

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

October 30, 2017
5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Arreola
Harvey Budd
Mike Byerly
Charles Chestnut, IV, Chair
Ken Cornell
Linda Dixon/Curtis Reynolds
Adrian Hayes-Santos
Robert Hutchinson
Doug Jones
Lee Pinkoson
Lauren Poe
Karen Taulbee/Greg Evans
Harvey Ward
Helen Warren

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Goston

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Escalante
Scott Koons

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Charles Chestnut, IV called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Several members discussed whether to defer the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan administrative modification, some Transportation Improvement Program amendments and the Florida Department of Transportation Tentative Work Program until after the joint meeting of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Gainesville City Commission to discuss gas tax distribution.

James Green, Florida Department of Transportation Liaison, discussed the Transportation Improvement Program amendments.

Scott Koons, Executive Director, stated that the item X. Florida Department of Transportation Tentative Work Program is time-sensitive and that comments need to be provided to the Florida Department of Transportation by November 20, 2017.

Karen Taulbee, Florida Department of Transportation Urban Planning Manager, discussed the Transportation Improvement Program amendments.

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

II. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE- VACANT POSITIONS

Scott Koons, Executive Director, stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to fill five vacant positions on its Citizens Advisory Committee. He reported that the five positions have a term ending December 31, 2020. He noted that there are only two candidates at this time.

Chair Chestnut asked if there were any applicants present to speak concerning their candidacy.

Gilbert Levy spoke regarding his candidacy for the Citizens Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Commissioner Arreola moved to reappoint Gilbert Levy and James Samec to the Citizens Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2020. Commissioner Budd seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD- VACANT POSITIONS

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to fill two vacant positions on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board. He noted that the two positions have a term ending December 31, 2020. He reported that there were no applicants present to speak concerning their candidacy. He conducted a voice rollcall ballot for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board candidates. He tabulated the votes and reported the results of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board appointment vote.

MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to appoint Adam Carr and Maxine Stallings for a term ending December 31, 2020. Mayor Poe seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member asked that Gina van Blokland's application be placed on the Alachua County agenda for consideration by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners.

IV. LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION - SW 62ND BOULEVARD PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND RIGHT-OF-WAY

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to administratively modify its Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan to advance the SW 62nd Boulevard Preliminary Engineering project to Fiscal Year 2017-18 and advance the SW 62nd Boulevard Right-of-Way project to Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19.

A member asked who are the property owners within the proposed rights-of-way.

Deborah Leistner, Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, discussed SW 62nd Boulevard project right-of-way and answered questions. She said that City staff will provide property ownership information at the next meeting of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.

Philip Mann, Gainesville Public Works Director, discussed the SW 62nd Boulevard project timeline, the National Environmental Policy Act process and rights-of-way and answered questions. He also discussed the SW 62nd Boulevard resurfacing project between State Road 26 (West Newberry Road) and SW 20th Avenue) to be done in Fiscal Year 2019 and answered questions.

Mr. Koons stated that the administrative modification moves the SW 62nd Boulevard project from Fiscal Years 2021-2026 to Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19.

A member asked about flooding in the Hogtown Creek floodplain.

Mr. Mann discussed the properties within the floodplain and answered questions.

A member asked for detailed maps of the project.

Mr. Koons stated that detailed maps will be included in the meeting packet for the next meeting of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.

Ms. Kristen Young, Gainesville Citizens for Active Transportation representative, spoke against approval of the administrative modification.

MOTION: Mayor Poe moved to approve the administratively modify the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan to advance the SW 62nd Boulevard Preliminary Engineering project to Fiscal Year 2017-18 and advance the SW 62nd Boulevard Right-of-Way project to Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19 as shown in Exhibit 1. Commissioner Arreola seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a rollcall vote.

City Member	Yes	No	County Member	Yes	No
David ARREOLA	X				
Harvey BUDD		X			
			Mike BYERLY		X
			Ken CORNELL		X
Adrian HAYES-SANTOS	X				
			Robert HUTCHINSON		X
			Lee PINKOSON	X	
Lauren POE	X				
Harvey WARD		X			
Helen WARREN	X				
			Charles CHESTNUT IV	X	
Totals	4	2		2	3

Motion failed for lack of an Alachua County Board of County Commissioners favorable majority.

A member asked that staff be prepared to address the justification of the project, the Florida Department of Transportation letter and rights-of-way costs at the next meeting of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.

Ms. Young suggested adding information on environmental and cultural impacts.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to defer to the December 4, 2017 meeting item IV. Long-Range Transportation Plan Administrative Modification - SW 62nd Boulevard Preliminary Engineering and Right-of-Way so that information regarding project justification, property ownership within the affected rights-of-way, right-of-way acquisition costs and environmental impacts, including Hogtown Creek flooding, could be provided in the backup materials. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:

Mayor Poe requested that item V. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment - SW 62nd Boulevard Preliminary Engineering and Right-of-Way also be deferred to the December 4, 2017 meeting. The amendment was accepted by Commissioners Cornell and Hutchinson.

