

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

3:00 p.m.
Monday
May 2, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Helen Warren, Chair
Harvey Budd
Mike Byerly
Craig Carter
Todd Chase
Charles Chestnut, IV
Ken Cornell
Charles Goston
Robert Hutchinson
Doug Jones
Jim Knight/Greg Evans
Lee Pinkoson
Randy Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Braddy
Curtis Reynolds

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Helen Warren called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

II. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS-
NW 19TH LANE BIKELANE/SIDEWALK PROJECT

Mr. Scott Koons, Executive Director, stated that Florida Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program to add preliminary engineering in Fiscal Year 2015-16 to the NW 19th Lane Bikelane/Sidewalk project.

Ms. Kristen Young spoke in support of the amendment.

MOTION: Commissioner Carter moved to amend the Transportation Improvement Program to add preliminary engineering in Fiscal Year 2015-16 to the NW 19th Lane Bikelane/Sidewalk project. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.

III. NW 34TH STREET (STATE ROAD 121) TURN LANES

Mr. Koons stated that Florida Department of Transportation has completed a study of the NW 34th Street (State Road 121) corridor.

Mr. Jim Knight, Florida Department of Transportation Urban Transportation Development Manager, discussed the (State Road 121) study and answered questions.

A member requested a copy of the State Road 121 study report.

IV. SW 34TH STREET (STATE ROAD 121) SAFETY REFERRAL REPORT

Mr. Koons stated that Florida Department of Transportation has completed a safety study of the SW 34th (State Road 121) Street corridor between University Avenue (State Road 26) and Radio Road.

Mr. Knight discussed the State Road 121 study and answered questions. He reported that the intersection would be reconfigured to add a northbound through-lane by moving the median to the west. He added that the westbound left turnlane on University Avenue (State Road 26) into the shopping center would be removed.

A member asked if businesses would be contacted.

Mr. Knight stated that businesses would be notified regarding the turnlane closure.

A member asked about the use of variable speed limit signage.

Mr. Knight said that he would refer the issue to Department staff.

V. WALDO ROAD (STATE ROAD 24) PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REFERRAL REPORT

Mr. Koons stated that Florida Department of Transportation has completed a safety evaluation of Waldo Road (State Road 24).

Mr. Knight discussed the Waldo Road safety evaluation and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Wells moved to refer to the City of Gainesville funding for project design. Commissioner Chase seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member requested that staff notify the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization regarding the Department's work program for safety projects.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to rank the SW 34th Street (State Road 121) from SW 2nd Avenue (State Road 26A) to University Avenue (State Road 26) as a priority over the NW 34th Street turnlanes. Commissioner Budd seconded; motion withdrawn.

VI. NE 39TH AVENUE (STATE ROAD 222) CROSSWALK REFERRAL REPORT

Mr. Koons stated that Florida Department of Transportation has completed an evaluation of the need for a crosswalk on NE 39th Avenue (State Road 222) at NE 28th Drive. Mr. Knight discussed the NE 39th Avenue (State Road 222) crosswalk evaluation results and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Wells moved to encourage the Florida Department of Transportation:

- 1. To conduct a study of Northeast 39th Avenue (State Road 222) at Northeast 28th Drive area by complying new data that addresses the change in character of the area since the establishment of Grace Marketplace adjacent to the corridor; and**
- 2. To reevaluate the Northeast 39th Avenue (State Road 222) at Northeast 28th Drive area in light of state and national attention to urban streets with the new Florida Department of Transportation Complete Streets Policy and urban streets in the Highway Capacity Manual.**

Commissioner Carter seconded; motion withdrawn.

A member discussed his safety concerns regarding the NE 8th Avenue at the NE 9th Street roundabout.

VII. PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE STATUS REPORT

Mr. Koons discussed the outcome of the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee meeting and reported the Subcommittee recommendations.

A member recommended maintaining the Plan East Gainesville Steering Committee. Another member discussed the need for work buses and the "Look East" Initiative.

MOTION: Commissioner Goston moved to:

- 1. Have staff work with Alachua County and the City of Gainesville staffs to identify action items that have been completed and action items that have not been completed as identified in the East Gainesville Final Report and other plans and studies addressing redevelopment in East Gainesville;**
- 2. Have staff, with the assistance of Alachua County and City of Gainesville staffs, and the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce identify barriers to private investment in East Gainesville;**
- 3. Recommend that Alachua County, the City of Gainesville and the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce hold a joint announcement regarding development efforts in East Gainesville;**
- 4. Authorize the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee to establish staff work tasks to assist the Subcommittee in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities; and**
- 5. Have staff coordinate with the University of Florida Strategic Plan Initiative process.**

Commissioner Budd seconded.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Commissioner Cornell requested to move the tasks from the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee to a new joint Alachua County/City of Gainesville committee staffed by City and County staff. Commissioners Goston and Budd accepted the amendment.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Commissioner Byerly moved to delete item 4. Authorize the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee to establish staff work tasks to assist the Subcommittee in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities since it conflicted with the friendly amendment to move the tasks from the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee to a joint Alachua County/City of Gainesville committee staffed by City and County staff and sunset the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee. Commissioners Goston and Budd accepted the amendment.

