

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

April 3, 2017
3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Harvey Budd
Mike Byerly
Craig Carter
Todd Chase
Charles Chestnut, IV, Chair
Ken Cornell
Adrian Hayes-Santos
Robert Hutchinson
Lee Pinkoson
Lauren Poe
Helen Warren
Linda Dixon/Curtis Reynolds
Karen Taulbee/Greg Evans

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Goston
Doug Jones

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Escalante
Scott Koons

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Charles Chestnut, IV called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

II. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD

Scott Koons, Executive Director, stated that the Gainesville Citizens for Active Transportation was selected by the Citizens Advisory Committee to receive the 2016 Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award.

Chris Ferlow, Kristen Young and Bob Karp, representing Gainesville Citizens for Active Transportation, spoke regarding the award.

Chair Chestnut presented the award to Gainesville Citizens for Active Transportation.

III. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NORTH INTERSTATE 75 MASTER PLAN

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Department of Transportation requested an opportunity to present an update on the North Interstate 75 Master Plan to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.

Huiwei Shen, Florida Department of Transportation Systems Planning Office Manager, discussed the North Interstate 75 Master Plan update and answered questions. She noted that there is a concurrent Federal Rail Administration multi-state passenger rail study underway regarding the feasibility of passenger rail.

A member asked if the percentage of local and non-local crash data for Interstate 75 were available.

Ms. Shen stated that crash data could be researched.

Karen Taulbee, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Urban Planning Manager, discussed the 2005 Interstate 75 Master Plan cross-section modification proposals. She noted that the rail study would take approximately 12 to 24 months.

MOTION: Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved to request that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization receive a presentation on the draft passenger rail feasibility study when it is completed. Commissioner Byerly seconded.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:

Commissioner Hutchinson asked to receive the presentation before the study is completed. Commissioners Hayes-Santos and Byerly accepted the amendment.

MOTION AS AMENDED:

Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved to request that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization receive a presentation on the draft passenger rail feasibility study before it is completed. Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. WEST NEWBERRY ROAD (STATE ROAD 26) BIKELANES

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization discussed West Newberry Road (State Road 26) bikelanes at its August 1, 2016, October 3, 2016 and December 5, 2016 meetings. He reported that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization requested pavement width information between Interstate 75 and NW 34th Street. He discussed the information, answered questions and reported the joint recommendations.

James Green, Florida Department of Transportation Liaison, stated that District 2 is currently identifying funds for restriping for bikelanes between NW 43rd Street and NW 38th Street.

Phil Mann, Gainesville Public Works Assistant Director, discussed West Newberry Road signal timing and answered questions.

Ms. Taulbee discussed speed studies and the likelihood that any funding for restriping the corridor between NW 52nd Terrace and NW 34th Street, excluding the segment between NW 43rd Street and NW 38th Street, would most likely not be available for several years.

Ms. Young and Mr. Karp spoke in support of the West Newberry Road bikelanes project and traffic calming in the corridor.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Secretary to request that the Florida Department of Transportation:

- 1. Program a project to restripe the pavement to 11-foot general purpose travel lanes with protected bikelanes on West Newberry Road (State Road 26) between NW 52nd Terrace and NW 34th Street (State Road 121) without loss of the westbound right turnlane at NW 43rd Street;**
- 2. Conduct a speed zone study between NW 59th Street and NW 40th Drive; and**
- 3. Prioritize this project for State Highway System funding; and**
- 4. Provide the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization information regarding any Thermoplast treatment related to the West Newberry Road (State Road 26) resurfacing project.**

Commissioner Carter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. WILLISTON ROAD (STATE ROAD 331) SAFETY REFERRAL

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization referred a citizen safety concern regarding the downtown Connector Rail-Trail crossing at Williston Road (State Road 331) to its advisory committees. He discussed the joint recommendations and answered questions.

Ms. Young and Mr. Karp spoke in support of safety measure enhancements for the Downtown Connector Rail-Trail crossing on Williston Road.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to include in its List of Priority Projects a project to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety at the intersection of the Downtown Connector Rail-Trail and Williston Road (State Road 331) including, but not limited to:

- 1. Conduct a speed zone study on Williston Road (State Road 331) from SE 12th Avenue south to SE 4th Street to determine the feasibility of extending the 35 mile per hour speed zone on Williston Road (State Road 331) to include the Downtown Connector Rail-Trail crossing;**
- 2. Conduct a pedestrian signal analysis at the Downtown Connector Rail-Trail crossing;**
- 3. Conduct a line-of-sight analysis of the curve on Williston Road (State Road 331); and**
- 4. Increase visibility of both motorists and trail users.**

