

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

April 22, 2019
3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Arreola, Vice-Chair
Mike Byerly
Ken Cornell, Chair
Linda Dixon/Curtis Reynolds
Adrian Hayes-Santos
Robert Hutchinson
Gail Johnson
Lauren Poe
Gigi Simmons
Karen Taulbee/Greg Evans
Harvey Ward
Helen Warren
Marihelen Wheeler

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Chestnut IV
Doug Jones

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Escalante
Scott Koons

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ken Cornell called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

A member requested that CA.11 Hydrologic Aspects of Raising U.S. Highway 441 Across Paynes Prairie be placed on the meeting regular agenda.

A member requested discussion of item CA.6 Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Referral and CA.9 Exclusive Pedestrian Phase at State Road 26 (University Avenue) at U.S. Highway 441 (West 13th Street) - City of Gainesville Email.

Scott Koons, Executive Director, asked to amend the Consent Agenda item CA.5 Interstate 75 and U.S. Highway 441 Safety Investments Referral to add the April 16, 2019 Florida Department of Transportation letter to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners as Exhibit 5.

A member stated she preferred review of Exhibit 5 - April 16, 2019 Florida Department of Transportation letter to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners prior its acceptance.

Chair Cornell stated that Consent Agenda item CA.5 Interstate 75 and U.S. Highway 441 Safety Investments Referral Exhibit 5 - April 16, 2019 Florida Department of Transportation letter to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners could be discussed along with CA.11 Hydrologic Aspects of Raising U.S. Highway 441 Across Paynes Prairie.

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to approve the:

- 1. Consent Agenda as amended to:**
 - A. Place CA.6 Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Referral, CA.9 Exclusive Pedestrian Phase at State Road 26 (University Avenue) at U.S. Highway 441 (West 13th Street) - City of Gainesville Email and CA.11 Hydrologic Aspects of Raising U.S. Highway 441 Across Paynes Prairie on the Meeting Agenda; and**
 - B. Add the April 16, 2019 Florida Department of Transportation letter to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners as Exhibit 5 to CA.5 Interstate 75 and U.S. Highway 441 Safety Investments Referral; and**
- 2. Approve the Meeting Agenda as amended to place: CA.11 Hydrologic Aspects of Raising U.S. Highway 441 Across Paynes Prairie and CA.5 Interstate 75 and U.S. Highway 441 Safety Investments Referral Exhibit 5 April 16, 2019 Florida Department of Transportation letter to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners on the Meeting Agenda after item I. Approval of the Meeting Agenda and Consent Agenda; CA.6 Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Referral and CA.9 Exclusive Pedestrian Phase at State Road 26 (University Avenue) at U.S. Highway 441 (West 13th Street) - City of Gainesville Email on the Meeting Agenda after item IV. Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update - Revenue Forecast Overview.**

Commissioner Hayes-Santos seconded; motion passed unanimously.

CA.11 HYDROLOGIC ASPECTS OF RAISING U.S. HIGHWAY 441 ACROSS PAYNES PRAIRIE
CA.5 INTERSTATE 75 AND U.S. HIGHWAY 441 SAFETY INVESTMENTS REFERRAL EXHIBIT 5 -
APRIL 16, 2019 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LETTER TO THE
ALACHUA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Koons discussed the report provided by the St. Johns Water Management District concerning the benefits of elevating U.S. Highway 441 across Paynes Prairie and the U.S. Highway 441 resurfacing project.

A member discussed the proposed linear park on U.S. Highway 441 along Paynes Prairie and requested guardrails that provide high visibility to the Prairie.

Jeffrey Hays, Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the status and a draft cross section for the linear park proposal and answered questions.

Adriana Mitchell, Executive Secretary to Senator Keith Perry, discussed the efforts by Senator Perry to fund a raised eco-friendly causeway across Paynes Prairie on U.S. Highway 441 and answered questions.

Kat Cammack, Deputy Chief of Staff to Congressman Ted Yoho, also discussed the efforts by the Congressman to fund a raised eco-friendly causeway across Paynes Prairie on U.S. Highway 441 and answered questions. She noted the causeway has an estimated cost of \$180 million.

Karen Taulbee, Florida Department of Transportation Urban Planning Manager, discussed the U.S. Highway 441 resurfacing project and answered questions. She also stated that she could provide information on the type of guardrails to be installed on U.S. Highway 441.

MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to:

- 1. Refer the Hydrologic Aspects of Raising U.S. Highway 441 Across Paynes Prairie report to the Joint City/County Water Policy Committee;**

2. **Authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation to request that the installation of guardrails on U.S. Highway 441 across Paynes Prairie minimize blockage of the view to the prairie; and**
3. **Authorize the Chair to send letters to the Congressman Ted Yoho, Florida Senator Keith Perry and Florida Department of Transportation to request that the scoping of any proposed elevation of U.S. Highway 441 across Paynes Prairie also include accommodation for a linear park along the corridor.**

Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT - INNOVATIVE HIGHWAY GRANT PROJECTS

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to amend the Transportation Improvement Program in order for the funds to be spent within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. He discussed the Innovative Highway Grant projects and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to approve an amendment to the Fiscal Years 2018-19 to 2022-23 Transportation Improvement Program to add the following three Federal Highway Administration Innovative Highway Grant projects (Exhibit 1):

- **City of Gainesville/University of Florida Arterial Corridor Traffic Control System/Devices [4450611];**
- **City of Gainesville/University of Florida Arterial Corridor Traffic Control System/Devices [4450612]; and**
- **University of Florida/Gainesville Arterial Pedestrian Aid Grant [4451861].**

Commissioner Hayes-Santos seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a show-of-hands vote.

City Member	Yes	No	County Member	Yes	No
David ARREOLA	X				
			Mike BYERLY	X	
Adrian HAYES-SANTOS	X				
			Robert HUTCHINSON	X	
Gail JOHNSON	X				
Lauren POE	X				
Gigi SIMMONS	X				
Harvey WARD	X				
Helen WARREN	X				
			Marihelen WHEELER	X	
			Ken CORNELL	X	
Totals	7	0		4	0

Motion passed unanimously.

III. YEAR 2040 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN - STATUS REPORT

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization requested a status report on the implementation of the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan. He discussed and answered questions concerning the implementation of the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan projects.

IV. YEAR 2045 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE - REVENUE FORECAST OVERVIEW

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Department of Transportation was present to discuss the new revenue forecast guidance for long-range transportation planning.

Ms. Taulbee and Martin Markovich, Florida Department of Transportation Senior Economic Analyst, discussed the new revenue forecast guidance and answered questions. Mr. Markovich noted that the federal gas tax rate is fixed and the state gas tax rate is indexed to inflation.

Mr. Koons discussed citizen involvement in the long-range transportation plan process and answered questions.

CA. 6 ALACHUA COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE MASTER PLAN UPDATE REFERRAL

Mr. Koons stated that Alachua County has requested that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization consider updating the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan.

Mr. Hays discussed the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan history and reasons for updating the plan.

Kristen Young, representing Gainesville Citizens for Active Transportation, suggested partnering with the University of Florida. She also discussed the Florida Trail Towns Program.

MOTION: Mayor Poe moved to refer scoping and funding mechanisms to update the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan to its advisory committees. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Simmons moved to have staff schedule a Florida Trail Towns Program presentation and invite the outlying municipalities in Alachua County to the presentation. Commissioner Arreola seconded; motion passed unanimously.

CA. 9 EXCLUSIVE PEDESTRIAN PHASE AT STATE ROAD 26 (UNIVERSITY AVENUE) AT U.S. HIGHWAY 441 (WEST 13TH STREET) - CITY OF GAINESVILLE EMAIL

Mr. Koons stated that the City of Gainesville staff provided a pedestrian scramble phase evaluation at the State Road 26 (University Avenue) at U.S. Highway 441 (West 13th Street) intersection.

Ms. Taulbee stated that pedestrian counts need updating. She said that counts are currently being collected.

Malisa McCreedy, Gainesville Mobility Department Director, suggested a study evaluating the elimination of turns at this intersection in order to prioritize pedestrian safety and mobility over vehicles.

A member suggested testing the pedestrian scramble.

Ms. Young noted the use of the roadway grid to avoid congested intersections.

Fletcher Hope, City of Archer City Commissioner, noted the efficiency of pedestrian tunnels and bridges.

MOTION: Commissioner Ward moved to refer to the City of Gainesville Mobility Department coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation to develop and conduct a pedestrian scramble trial study for the State Road 26 (University Avenue) at U.S. Highway 441 (West 13th Street) intersection. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. NEXT METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEETING

Chair Cornell announced that the next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Koons stated that the Transportation Improvement Program and List of Priority Projects would be on the next meeting agenda.

VI. COMMENTS

A. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

A member noted the difference between ownership of public roadways and their maintenance responsibility.

A member discussed the use of prison laborers for roadway maintenance by the Florida Department of Transportation.

Ms. Taulbee stated that the Florida Department of Transportation Maintenance Office is responsible for roadway maintenance contracts.

By consensus, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization requested that the Florida Department of Transportation provide the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization with information concerning state roadway maintenance contracts.

Several members discussed concerns about paratransit service provided by MV Transportation, Inc.