Ms. Taulbee stated that the federal Earmark Funds available for this project are time-limited. She said she would provide detailed information concerning this item at the next meeting of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.

MOTION AS AMENDED:

Commissioner Cornell moved to defer the following items to the December 4, 2017 meeting:

the Long-Range Transportation Plan Administrative Modification - SW 62nd Boulevard Preliminary Engineering and Right-of-Way so that information regarding project justification, property ownership within the affected rights-of-way, right-of-way acquisition costs and environmental impacts, including Hogtown Creek flooding, could be provided in the backup materials; and

the Transportation Improvement Program Amendment - SW 62nd Boulevard Preliminary Engineering and Right-of-Way.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT - STATE ROAD 222 (NW 39TH AVENUE) RAILROAD CROSSING

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the amendment to the Fiscal Years 2017-18 to 2021-22 Transportation Improvement Program to advance the State Road 222 (NW 39th Avenue) Railroad Crossing project (4352108) to Fiscal Year 2017-18. Commissioner Ward seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a show-of-hands vote.

City Member	Yes	No	County Member	Yes	No
David ARREOLA	X				
Harvey BUDD	X				
			Mike BYERLY	X	
			Ken CORNELL	X	
Adrian HAYES-SANTOS	X				
			Robert HUTCHINSON		X
			Lee PINKOSON	X	
Lauren POE	X				
Harvey WARD	X				
Helen WARREN	X				
			Charles CHESTNUT IV	X	
Totals	6	0		4	1

Motion passed.

VII. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT -
 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5339(C)
 LOW OR NO-EMISSION GRANT AWARD TO THE REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM

Mr. Koons stated that the Regional Transit System has requested an amendment to the Fiscal Years 2017-18 to 2021-22 Transportation Improvement Program to add the the Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(c) Low or No-Emission Grant Award project (4352108) in Fiscal Year 2017-18.

MOTION: Commissioner Ward moved to approve the amendment to the Fiscal Years 2017-18 to 2021-22 Transportation Improvement Program to add the Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(c) Low or No-Emission Grant Award to the Regional Transit System project (4352108) in Fiscal Year 2017-18. Commissioner Budd seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a show-of-hands vote.

City Member	Yes	No	County Member	Yes	No
David ARREOLA	X				
Harvey BUDD	X				
			Mike BYERLY	X	
			Ken CORNELL	X	
Adrian HAYES-SANTOS	X				
			Robert HUTCHINSON	X	
			Lee PINKOSON	X	
Lauren POE	X				
Harvey WARD	X				
Helen WARREN	X				
			Charles CHESTNUT IV	X	
Totals	6	0		5	0

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT -
 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICE DEVELOPMENT GRANT
 TO THE REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM

Mr. Koons stated that the Regional Transit System has requested an amendment to the Fiscal Years 2017-18 to 2021-22 Transportation Improvement Program to add the the Florida Department of Transportation Service Development Grant to the Regional Transit System project (4352108) in Fiscal Year 2017-18.

MOTION: Mayor Poe moved to approve the amendment to the Fiscal Years 2017-18 to 2021-22 Transportation Improvement Program to add the Florida Department of Transportation Service Development Grant to the Regional Transit System project (4352108) in Fiscal Year 2017-18. Commissioner Hayes-Santos seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a show-of-hands vote.

City Member	Yes	No	County Member	Yes	No
David ARREOLA	X				
Harvey BUDD	X				
			Mike BYERLY	X	
			Ken CORNELL	X	
Adrian HAYES-SANTOS	X				
			Robert HUTCHINSON	X	
			Lee PINKOSON	X	
Lauren POE	X				
Harvey WARD	X				
Helen WARREN	X				
			Charles CHESTNUT IV	X	
Totals	6	0		5	0

Motion passed unanimously.

IX. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT - ROLL FORWARD PROJECTS

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program to roll forward the following projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area:

- Gainesville Regional Airport Airfield Lighting and Signage Rehabilitation (4364081);
- Newberry Road (State Road 26) Traffic Signal Update at NW 98 Street (4343821);
- Regional Transit System Section 5307 Formula Grant (4040261); and
- Regional Transit System Section 5339 Operating Assistance Grant (4415201).

Ms. Taulbee and Mr. Jesus Gomez, Regional Transit System Director, discussed transit funding and answered questions.

MOTION: Mayor Poe moved to approve the amendment to the Fiscal Years 2017-18 to 2021-22 Transportation Improvement Program to roll forward funding into Fiscal Year 2017-18 for the project within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area identified in Exhibit 1. Commissioner Ward seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a show-of-hands vote.

