

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 3, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Helen Warren, Chair
Harvey Budd
Mike Byerly
Craig Carter
Ken Cornell
Robert Hutchinson
Doug Jones
Lee Pinkoson
Lauren Poe
James Green/Greg Evans

MEMBERS ABSENT

Todd Chase
Curtis Reynolds
Charles Chestnut, IV
Charles Goston
Adrian Hayes-Santos

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. She noted the members present and absent and the return of Doug Jones as the Rural Advisor.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

II. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program to add the Tower Road Bike Path/Trail project. He reported that Alachua County has been awarded a \$950,000 Shared-Use Network Trail grant to construct this project from SW 26th Place to SW 8th Avenue.

MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the Tower Road Bike Path/Trail project identified in Exhibit 1. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously by members present.

III. INTERSTATE 75 RELIEF TASK FORCE

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has requested an opportunity to provide the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization an update on the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force Recommendations Report. He introduced the Florida Department of Transportation Central Office staff present at the meeting.

Jennifer Fortunas, Florida Department of Transportation Systems Management Manager, discussed the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force Recommendations Report and the next steps in the Interstate 75 Relief study process. She announced the kickoff of the North Interstate 75 Master Plan update that will optimize utilization of the Interstate 75, U.S. 301 and U.S. 441 corridors. She added that there would be public outreach concerning the update, including local jurisdictions, in the forthcoming months. She noted that analysis results would be available in Spring 2017. She and Huiwei Shen, Florida Department of Transportation Systems Planning Office Manager, answered questions.

Ms. Shen stated that the study recommendations focused on modifications to existing facilities. She noted the written comments received from the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization concerning maximizing use of existing facilities. She said she would research the potential of the SW 62 Boulevard Connector corridor for Strategic Intermodal System facility designation and report back to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization. She noted that she appreciated the comments regarding transit enhancements.

Ms. Fortunas stated that ramp metering would be considered as an option for addressing Interstate 75 congestion.

Doug Jones, Rural Advisor, requested public outreach to the outlying communities of Alachua County.

Ms. Fortunas discussed Interstate 75 incident management and the use of alternative corridors.

Chandler Otis discussed transportation technology impacts.

Judy Etzler commented on U.S. 441 traffic and thanked Ms. Shen for her work as project manager for the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force project.

IV. WEST NEWBERRY ROAD (STATE ROAD 26) BIKELANES

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization discussed this issue at its August 1, 2016 meeting and approved a motion to agenda this issue for its October 3, 2016 meeting. He noted that an email from the Florida Department of Transportation stated that it was too late to install bikelanes as part of the Newberry Road Resurfacing Project.

James Green, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Liaison, discussed the West Newberry Road Resurfacing Project, including existing onstreet parking and potential for bikelanes, and answered questions.

Teresa Scott, Gainesville Public Works Director, stated that the City contacted the SIMED medical facility regarding onstreet parking usage. She reported that SIMED requires employees to park onstreet to free up offstreet parking for clients. She added that the City of Gainesville did a crash study for the corridor.

Mr. Otis, Kristin Young and Bob Karp spoke in support of bikelanes.

MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation to request a study for analysis of West Newberry Road (State Road 26) from NW 43rd Street to NW 38th Street to convert onstreet parking to bikelanes by examining its impact on safety and existing businesses along the corridor. Commissioner Carter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. NEXT METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEETING

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

VI. COMMENTS

A. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

There were no member comments.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizens comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

12/15/16

Date



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>
Alex Ahrenholz	Michael Fay	Dekova Batey	Jennifer Fortunas
Kaitlin Davidson	Jeffrey Hays	Paul Folks	Huiwei Shen
Judy Etzler	Sylvia Torres	Teresa Scott	Andrew Young
Vicki Gervickas			
Imran Ghani			
Bob Karp			
Jennifer Krouchick			
Yash Nagal			
Chandler Otis			
Bikram Wadhawan			
Kristin Young			

* By telephone

Spoke and provided written comments

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**CONSENT AGENDA
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #7 CA. 1 Minutes- August 1, 2016 APPROVE MINUTES

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to review and approve this set of minutes.

**Page #17 CA. 2 Selection of Auditor for Fiscal Year 2015-16 - APPROVE STAFF
Fiscal year 2016-17 and Fiscal Year 2017-18 RECOMMENDATION**

The Florida Department of Transportation has provided an opportunity to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization to extend the Agreement to December 31, 2016 in order to appropriately incur and invoice for reimbursement of eligible expenses.

**Page #19 CA. 3 Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2015-16 APPROVE AUDIT COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

The Florida Department of Transportation has responded to questions asked by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization concerning State Road 121 (West 34th Street), State Roads 24 (Waldo Road) and State Road 222 (NE 39th Avenue).

**Page #29 CA. 4 Proposed Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17 APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**

The Florida Department of Transportation has awarded the Metcalfe Elementary School Safe Routes to School Grant and released the new application calendar.

**Page #33 CA. 5 Staff Services Agreement Amendment APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to amend its agreement for staff services with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council to reference the recently executed Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation.

- Page #145 CA. 6 Florida Department of Transportation Section 5305(d) Joint Participation Agreement** **APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
- The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to approve a new Section 5305(d) Joint Participation Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation that coincides with the amended Unified Planning Work Program funding.
- Page #19 CA. 7 Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Travel Policy** **APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
- The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Travel Policy needs to be approved.
- Page #29 CA. 8 Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee Sunset** **ACCEPT MEETING SUMMARY**
- The Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee held its final meeting on August 1, 2016.
- Page #33 CA. 9 Transportation Alternatives Program 2016 Application Notice** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- The Florida Department of Transportation has released the Transportation Alternatives Program application notice which haws a deadline of December 9, 2016.
- Page #19 CA. 10 Safe Routes to School Program 2016 Application Notice** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- The Florida Department of Transportation has released its Safe Routes to School application notice which haws a deadline of December 30, 2016.
- Page #29 CA. 11 Archer Road (State Road 24) Projects Coordination - Florida Department of Transportation Response** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- The Florida Department of Transportation has responded to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization letter regarding the coordination of several projects on Archer Road near the University of Florida.
- Page #33 CA. 12 Staff Services Agreement Amendment** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization requested information from All Aboard Florida concerning intercity rail passenger service.
- Page #119 CA. 13 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Status Report** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization has asked for regular status reports concerning this program.