

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 13, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lauren Poe, Chair
Robert Hutchinson, Vice Chair
Mike Byerly
Craig Carter
Todd Chase
Chuck Chestnut
Ken Cornell
Yvonne Hinson-Rawls
Doug Jones
Lee Pinkoson
Curtis Reynolds
Jim Green/Greg Evans
Helen Warren
Randy Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Braddy

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lauren Poe called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

A member of the MTPO requested that Mr. Donnie Ellington, Florida Transportation Commission member, and Ms. Mary Anderson be able to provide comments as the next item.

A member discussed his concerns regarding the NW 19th Lane Cycle Track agenda item and questioned why this item was back on the agenda for discussion.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, stated that the project is moving along in the funding process and, if the MTPO did not take any action, it could be funded.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda amended to hear Mr. Ellington and Ms. Mary Anderson speak as the next item. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Donnie Ellington, Florida Transportation Commission member, discussed the Commission's duties and responsibilities.

Ms. Mary Anderson discussed pedestrian and transportation disadvantaged safety concerns. She also supported limited access on Archer Road between SW 16th Avenue and SW 13th Street.

MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to:

- 1. request that staff provide information on transportation disadvantaged funding for the last five years;**
- 2. send a letter to the City of Gainesville requesting Regional Transit System transit revenue by funding source information for the last five years; and**
- 3. send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting pedestrian first signal priority for the Waldo Road corridor from East University Avenue to NE 39th Avenue.**

Commissioner Wells seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rob Brinkman discussed safety concerns on Waldo Road. He asked that the MTPO consider asking Florida Department of Transportation to lower the speed limit to 35 mph north to NE 39th Avenue. He asked for pedestrian signal enhancements at the NE 39th Avenue/Waldo Road intersection to accommodate Dignity Village and Grace Marketplace users.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS:

Chair Poe requested an amendment to the motion to send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting that they consider lowering the speed limit to 35 miles per hour on Waldo Road between East University Avenue and NE 39th Avenue. Commissioners Hutchinson and Wells accepted the amendment.

Commissioner Hutchinson requested an amendment to the motion to request that the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team to conduct a corridor safety study for the Waldo Road corridor from East University Avenue to NE 39th Avenue. Commissioner Wells accepted the amendment.

MOTION AS AMENDED:

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to:

- 1. request that staff provide information on transportation disadvantaged funding for the last five years;**
- 2. send a letter to the City of Gainesville requesting Regional Transit System transit revenue by funding source information for the last five years;**
- 3. send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting pedestrian first signal priority for the Waldo Road corridor from East University Avenue north to NE 39th Avenue;**
- 4. send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting that they consider lowering the speed limit to 35 miles per hour on Waldo Road between East University Avenue and NE 39th Avenue; and**
- 5. request that the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team conduct a pedestrian safety study for the Waldo Road corridor from East University Avenue to NE 39th Avenue.**

Commissioner Wells seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT-

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to increase funding for the Interstate 75 resurfacing project from the Marion Countyline to south of Williston Road (SR 121).

Mr. James Green, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Liaison, stated that the additional funds would be from Strategic Intermodal System contingency funds.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2014-15 to 2018-19 Transportation Improvement Program to increase funding for the Interstate 75 resurfacing project from the Marion Countyline to south of Williston Road [4288051]. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.

III. DRAFT YEAR 2040 NEEDS PLAN

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update development timeline and answered questions. He estimated that, based on revenue forecasts, about 20 percent of Needs plan projects could be funded and included in the Cost Feasible Plan.

Mr. Wiatt Bowers, Atkins Transportation Planner, discussed the Year 2040 Needs Plan and answered questions. He noted the differences between transit-emphasis and highway-emphasis alternatives and discussed projects from the transit-emphasis and highway-emphasis alternatives that were not included in the draft Needs Plan.

Mr. Sanderson noted that the Federal Highway Administration does not recognize needs plans.

Mr. Bowers noted that the draft Needs Plan is consistent with City of Gainesville and Alachua County comprehensive plans.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Needs Plan amendment process.

A member discussed the exclusion of some projects from Alternative 3 and requested information concerning which projects were not included in the draft Needs Plan.