City Member	Yes	No	County Member	Yes	No
David ARREOLA	X				
Harvey BUDD	X				
			Mike BYERLY	X	
			Ken CORNELL	X	
Adrian HAYES-SANTOS	X				
			Robert HUTCHINSON	X	
			Lee PINKOSON		X
Lauren POE	X				
Harvey WARD	X				
Helen WARREN	X				
			Charles CHESTNUT IV	X	
Totals	6	0		4	1

Motion passed.

X. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization received the draft Tentative Work Program on October 3, 2017. He discussed the Tentative Work Program and answered questions. He reviewed new projects included in the Tentative Work Program and answered questions.

Ms. Taulbee stated that she would provide the State Road 331 (Williston Road) at Main Street intersection project description for the next meeting of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.

Mr. Gomez discussed the autonomous bus project and answered questions.

Jeffrey Hays, Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the reasons for involvement in scoping of the U.S. Highway 441 resurfacing project and traffic signal update projects and answered questions.

Ms. Taulbee stated that the Florida Department of Transportation wants local governments to be involved in the scoping for projects prior to design. She said that the Florida Department of Transportation was implementing its Complete Streets policy and applying context area criteria to State Highway System corridors.

Mr. Green stated that the Florida Department of Transportation was assessing the impacts of flooding in the U.S. Highway 441 corridor.

A member discussed the use of U.S. Highway 441 through Paynes Prairie as a linear park and suggested that the scoping could also be used for evaluation of the corridor as a recreational destination.

Ms. Linda Dixon, University of Florida Planning Manager, stated that the University of Florida supports the Priority 1- West University Avenue (State Road 26) Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing Installations at NW 16th Street, NW 17th Street and NW 19th Street and the Priority 3 - Fund the U.S. 441 (SW 13th Street) Road Safety Audit, State Road 26 (University Avenue) Road Safety Audit and State Road 26 (West University Avenue) Multimodal Corridor Study recommendations.

A member discussed the autonomous bus demonstration project between downtown and the University of Florida campus.

Ms. Taulbee discussed the Florida Department of Transportation routine maintenance projects and answered questions.

Mr. Anthony Johnson, citizen, requested that funds be spent equitably.

MOTION: Commissioner Arreola moved to authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Secretary requesting that the Florida Department of Transportation consider the following comments concerning the Tentative Five-Year Work Program (Exhibit 1):

- 1. consider funding the following projects in the Tentative Work Program (Exhibit 1) and involve the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization in the scoping of the following projects:**

- A. **Priority 1 - West University Avenue (State Road 26) Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing Installations at NW 16th Street, NW 17th Street and NW 19th Street;**
 - B. **Priority 2 - East University Avenue (State Road 26) Pedestrian-Oriented Intersection Design at Waldo Road (State Roads 26, 331) intersection;**
 - C. **Priority 3 - Fund the U.S. 441 (SW 13th Street) Road Safety Audit, State Road 26 (University Avenue) Road Safety Audit and State Road 26 (West University Avenue) Multimodal Corridor Study recommendations;**
 - D. **Priority 4 - NW 34th Street (State Road 121) 2-Lane Divided Continuous Left Turnlane installation from NW 16th Avenue to U.S. Highway 441 as described in the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan funded with State Highway System funds;**
2. **involve the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization in the scoping of the:**
 - A. **U.S. 441 Resurfacing Project (4361751) from the Marion County Line to Williston Road (State Road 331) and include local governments, Federal Highway Administration, Florida Department of Transportation Florida Department of Environmental Protection Division of Recreation and Parks and other stakeholders interested in the Paynes Prairie portion of U.S. Highway 441 as a recreational destination; and**
 - B. **Traffic Signal Update projects (4373771, 4343961 and 4358911); and**
 3. **confirm that Interstate 75 Managed Lanes and Interstate Interchange projects in the Tentative Work Program are not competing with projects listed in the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan for funds identified in the Revenue Forecast provided by the Florida Department of Transportation.**

Commissioner Ward seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Koons suggested deferring items XI. Election of Officers, XII. Audit Review Committee and XIII. Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council to the December 4, 2017 meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved to defer items XI. Election of Officers, XII. Audit Review Committee and XIII. Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council to the December 4, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Cornell seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XIV. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Mr. Koons stated that federal legislation requires that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization set targets for several transportation performance measures. He discussed the performance measures and schedule and answered questions.

XV. NEXT METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEETING

Mr. Koons announced that the next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

IX. COMMENTS

A. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

A member suggested that Mr. Johnson should apply for a position on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

A member discussed the current usage of the U.S. Highway 441 corridor as a linear park through Paynes Prairie. He asked if the City was interested in participation in a process to develop this concept.

