

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 27, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Helen Warren, Chair
Harvey Budd
Mike Byerly
Todd Chase
Charles Chestnut, IV
Ken Cornell
Adrian Hayes-Santos
Robert Hutchinson
Lee Pinkoson
Karen Taulbee/Greg Evans

MEMBERS ABSENT

Craig Carter
Charles Goston
Lauren Poe
Curtis Reynolds
Rural Advisor- Vacant

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Helen Warren called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Scott Koons, Executive Director, discussed amendments to the meeting agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to amend the Meeting Agenda to add item VII_B. NW 43rd Street and NW 53rd Avenue Intersection and item VIII_B. Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee. Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda amended to add items VII_B. NW 43rd Street and NW 53rd Avenue Intersection and VIII_B. Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee. Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. KERMIT SIGMON AWARD

Mr. Koons stated that Marlie Sanderson was selected by the Citizens Advisory Committee to receive the 2015 Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Kermit Sigmon's service to the community on transportation-related issues and thanked the Citizens Advisory Committee and Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the award.

Chair Warren presented the award to Mr. Sanderson.

III. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE- VACANT POSITION

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to fill one vacant position on its Citizens Advisory Committee due to a resignation. He noted that the vacant position has a term of office through December 31, 2016. He said that there was one applicant for the vacant position.

MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to appoint John Pickett to the Citizens Advisory Committee for a term through December 31, 2016. Commissioner Budd seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Koons stated that the Transportation Improvement Program is the most important document that is approved each year by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization. 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 and included in this report. He noted and answered questions regarding the following significant Fiscal Year 2016-17 projects:

- Airport - Airfield Lighting/Signage;
- Bicycle/Pedestrian - SW 27th Street Sidewalk and NW 19th Lane Bikelane/Sidewalk;
- Intersection - Newberry Road Turnlanes;
- Interstate - Rest Area Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning;
- Maintenance - Lighting Agreement Countywide;
- Public Transportation - Regional Transit System Capital/Operations and Capital funding;
- Resurfacing - State Road 121 Resurfacing Projects from U.S. 441 (NW 13th Street) to La Crosse and State Road 24 (Archer Road) to NW 5th Avenue; and
- Road Construction - SW 40th Boulevard Extension Project between State Road 24 (Archer Road) and State Road 121 (SW 34th Street).

A member asked about transit funding.

A member requested that the Archer Road projects adjacent to the University of Florida be coordinated among the City of Gainesville, Florida Department of Transportation and the university of Florida.

Karen Taulbee, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Planning Manager, discussed the allocation of funding for transit.

Teresa Scott, Gainesville Public Works Director, stated that Alachua County receives credit for the transit allocation and that she can provide this information to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to:

- 1. approve the Fiscal Years 2016-17 to 2020-21 Transportation Improvement Program as modified to address review agency comments: and**

2. request that the Florida Department of Transportation, City of Gainesville and the University of Florida coordinate the implementation of the following projects:

- **U.S. 441(SW 13th Street) at Archer Road Traffic Signal Update (4358911);**
- **State Road 24 (Archer Road) Landscaping Project (4359291); and**
- **State Road 24 (Archer Road) Campus Development Agreement-funded modifications.**

Commissioner Budd seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.

V. LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

Mr. Koons stated that, each year, priorities for unfunded projects are submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation. He said that these priorities are used by the Department to develop its Tentative Work Program. He added that the draft List of Priority Projects for this year includes projects from the adopted Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan and from local agency recommendations. He noted that the State Road 222 (NW 39th Avenue) at NW 83rd Street intersection safety project priority is in Appendix D.

Jeff Hays, Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the SE 43rd Street Safe Routes to School project. He noted that the project is to complete the gaps in the sidewalk within the corridor.

MOTION: Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved to approve the List of Priority Projects. Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization is required to review its Public Involvement Plan and revise it as needed. He discussed the revisions that were made to the plan this year and answered questions. He noted that a 45-day legal notice was published in local newspapers inviting the public to attend the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization meeting to provide comments on the proposed revisions.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the Public Involvement Plan update; Commissioner Budd seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROLE TO ALACHUA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Mr. Koons stated that in the past, the Citizens Advisory Committee advised the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Gainesville City Commission concerning local transportation issues.

Rob Brinkman, Citizens Advisory Committee Chair, spoke regarding the Citizens Advisory Committee historic advisory role to Alachua County and the City of Gainesville.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve a motion to advise the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Gainesville City Commission that as in the past, the Citizens Advisory Committee is willing to act again as their citizens advisory committee on matters concerning local transportation issues and to refer this matter to Alachua County staff and the Alachua County Attorney and the City of Gainesville staff and the City of Gainesville Attorney. Commissioner Budd seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII_b. NW 43RD STREET AT NW 53RD AVENUE INTERSECTION

A member discussed concerns regarding a City of Gainesville Plan Board approval of a redevelopment project in the northwest quadrant of the NW 43rd Street at NW 53rd Avenue intersection which are both Alachua County-maintained roads.

Ms. Scott stated that the applicant for the project had completed a traffic impact analysis and that the project required an Alachua County access permit. She noted that Alachua County has not issued any permits at this time.