A member discussed her concerns regarding the location of the park-and-ride facilities in east Gainesville.

A member discussed including a bicycle/pedestrian trail along Williston Road from Interstate 75 to Waldo Road.

A member requested information in the next meeting packet concerning the forecast of revenues and for cost estimates of Needs Plan Projects.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to approve the Year 2040 draft Needs Plan (Exhibit 1) with one revision to identify all projects that were considered with an explanation why specific projects were deleted and that this information be provided to the MTPO within 30 days. Commissioner Wells seconded.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS:

Commissioner Byerly asked that the full projects list be included as backup in the June MTPO meeting packet. Commissioner Cornell accepted the amendment.

Chair Poe requested additional research in identifying needed transit park-and-ride and transfer facilities in east Gainesville. Commissioner Cornell accepted the amendment.

Commissioner Wells requested consideration of adding to the Needs Plan a bicycle/pedestrian trail along Williston Road from Interstate 75 to Waldo Road. Commissioner Cornell accepted the amendment.

MOTION AS AMENDED:

Commissioner Cornell moved to:

- 1. approve the Year 2040 draft Needs Plan (Exhibit 1) revised to indentify all projects that were considered with an explanation why specific projects were deleted and that this information be provided to the MTPO within 30 days and included as backup in the June MTPO meeting packet;**
- 2. request additional research in identifying needed transit park-and-ride and transfer facilities in east Gainesville; and**
- 3. request consideration of adding to the Needs Plan a bicycle/pedestrian trail along Williston Road from Interstate 75 to Waldo Road.**

Commissioner Wells seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. NW 19TH LANE CYCLE TRACK

Mr. Sanderson discussed the NW 19th Lane Cycle Track project timeline and answered questions.

Mr. Green discussed the project status and noted the possibility of reallocation of funds to other projects in District 2 if the MTPO decides not to proceed with this project.

Mr. Shane Andrew, School Board of Alachua (SBAC) County Executive Director for Facilities, discussed his concerns regarding the project.

MOTION: Commissioner Hinson-Rawls moved to refer the NW 19th Lane Cycle Track to the City Public Safety Committee. Commissioner Chase seconded; motion passed.

Mr. David Shelnett, Gainesville High School Principal, discussed his concerns with the project.

Mr. Ewen Thomson spoke in support of the project.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICER

Mr. Sanderson stated that this was Chair Poe's last meeting and that the MTPO needed to at least elect a replacement.

MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to elect Commissioner Hutchinson as Chair, Commissioner Warren as Vice Chair and Commissioner Chestnut as Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson asked if the MTPO wanted to consider changing the membership of the Audit Review Committee which consisted of Commissioners Warren and Cornell.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to not change the membership of the Audit Review Committee.

Mr. Sanderson presented Chair Poe with a plaque commemorating his service as Chair.

Several members thanked Chair Poe for his service on the MTPO.

VI. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

VI. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

There were no member comments.

B. CITIZENS

Ms. Heather Haney, WalkSafe Program Local Coordinator, discussed its activities and purpose. She asked if the MTPO would be willing to serve as a Community Partner.

Chair Poe asked if WalkSafe was seeking funding from the MTPO.

Ms. Haney said WalkSafe was not seeking funding from the MTPO.

MOTION: Commissioner Wells moved to have the MTPO endorse and participate in the WalkSafe Program. Commissioner Chase seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

6-4-15
Date

Chuck Chestnut, IV
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EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Mary Anderson	Jeff Hays	Russ Blackburn	Karen Taulbee
Shane Andrew	Michele Lieberman	Paul Folkers	
Wiatt Bowers	Mike Fay	Jesus Gomez	
Rob Brinkman		Debbie Leistner	
Donnie Ellington		Teresa Scott	
Heather Haney			
Fletcher Hope			
Kamal Latham			
Wiley Page			
Lee Roberts			
David Shelnett			
Ewen Thomson			
Luke Tia			

* By telephone

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**CONSENT AGENDA
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #7 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- February 2, 2015 APPROVE MINUTES
This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review.

Page #17 CA. 2 Continuity of Operations Plan APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION
This plan is reviewed each year and revisions are made as needed.