Mayor Poe responded that the County should provide the City information at the appropriate time.

A member also discussed the Coastal Boulevard project in Citrus and Marion Counties. The member requested that information concerning the Coastal Connector project in Citrus and Marion Counties be provided at the next meeting of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.

Mr. Koons stated that Ms. Huiwei Shen, Florida Department of Transportation Systems Planning Office Manager, would be present at the February 26, 2017 meeting to discuss the North I-75 Master Plan Summary report. He stated that the information requested would be provided at the December 4, 2017 meeting.

A member discussed net employment impacts due to automation.

A member stated that Career Source has data regarding autonomous vehicles. He said that the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has done research into the impacts of automation on job displacement.

Mr. Koons reported that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council performs econometric modeling and could provide information concerning the impact on jobs to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.

Mr. Hays stated that Alachua County staff is researching autonomous vehicles. He said that County staff could compile information and report on it.

Mr. Gomez stated there is also a need to look into labor impacts in the future.

MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to refer development of recommendations for a net employment impact statement related to transportation projects to be considered by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization to its Citizens Advisory Committee and the Alachua County Economic Development Advisory Committee. Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Doug Jones, Rural Advisor, discussed large employer involvement in transportation. He suggested inclusion of large employers in the development of transit.

Chair Chestnut asked about the liability responsibility of the autonomous bus demonstration project.

A member and Mr. Gomez discussed the implementation of the autonomous bus demonstration project and liability responsibility.

B. CITIZENS

There were no Citizens Comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

12/5/17
Date



Ken Cornell, Secretary-Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

Interested Citizens

Vicki Gervickas
Anthony Johnson
Bob Karp
Gilbert Levy
Kristen Young

Alachua County

Chris Dawson
Jeffrey Hays
Sylvia Torres

City of Gainesville

Dekova Batey
Jesus Gomez
Deborah Leistner
Philip Mann
Krys Ochia

Florida Department of Transportation

James Green

* Via telephone

Spoke and provided written comments

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**CONSENT AGENDA
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA**

**Jack Durrance Auditorium
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**October 30, 2017
5:00 p.m.**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Page #9 CA. 1 Minutes- June 5, 2017 APPROVE MINUTES**
- This set of Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization minutes is ready for review.
- Page #17 CA. 2 Transportation Alternatives Program - 2018 Applications APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION**
- The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to approve the submission of Transportation Alternatives Program applications prior to the December 1, 2017 application deadline.
- Page #33 CA. 3 Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network Program - 2018 Applications APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION**
- The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to approve the submission of Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network Program applications prior to the December 15, 2017 application deadline.
- Page #43 CA. 4 Safe Routes to School Program - 2018 Applications APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION**
- The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to support the submission of Safe Routes to School applications prior to the December 30, 2017 application deadline.
- Page #53 CA. 5 Proposed Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17 APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
- This amended budget will allow staff to monitor Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization expenditures and make appropriate adjustments as needed.
- Page #59 CA. 6 Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2016-17 Audit APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
- The audit this year will be prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants.

- Page #67 CA. 7 **Long-Range Transportation Plan
Administrative Modification Authorization** **APPROVE
RESOLUTION**
- This resolution authorizes the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Executive Director to approve administrative modifications to the long-range transportation plan in accordance with federal and state law.
- Page #75 CA. 8 **Florida Department of Transportation -
North I-75 Master Plan Summary Report** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- The Florida Department of Transportation has provided its North I-75 Master Plan Summary Report.
- Page #99 CA. 9 **Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program -
Transportation Disadvantaged
Community Transportation Coordinator Designation** **APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**
- This agenda item concerns the use of a competitive request for proposals process for the selection of the Alachua County Community Transportation Coordinator.
- Page #101 CA. 10 **Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement
Federal Transit Administration Section 5305(d)
Planning Funds** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- The Florida Department of Transportation has requested a Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement in order to receive additional Section 5305(d) planning funds.
- Page #107 CA. 11 **Transportation Improvement Program
Administrative Amendment - State Road 24 (Waldo Road) /
State Road 331 (Williston Road) and North 23rd Avenue
Streelighting Preliminary Engineering** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- The Florida Department of Transportation requested a Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Amendment for two streetlighting projects.
- Page #115 CA. 12 **Transportation Disadvantaged Program -
Status Report** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization has asked for regular status reports concerning this program.
- Page #127 CA. 13 **Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- The Florida Department of Transportation has provided copies of this plan.
- Page #165 CA. 14 **Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization
Advisory Council - 2018 Weekend Institute** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- The Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council has announced meeting dates for its Weekend Institute and provided applications.
- Page #109 CA. 15 **Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization
Advisory Council - Legislative Priorities and Policy Positions** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- The Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council has adopted a series of legislative priorities and policy positions for the 2018 Florida Legislative Session.