MOTION: Commissioner Ward moved to have staff:

- 1. Place an agenda item for discussion of transportation disadvantaged service provided by MV Transportation, Inc. for the June 24, 2019 meeting; and**
- 2. Provide a comparison of quality of service for on-time performance provided by MV Transportation, Inc. with service provided in other cities and information concerning paratransit best practices and ridesharing paratransit.**

Commissioner Wheeler seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. CITIZENS

Joshua Maseri discussed concerns about paratransit service provided by MV Transportation, Inc.

Ms. Young discussed public transit investments and pedestrian bridges.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Cornell discussed the importance of the 2020 Census population count to include the University of Florida and Santa Fe College students who reside within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

Mr. Koons discussed the Florida Department of Transportation estimated population count for the Gainesville Urbanized Area in relation to the Transportation Management Area threshold population of 200,000. He stated that the 2020 Census would be primarily conducted online. He suggested establishment of an Alachua County Complete Count Committee.

Chair Cornell discussed the Rural Advisor selection process.

Mr. Koons discussed the history of the Rural Advisor.

Mr. Koons announced that the Chair would be meeting with the Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Secretary on May 2, 2019.

Mr. Koons also announced that two members would be attending the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council Institute.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

June 25, 2019
Date

Charles Chestnut IV
Charles Chestnut IV, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Alyssa Brown Kat Cammack Fletcher Hope Martin Markovich Joshua Maseri Adriana Mitchell Kristen Young	Chris Dawson Jeffrey Hays Sylvia Torres	Deborah Leistner Dan Hoffman Malisa McCreedy Emmanuel Posadas	None

* Via telephone
Spoke and provided written comments

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

**John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building, Gainesville, Florida**

**3:00 p.m.
April 22, 2019**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Page #7 CA. 1 Minutes - February 25, 2018 APPROVE MINUTES**
This set of Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization minutes is ready for review.
- Page #19 CA. 2 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. 3 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 #35 CA. 4 Federal Transit Administration Section 5305(d) Grant Application APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to approve a new Section 5305(d) Grant Application in order to receive Federal Transit Administration planning funds for the second year (2019-20) of the Unified Planning Work Program.
- Page #43 CA. 5 Interstate 75 and U.S. Highway 441 Safety Investments Referral AUTHORIZE CHAIR SIGNATURE**
Alachua County has requested a letter from the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization to the Florida Department of Transportation concerning safety issues on Interstate 75 and U.S. Highway 441.
- Page #91 CA. 7 State Road 121 (NW 34th Street) Turnlane At NW 30th Place (Rock Creek Subdivision) APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION**
The Citizens Advisory Committee recommends that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization request that the Florida Department of Transportation reevaluate the intersection for safety warrants and, if warranted, install turnlanes at the State Road 121 (NW 34th Street) at NW 30th Place (Rock Creek Subdivision) intersection.

Page #105 CA. 8 Title VI/Nondiscrimination Policy Statement FOR INFORMATION ONLY

On April 2, 2012, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization authorized the Chief Staff Official to sign this policy statement each year.

Page #117 CA. 10 Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council Letter to Florida Senate President Bill Galvano FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council sent comments to Senate President Galvano concerning his memorandum to the Florida Senate about the reorganization of its Committee on Transportation into the Committee on Infrastructure and Security and development of legislation for three new rural multi-use corridors.

Page #129 CA. 12 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Membership Certification AUTHORIZE CHAIR SIGNATURE

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

Page #129 CA. 13 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Board Reappointment REAPPOINT MS. ALFORD

Ms. Cinton Alford has applied for reappointment as the Children at Risk Representative.

Page #133 CA. 14 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Status Report FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

EXHIBIT 1



Florida Department of Transportation

RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

2198 Edison Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32204-2730

KEVIN THIBAUT
SECRETARY

March 18, 2019

Mr. Scott Koons, AICP
Executive Director
Gainesville MTPO
2009 NW 67th Place
Gainesville, FL 32653

Re: FDOT Request: Amendments to the Gainesville MTPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2018/19 – 2022/23

Dear Mr. Koons:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requests an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2018/19 – 2022/2023. Please add the following TIP Amendments request for action by the TPO Board at the April meeting.

ALACHUA COUNTY

**445061-1 City of Gainesville/UF Arterial Corridor
Traffic Control Devices/System**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>
TSM	Construction	100,000

**445061-2 City of Gainesville/UF Arterial Corridor
Traffic Control Devices/System**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>
TSM	Construction	100,000

445186-1 University of Florida/Gainesville Pedestrian Aid Grant

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>
TSM	Construction	800,000

Approval of this TIP Amendment will not affect the funding or advancement of other projects in the FY 2018/19 – 2022/23 TIP.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information for these requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MS', is positioned above the typed name.

Mari Schwabacher
Gainesville MTPO Liaison
FDOT District Two