AMENDED MOTION:

Commissioner Goston moved to:

- 1. Have staff work with Alachua County and the City of Gainesville staffs to identify action items that have been completed and action items that have not been completed as identified in the East Gainesville Final Report and other plans and studies addressing redevelopment in East Gainesville;**
- 2. Have staff, with the assistance of Alachua County and City of Gainesville staffs, and the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce identify barriers to private investment in East Gainesville;**
- 3. Recommend that Alachua County, the City of Gainesville and the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce hold a joint announcement regarding development efforts in East Gainesville;**
- 4. Have staff coordinate with the University of Florida Strategic Plan Initiative process; and**
- 5. Move the tasks from the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee to a joint Alachua County/City of Gainesville committee staffed by City and County staff and sunset the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee.**

Commissioner Budd seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Doug Jones, Rural Advisor, suggested involving developers and investors.

**VIII. NW 39TH AVENUE (STATE ROAD 222) AND
NW 83RD STREET INTERSECTION MODIFICATIONS**

Mr. Koons stated that a member requested this item be placed on the regular agenda for discussion.

Mr. Jeff Hays, Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the NW 39th Avenue (State Road 222) and NW 83rd Street intersection issue concerning an additional proposed turn lane resulting from the Park Avenue development currently under construction located at the southeast quadrant of this intersection and answered questions.

Mr. Knight stated that the signals are adequate and that the developers should pay the full amount for any modifications.

Mr. Sergio Reyes, EDA President representing the Park Avenue development project, discussed the traffic signal study and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to have the Chair send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation to request consideration for funding modifications to the NW 39th Avenue (State Road 121) at NW 83rd Street intersection. Commissioner Cornell seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Koons announced that the next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

X. COMMENTS

A. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

A member thanked Commissioner Wells and Mayor Braddy for their service on the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

B. CITIZENS

Ms. Young discussed the Newberry Road (State Road 26) resurfacing project. She asked if bikelanes could be designated in place of the onstreet parking.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Date

6/27/16


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>
Vicki Gervickas	Chris Dawson	Dekova Batey	Jim Green
Armando Grundy	Tony Fulton	Paul Folkers	
Kamal Latham	Jeff Hays	Jesus Gomez	
Alan Penska	Michele Lieberman	Debbie Leistner	
Sergio Reyes	Sean McLendon	Teresa Scott	
Kristen Young			

* By telephone

Spoke and provided written comments

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**CONSENT AGENDA
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Page #9 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- December 14, 2015 APPROVE MINUTES**
This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review.
- Page #17 CA. 2 Unified Planning Work Program Fiscal Year 2016-17 and Fiscal Year 2017-18 APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION**
This document contains the budget for Federal Highway Administration planning funds and Federal Transportation Administration planning grant funds, and identifies work tasks for the next two years.
- Page #35 CA. 3 Joint Participation Agreement - Fiscal Year 2016-17 and Fiscal Year 2017-18 APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to approve a new Joint Participation Agreement for the next two years.
- Page #41 CA. 4 Title VI Nondiscrimination Liaison APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to appoint a Title VI Nondiscrimination Liaison.
- Page #43 CA. 5 Continuity of Operations Plan APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
This plan is reviewed each year and revisions are made as needed.

Page #45 CA. 6 Transit Ridership Report APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION

This report is updated each year.

Page #47 CA. 7 Safe Routes to School Application APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION

The City of Gainesville submitted an application to fund the construction of a sidewalk on Northeast 18th Avenue at W. A. Metcalfe Elementary School with a deadline prior to the next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization meeting date.

Page #57 CA. 8 Buses and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emission Grant Programs- Letter of Support AUTHORIZE CHAIR
TO SIGN LETTER

The City of Gainesville is seeking a letter of support for its submission of applications to the Federal Transit Administration for the purchase of electric buses to replace existing vehicles that have exceeded their useful life.

Page #59 CA. 9 Transportation Regional Incentive Program Application NO ACTION REQUIRED

The Alachua/Marion County Transportation Regional Incentive Program Executive Committee submitted an application to fund design, engineering and plans for a portion of the Southwest 62nd Boulevard project.

Page #71 CA. 10 North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report NO ACTION REQUIRED

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has completed its Evaluation and Appraisal Report of the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

Page #97 CA. 11 Certification - Metropolitan Transportation And Certifications APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION

Each year, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to certify and assure compliance with federal regulations in order to receive funding.

Page #107 CA. 12 Certification - Standard Assurances Planning Process Certification Statement APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION

Each year, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization and the Florida Department of Transportation are required by federal law and regulation to jointly certify the transportation planning process.

Page #111 CA. 13 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Planning Grant Resolution APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to annually adopt a resolution authorizing the Chair to sign the Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant Agreement.

**Page #117 CA. 14 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - AUTHORIZED CHAIR
Transportation Disadvantaged Board Certification SIGNATURE**

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization is required to annually certify the membership composition of the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

**Page #123 CA. 15 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - APPOINT MR. LINDEN
Transportation Disadvantaged Board Appointments AND MR. SPEER**

Voting member applicants include Albert Linden Jr. as the Veterans Representative and James Speer as the Public Education Representative.

**Page #127 CA. 16 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - NO ACTION REQUIRED
Status Report**

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

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