Paula Guerrein discussed concerns regarding traffic safety and the drive-thru traffic ingress/egress.

Mark Spiller discussed safety concerns regarding cyclists and school children.

VIII. INTERSTATE 75 RELIEF TASK FORCE

Mr. Koons stated that Florida Department of Transportation Central Office staff was present to discuss the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force activity.

Huiwei Shen, Systems Planning Manager, made a presentation and discussed the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force activity and answered questions.

Kayla Sosnow asked whether electronic comments placed on the Interstate 75 Relief Facebook page were included as part of the official public comment on the project.

Ms. Shen discussed the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force consensus recommendations and issues that still need resolution. She said that clarification on the issues will be discussed at the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force August 12, 2016 meeting. She added that she received the petition and the comments on Facebook were not addressed to the Department and are not included in the public comment record.

Chandler Otis discussed concerns and opportunities regarding the Interstate 75 Relief project.

Judy Edsner discussed agricultural and aquifer recharge area concerns regarding the Interstate 75 Relief project.

MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force with a recommendation that the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force include in its report to the Florida Department of Transportation:

- 1. recommendations that are consistent with the Alachua County and City of Gainesville comprehensive plans and the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan; and**

2. **a recommendation to amend state statutes to enable the Florida Department of Transportation to allocate State Highway System/Strategic Intermodal System funds to projects on local-maintained facilities that provide congestion relief to adjacent State Highway System/Strategic Intermodal System facilities.**

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII_B. PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Koons reported that the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee will sunset after one more meeting. He noted that there was one vacancy on the Subcommittee representing the City of Gainesville.

MOTION: Commissioner Budd moved to appoint Mayor Poe to the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee. Commissioner Chase seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. NEXT METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEETING

Mr. Koons announced that the next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. He added that the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee is scheduled to also meet on August 1, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

X. COMMENTS

A. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

There were no member comments.

B. CITIZENS

Ms. Sosnow discussed concerns regarding the status of comments sent to the Interstate 75 Relief Facebook page.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Date

8/1/16

Todd Chase, Secretary-Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Rob Brinkman	Mike Fay	Dekova Batey	DeeDee Johnson
Judy Edsner	Jeff Hays	Paul Folkers	Huiwei Shen
Paula Guerrein	Ramon Gabarrete	Debbie Leistner	Alison Stettner
Chandler Otis	Michele Lierbman	Teresa Scott	Peter Vega
Marlie Sanderson			
Kayla Sosnow			
Mark Spiller			

* By telephone

Spoke and provided written comments

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**CONSENT AGENDA
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
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**Jack Durrance Auditorium
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**Monday, 5:00 p.m.
June 27, 2016**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Page #7 CA. 1 Minutes- May 2, 2016 APPROVE MINUTES**
- The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to review and approve this set of minutes.
- Page #17 CA. 2 Section 5305(d) Revised Grant Application APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
- The Florida Department of Transportation has notified the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization that the Federal Transit Administration has revised the Section 5305(d) available grant amount.
- Page #25 CA. 3 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
- This amendment is needed in order to receive the revised allocation of Section 5305(d) funds.
- Page #51 CA. 4 Fiscal Year 2015 Audit ACCEPT AUDIT AND APPROVE PAYMENT**
- The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to accept the audit report and approve payment of the invoice for auditor services.
- Page #83 CA. 5 Auditor Selection Process APPOINT COMMISSIONER CHASE**
- Every three years, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to appoint a representative to serve as a member of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Audit Committee to select an auditor.
- Page #85 CA. 6 Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget ADOPT BUDGET**
- This budget establishes revenue and expenditure levels for the fiscal year.

- Page #89 CA. 7 Advanced Transportation Congestion Management Technology Deployment Grant Program - Florida Department of Transportation Interstate 75 Florida's Regional Advanced Mobility Elements Project Application Letter of Support** **APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The Florida Department of Transportation submitted an application for Interstate 75 and urban arterials Advanced Transportation Congestion Management Technology Deployment Grant funding.

- Page #93 CA. 8 Shared-Use Network Trail Program Applications** **APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization submitted applications for Tower Road multi-use path and Archer Road multi-use path for Shared-Use Network Trail funding with Alachua County as the managing entity.

- Page #119 CA. 9 Certification** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The Florida Department of Transportation has recertified the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area metropolitan transportation planning process.

- Page #125 CA. 10 Northwest 39th Avenue (State Road 222) and Northwest 83rd Street Intersection Modifications** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization has asked for regular updates concerning this item.

- Page #131 CA. 11 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Resolution of Appreciation** **APPROVE RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION**

Elliene Chisholm has served as the Children at Risk representative and Monique Harrison has served at the Community Action representative on the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

- Page #137 CA. 12 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Transportation Disadvantaged Board Appointments** **APPOINT MR. HARRIS AND MS. MCKENZIE AND MS. NIEVES**

Voting member applicants include Charles Harris Jr. as the Community Action Representative, Tiffany McKenzie as the Community Action Alternate and Trisha Nieves as the Children at Risk Representative.

- Page #145 CA. 13 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Status Report** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization has asked for regular status reports concerning this program.