

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 2, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT  
Robert Hutchinson, Vice Chair  
Ed Braddy  
Mike Byerly  
Craig Carter  
Todd Chase  
Chuck Chestnut  
Ken Cornell  
James Knight/Greg Evans  
Yvonne Hinson-Rawls  
Lee Pinkoson  
Helen Warren  
Randy Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT  
Lauren Poe, Chair  
Doug Jones  
Curtis Reynolds

OTHERS PRESENT  
See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT  
Scott Koons  
Marlie Sanderson  
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Robert Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

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.

**MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

II. DR. KERMIT SIGMON AWARD

Mr. Sanderson stated that former Gainesville Sun editor Ron Cunningham was selected to receive the 2014 Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award and presented him the award.

Mr. Cunningham thanked the MTPO, commended Regional transit System (RTS) service and discussed bikesharing programs.

III. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT-

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program to consolidate Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Projects.

**MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2014-15 to 2018-19 Transportation Improvement Program to consolidate the Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 projects [4040261] with the revision to Fiscal Year 2018-19 requested at today's meeting. Commissioner Chestnut seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.**

IV. SAFETY AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT CONCERNS- SW 34TH STREET, UNIVERSITY AVENUE AND SW 2ND AVENUE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its December 1, 2014 meeting, requested a presentation by the Florida Department of Transportation regarding safety and access management concerns on SW 34th Street, University Avenue and SW 2nd Avenue.

Mr. Jim Knight, FDOT District 2 Urban Planning and Modal Administrator, discussed the regarding safety and access management concerns on SW 34th Street, University Avenue and SW 2nd Avenue and answered questions. He noted that FDOT has an ongoing safety study. He added that FDOT could present the safety study to the MTPO at the April 13, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Jim East, Mr. Paul Thur de Koos and Mr. Chandler Otis discussed their concerns regarding safety in this area.

A member of the MTPO suggested that FDOT look back at crash conditions prior to the access management modifications.

A member of the MTPO suggested that FDOT consider warning signage for the SW 34th Street hill.

**MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to investigate the feasibility and cost of installing a flashing sign before the hill on State Road 121 (SW 34th Street) for northbound traffic approaching State Road 26A (SW 2nd Avenue) to warn motorists during periods of significant traffic congestion. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded.**

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:**

**Vice Chair Hutchinson asked to amend the motion to include FDOT sending this safety study to the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board. Commissioners Warren and Hinson-Rawls accepted the amendment.**

**MOTION AS AMENDED:**

**Commissioner Warren moved to request that FDOT:**

- 1. investigate the feasibility and cost of installing a flashing sign before the hill on State Road 121 (SW 34th Street) for northbound traffic approaching State Road 26A (SW 2nd Avenue) to warn motorists during periods of significant traffic congestion; and**
- 2. send the traffic safety study to the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board.**

**Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

- V. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE-
- A. TIMELINE OVERVIEW
  - B. FEBRUARY 23, 2015 COMMUNITY PUBLIC WORKSHOP
  - C. YEAR 2040 EXISTING PLUS COMMITTED NETWORK DEFICIENCIES
  - D. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update development timeline and answered questions. He announced that the second Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update workshop is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gainesville Regional Utilities multipurpose room.

A member of the MTPO discussed his concerns regarding access to the Gainesville Regional Utilities meeting facility. He suggested using alternate locations for future meetings.

Mr. Wiley Page, Atkins Project Manager, stated that Atkins would place a staff person at the front door to receive citizens attending the February 23, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO's consultant has evaluated Year 2040 transportation network deficiencies.

Mr. Page and Mr. Wiatt Bowers, Atkins Transportation Planner, discussed the Year 2040 Existing Plus Committed Network Deficiencies map and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO asked whether the travel demand forecast was available in five-year increments.

Mr. Page said that there is a base year using the 2010 U.S. Census and a 2040 forecast year using University of Florida Bureau of Economic Research projections. He also said that data would have to be interpolated to prepare traffic forecasts in five-year increments.

A member of the MTPO discussed a business bypass.

A member of the MTPO discussed light-rail.

A member of the MTPO discussed autonomous vehicle possibilities.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the countywide model characteristics, including external to internal trips and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO discussed universal access to transit.

**MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the performance measures identified in Exhibit 1. Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VI. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Vice Chair Hutchinson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

VI. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

**MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to request that MTPO staff and RTS staff update and revise, as needed, the 2005 Universal Access Report and provide a staff presentation at a future MTPO meeting. Commissioner Chase seconded; motion passed 9 to 2.**

A member of the MTPO requested that the 2005 Universal Access Report be provided to MTPO members.