Commissioner Budd seconded.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:

Commissioner Byerly asked to add as item 5. Analyze options for traffic calming in the corridor. Commissioners Pinkoson and Budd accepted the amendment.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to include in its List of Priority Projects a project to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety at the intersection of the Downtown Connector Rail-Trail and Williston Road (State Road 331) including, but not limited to:

- 1. Conduct a speed zone study on Williston Road (State Road 331) from SE 12th Avenue south to SE 4th Street to determine the feasibility of extending the 35 mile per hour speed zone on Williston Road (State Road 331) to include the Downtown Connector Rail-Trail crossing;**
- 2. Conduct a pedestrian signal analysis at the Downtown Connector Rail-Trail crossing;**
- 3. Conduct a line-of-sight analysis of the curve on Williston Road (State Road 331); and**
- 4. Increase visibility of both motorists and trail users; and**
- 5. Analyze options for traffic calming in the corridor.**

Commissioner Budd seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. BYLAWS

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization, at its December 5, 2016 meeting, requested discussion of the Bylaws concerning membership of the Citizens Advisory Committee be placed on the agenda for its next meeting. He discussed Citizens Advisory Committee eligibility, answered questions and reported the staff recommendation.

MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to adopt an amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Bylaws stating that Alachua County staff, City of Gainesville staff, including Regional Transit System staff, and North Central Florida Regional Planning Council staff directly involved in transportation planning shall not be eligible to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Commissioner Carter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council amended its bylaws to allow a second alternate representative from each metropolitan planning organization. He reported that Commissioner Hayes-Santos is currently the voting representative and Commissioner Chestnut is currently the alternate representative. He asked the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization to appoint a second alternate representative to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council for the remainder of this year.

MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to appoint David Arreola as the second alternate representative to the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council effective his swearing in as the City of Gainesville District 3 Commissioner. Commissioner Budd seconded; motion passed 10 to 1.

VIII. NEXT METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEETING

Mr. Koons announced that the next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

IX. COMMENTS

A. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

A member noted that he needed to be replaced as Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Chair.

MOTION: Commissioner Carter moved to appoint Commissioner Hayes-Santos as the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Chair. Commissioner Chase seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hutchinson and Chair Chestnut thanked Commissioners Carter and Chase for their service on the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.

B. CITIZENS

Judy Etzler thanked Ms. Shen for the Florida Department of Transportation public involvement efforts concerning the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force and suggested a letter from the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization to the Florida Department of Transportation.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Date

6/5/17

Ken Cornell, Secretary-Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Eddy Akpoji	Jeffrey Hays	Paul Folkers	James Green
Brooke Azzaro	Brian Singleton	Phil Mann	Huiwei Shen
Jeffrey Bowen		Tom Quigley	Andrew Young
Kaitlin Davidson		Teresa Scott	
Judy Etzler			
Chris Ferlow			
Vicki Gervickas			
Katherine Hamer			
Karen Harrell			
Adina Hoffman			
Bob Karp			
Matthew Kuba			
Alexa Lorenzo			
Rachel Muller			
Darwin Patterson			
Isabela Robby			
Bikram Wadhawan			
William Walters			
Rachel Weber			
Kristin Young			

* Via telephone
Spoke and provided written comments

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**CONSENT AGENDA
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Page #7 CA. 1 Minutes- December 5, 2016 APPROVE MINUTES**
- The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to review and approve this set of minutes.
- Page #19 CA. 2 Continuity of Operations Plan APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
- This plan is reviewed each year and revisions are made as needed.
- Page #21 CA. 3 Certification - Standard Assurances and Certifications AUTHORIZE CHAIR SIGNATURE**
- Each year, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to certify and assure compliance with federal regulations in order to receive funding.
- Page #31 CA. 4 Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
- Every five years, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization is required to review the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement and reaffirm the terms of the agreement.
- Page #45 CA. 5 Certification - Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification Statement AUTHORIZE CHAIR SIGNATURE**
- 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 #49 CA. 6 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - APPROVE STAFF
Fiscal Year 2017-18 Planning Grant Resolution 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 #55 CA. 7 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - AUTHORIZE CHAIR
Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged SIGNATURE
Coordinating Board Membership Certification**

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

**Page #59 CA. 8 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - NO ACTION REQUIRED
Status Report**

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

**Page #69 CA. 9 2017 Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization NO ACTION REQUIRED
Advisory Council- Legislative Priorities and Policy Positions**

The Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council has adopted a series of legislative priorities and policy positions for the 2017 Florida Legislative Session.