Stallings			
Lenora Stewart			
Jack Varnon			

* 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- August 4, 2014 APPROVE MINUTES**
- This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review.
- Page #25 CA. 2 Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2013-14 Audit APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
- The audit this year will be prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants.
- Page #33 CA. 3 Proposed Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14- APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
- This budget will allow staff to monitor MTPO expenditures and make appropriate adjustments as needed.
- Page #37 CA. 4 Supplemental Agreement to Contract AQR-23- APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Federal Transit Administration 5305(d) Planning Funds**
- Each year, the MTPO submits a grant application for these funds.
- Page #47 CA. 5 Transportation Alternative Projects- 2014 Application APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION**
- This year, the Florida Department of Transportation is requesting that grant applications be submitted by the end of November.

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**CA. 6 Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)
Airport Connector Designation**

**APPROVE JOINT
RECOMMENDATION**

FDOT is planning two revisions to the SIS Connector designations at the Airport- to drop the NE 39th Avenue entrance and add the new entrance off Waldo Road.

EXHIBIT 1



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TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY September 10, 2014

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FY2014	\$ 211,667	DU (Federal Reimbursement)
	<u>52,917</u>	<u>Local Funds</u>
TOTAL	\$ 264,584	

If you have any questions about this project or this amendment request please call me at (904) 360.5684.

Sincerely,

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