A member of the MTPO discussed the Transportation Disadvantaged Program status report and a citizen's service complaint.

Mr. Kelly Gonzales, MV Transportation General Manager, discussed MV Transportation's service and answered questions. He said he would contact the complainant and provide information to Commissioners Carter and Hinson-Rawls.

**MOTION: Commissioner Wells moved to refer the bike share program concept to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board with a request that the Board report back to the MTPO at a future meeting concerning this issue. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

A member of the MTPO discussed the need for a State Road 121 workshop for residents and businesses.

A member of the MTPO discussed meeting needs of the underserved population and MV Transportation service.

A member of the MTPO discussed the provision of bus passes to residents of Grace Marketplace and asked about complaints regarding transit service to and from this area.

Mr. Jesus Gomez, RTS Director, discussed the bus pass program, ridership and complaints and answered questions.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizens comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

4-27-15  
Date

  
Helen Warren, Secretary

**EXHIBIT A**

<b><u>Interested Citizens</u></b>	<b><u>Alachua County</u></b>	<b><u>City of Gainesville</u></b>	<b><u>Florida Department of Transportation</u></b>
Paul Adjan	Jeff Hays	Dekova Batey	James Green
Michelle Bentley	Michele Lieberman	Russ Blackburn	
Wiatt Bowers	Sean McLendon	Millie Crawford	
Ron Cunningham		Jesus Gomez	
Jim East		Phil Mann	
Kelly Gonzalez		Matthew Muller	
Demetrius Moring		Teresa Scott	
Chandler Otis			
Wiley Page			
Paul Thur de Koos			

\* By telephone

# Spoke and provided written comments

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## EXHIBIT 1

There is continuing emphasis from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Agency (FTA) on use of performance measures and benchmarks to measure the outcomes of the metropolitan planning process. In addition, the FHWA is requiring a stronger link between the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan and the Congestion Management Process, which is used as a basis to evaluate transportation conditions and trends, and guide the selection of short-term mobility strategies. This linkage is intended to ensure that short-term mobility strategies fit within the LRTP vision, and also provide feedback to the update of the LRTP on the success (or outcomes) of projects as they are implemented.

Per the passage of MAP-21, USDOT will establish performance measures in consultation with State DOTs, MPOs and other stakeholders within 18 months of MAP-21's enactment. Once performance measures are identified, the States will have up to one year to set state level targets. Once state level targets have been set, MPOs will have up to six-months to set local level targets that support the state targets. The process and schedule for performance measure implementation and LRTP documentation is expected to evolve over the next two years.

The Performance Measures are based on existing datasets that will generally be available as a result of LRTP development. They are also based on information that other agencies, such as the City, County, and FOOT, are required to collect and update as part of their routine planning requirements.

The proposed performance measures presented below will be used to compare the alternative networks to the Base Year or E+C Network.

1. Vehicle Miles Traveled (total and per capita) (MTPO Model);
2. Vehicle Hours Traveled on major corridors (MTPO Model);
3. Average Delay per road traveler (summarized at county, urbanized area and corridor/travel market scale) (MTPO Model);
4. Mode share and transit ridership (systemwide, corridor, and route) (RTS) summarized at urbanized area and corridor/travel market scale) (MTPO Model); and
5. Mobility Index (bus ridership per congested lane mile) (MTPO Congestion Management Process Report).

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**CONSENT AGENDA  
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

- Page #7 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- December 1, 2014 APPROVE MINUTES**  
This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review.
- Page #17 CA. 2 Unified Planning Work Program Revisions and  
FDOT Supplemental Agreement Amendments APPROVE RESOLUTION**  
These amendments are needed to align funds that are available with eligible planning tasks.
- Page #29 CA. 3 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-  
Coordinating Board Appointments APPROVE STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION**  
Mr. Curtis and Mr. East are the only applicants we have for these two positions on this board.
- Page #35 CA. 4 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-  
Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED**  
The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program.
- Page #45 CA. 5 MPOAC Weekend Institute- NO ACTION REQUIRED**  
If any MTPO member wants to attend this Institute, please contact MTPO staff.
- Page #51 CA. 6 NW 34th Street- Turnlanes NO ACTION REQUIRED**  
FDOT is evaluating whether to add turnlanes to State Road 121 (NW 34th Street).

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