Page #19 CA. 3 Standard Certifications and Assurances APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Each year, the MTPO must approve these documents.

Page #29 CA. 4 Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy Statement- APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Each year, the MTPO authorizes its Executive Director to sign this form.

Page #35 CA. 5 Extension of Time- Joint Participation Agreement- AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN FORM
This action is needed to align Florida Department of Transportation Contract No. APW92 with the expiration date of the Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Page #39 CA. 6 Future Corridors Program NO ACTION REQUIRED
FDOT is studying the need for better connectivity between Tampa and Jacksonville on an alignment that could come through Alachua County.

Page #45 **CA. 7 Safety and Access Management Concerns-
State Road 26, State Road 26A and State Road 121** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

FDOT is conducting a study that will include the identification and development of both safety and operational countermeasures in the Westgate Shopping Center area.

Page #51 **CA. 8 2015 Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The MPOAC has adopted a series of legislative priorities and policy positions for the 2015 Florida Legislative session.

Page #35 **CA. 9 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-
Status Report** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

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

EXHIBIT 1
2040 Long Range Transportation Plan - Draft Needs Plan*

Roadway Projects	
1	NW 122nd Street – Two-lane extension from Newberry Road to NW 39th Avenue
2	NW 23rd Avenue – Two-lane extension from NW 98th Street to NW 143rd Street (separated into 2a & 2b)
6	NW 83rd Street – Two-lane extension from NW 39th Avenue to Springhills Boulevard
7	Springhills Boulevard – New two-lane roadway from NW 122nd Street to NW 83rd Street
8	NW 98th Street – Two-lane extension from NW 39th Avenue to Springhills Boulevard
9	NW 91st Street – Two-lane extension from terminus to Springhills Boulevard
10	Springhills Connector – New two-lane roadway from Springhills Boulevard to Millhopper Road
11	NW 23rd Avenue – Widen to 4 lanes from NW 98th Street to NW 83rd Street
12	NW 23rd Avenue – Widen to 4 lanes from NW 83rd Street to NW 58th Boulevard
13	Archer Road – Widen to 4 lanes from Tower Road to SW 122nd Street (MTPO boundary)
14	SW 20th/SW 24th Avenue – Widen to 4 lanes from SW 61st Street to SW 62nd Boulevard
15	SW 63rd Boulevard – Two-lane extension from Archer Road to SW 24th Avenue
17	SW Williston Road – Widen to 4 lanes from SW 62nd Avenue to Interstate-75
18	SW 23rd Terrace Extension – Two-lane extension from Archer Road to Hull Road
27	SW 62nd Boulevard – Four-lane extension from Butler Plaza to SW 20th Avenue
28	SW 24th Avenue – Two-lane extension SW 40th Boulevard to SW 43rd Street
29	Hull Road – Two-lane extension from SW 38th Terrace to SW 43rd Street
30	Radio Road – Two-lane extension from SW 34th Street to Hull Road
31	SW 47th Avenue – Two-lane extension from SW 34th Street to Williston Road
32	SE 6th Street – New two-lane roadway from SE Depot Avenue to SE 4th/5th Avenue
33	SE 21st Street – Two-lane extension from SE 8th Avenue to SE Hawthorne Road
34	SW 20th Avenue – Widen to 4 lanes from SW 62nd Boulevard to SW 43rd Street
36	SW 62nd Boulevard – Widen to 4 lanes from SW 20th Avenue to Newberry Road
37	NW 34th Street – Widen to 4 lanes from University Avenue to NW 16th Avenue
38	NW 34th Street – Widen to 4 lanes from NW 16th Avenue to NW 39th Avenue
39	NW 34th Street – Widen to 4 lanes from NW 39th Avenue to US 441
Transit Projects	
41	Increase weekday frequencies on City routes (minimum 30 minutes frequency)
42	Increase weekday operating hours on City routes (minimum 14 hours service)
43	Expand weekend service on City routes (minimum 60 minutes frequency & 10 hours service)
44	Butler Plaza Transit Center / Park and Ride Facility
45	Oaks Mall Transit Center / Park and Ride Facility
50	Extend service in southwest Gainesville (SW 40th Boulevard and SW 47th Avenue area)
51	Extend service in south Gainesville (South Main Street and Williston Road area)
52	Intercity Weekday Commuter Service to/from High Springs & Alachua
53	Intercity Weekday Commuter Service to/from Newberry
54	Intercity Weekday Commuter Service to/from Archer
55	Intercity Weekday Commuter Service to/from Hawthorne
56	Intercity Weekday Commuter Service to/from Waldo

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Transit Projects (Continued)	
57	University of Florida Transit Center
58	Santa Fe College Transit Center
59	Hawthorne Park & Ride Facility
60	Celebration Pointe Park and Ride
61	Springhills Area Park and Ride (North of 39th Avenue)
62	Newberry Village Park and Ride (Newberry Road just east of Fort Clarke Boulevard)
63	Eastside Activity Center Park and Ride (SE 43rd Street and Hawthorne Road)
64	Waldo Park & Ride Facility
65	Archer Park & Ride Facility
Other Projects	
66	Hawthorne Braid – Extend CSX trail from NW 16th Avenue to NW 39th Avenue
67	University Braid – New trail on University Avenue from Waldo Road to NE 55th Boulevard
69	Archer Braid – Construct overpass of Hull Road / SW 34th Street intersection
70	SW 40th Boulevard – Construct trail from SW 34th Street to Archer Braid at SW 30th Avenue
72	Intelligent Transportation System Program - Miscellaneous Intelligent Transportation System Projects
73	Pedestrian Program - Miscellaneous sidewalk and other pedestrian projects
74	Bicycle Program - Miscellaneous bicycle lanes and facilities
75	Transit Program - Miscellaneous transit facilities and amenities
Additional Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects (added following public workshop)	
76	Miscellaneous pedestrian crossing projects, including auditory signals
77	Multimodal Emphasis Corridor on NW/SW 13th Street from NW 33rd Avenue to Archer Road
78	Multimodal Emphasis Corridor on SR 26 from Gale Lemerand to Waldo Road
79	Glen Springs Braid – Construct shared use path on Glen Springs Road corridor from NW 34th Street to NW 16th Terrace
80	Bivens Braid – Construct shared use path on SW 23rd Street from SW 23rd Terrace to Archer Road
81	Glen Springs Braid - NW 19th Lane – Construct two-way cycle track from NW 16th Terrace to NW 13th Street
82	Millhopper Braid – Construct bike lanes on NW 16th Avenue from NW 13th Street to N Main Street
83	Williston Road – Construct bicycle/pedestrian trail from Interstate 75 to Waldo Road
Additional Transit Projects (added following public workshop)	
85	Extend regular transit service through Celebration Pointe
86	Extend regular transit service through Springhills
87	Five Points Transfer Station
Aspirational Projects (beyond 2040)	
88	NW 83rd Street - Provide dedicated transit lanes from NW 23rd Avenue to NW 39th Avenue
89	Celebration Pointe Boulevard - Provide dedicated transit lanes from SW 62nd Boulevard to SW Archer Road
90	SW Archer Road - Provide dedicated transit lanes from Celebration Pointe to SW 91st Street
91	SW 91st Street - Provide dedicated transit lanes from SW Archer Road to SW 46th Boulevard
92	SW 122nd Street - Provide dedicated transit lanes from SW 46th Boulevard to SW 24th Avenue (partial new corridor)
93	SW 122nd Street - Provide dedicated transit lanes from SW 24th Avenue to Newberry Road
94	Newberry Road - Provide dedicated transit lanes from Interstate-75 to NW 143rd Street
95	Fort Clarke Boulevard - Provide dedicated transit lanes from NW 23rd Avenue to NW 15th Place
96	NW 15th Place - Provide dedicated transit lanes from Fort Clarke Boulevard to NW 76th Boulevard
97	NW 76th Boulevard - Provide dedicated transit lanes from NW 15th Place to Newberry Road
98	NW 122nd Street - Provide dedicated transit lanes from Newberry Road to Springhills Boulevard
99	Springhills Boulevard – Provide dedicated transit lanes from NW 122nd Street to NW 83rd Street
100	SW Hawthorne Road – Provide dedicated transit lanes from SE 27th Street to SE 43rd Street

* Projects are not prioritized