

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Virtual Public Meeting
Via Communications Media Technology
Gainesville, Florida

October 26, 2020
3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Arreola, Chair
Mike Byerly
Charles Chestnut IV
Linda Dixon/Curtis Reynolds
Adrian Hayes-Santos
Robert Hutchinson
Gail Johnson
Lauren Poe
Reina Saco
Karen Taulbee/Greg Evans
Harvey Ward
Marihelen Wheeler

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Cornell
Doug Jones
Gigi Simmons

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Escalante
Scott Koons

CALL TO ORDER

After recognizing a quorum was present, Chair David Arreola called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

MOTION: Commissioner Ward moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Hayes-Santos seconded the motion; Chair Arreola asked for and received no public comment; motion passed unanimously.

II. MOBILITY WORKSHOP

Scott Koons, Executive Director, stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization, at its August 24, 2020 meeting, requested a workshop to discuss transportation issues. He introduced Jeffrey Kramer, University of South Florida Center for Urban Transportation Research Senior Research Associate.

Mr. Kramer presented a historical overview of the federal metropolitan planning process. He discussed metropolitan planning organization role and responsibilities as part of the federal metropolitan planning process and answered questions.

Mr. Koons reviewed the Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Vision Statement, Principles and Strategies. He discussed the Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Cost Feasible Plan roadway projects. He noted that the Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Cost Feasible Plan transit projects are derived from the City of Gainesville 2019 Transit Development Plan. He said Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Cost Feasible Plan bicycle and pedestrian “box-fund” projects would be developed in the forthcoming Alachua Countywide Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan.

Mr. Koons also reviewed the City of Gainesville East Gainesville Capital Improvement Projects table, which was a topic of discussion at the August 24, 2020 meeting. He stated that the transit projects would be addressed as part of the implementation of the Transit Development Plan and bicycle and pedestrian projects could be addressed as part of the development of the Alachua Countywide Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan.

Several members discussed transit issues, including fare-free transit service and paratransit service and first-mile and last-mile access to transit.

Phil Mann, interim City of Gainesville Assistant City Manager, and Jesus Gomez, Regional Transit System Director, discussed the fiscal impacts of fare-free services. Mr. Mann noted an ongoing first-mile and last-mile study.

Several members discussed midblock crossings on the State Highway System.

A member discussed incorporating protected bikelanes in the forthcoming Alachua Countywide Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan.

Several members discussed east-west mobility and mobility equity.

Chair Arreola opened the workshop for public comment.

Linda Dixon, University of Florida Planning Director, stated that the University of Florida needs to be included in discussions of transit funding and east-west connectors. She noted the SW 13th Street workshop.

Mary Alford spoke in support of member comments concerning fare-free transit and paratransit services, midblock crossings on the State Highway System, east-west mobility and mobility equity. She noted that copies of the presentations were not available.

Mr. Koons stated that the staff presentation and the Center for Urban Transportation Research presentation would be posted on the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization website.

After being notified that there were no more comments from the public, Chair Arreola closed the workshop.

III. FLORIDA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Koons asked the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization to appoint a voting representative and two alternate representatives to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council for 2021. He noted that currently Commissioner Johnson serves as the voting representative and Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Wheeler serve as the alternate representatives.

Commissioner Gail Johnson noted that she was not receiving Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council meeting notices.

MOTION: Mayor Poe moved to appoint Commissioner Ward as the voting representative and Commissioner Wheeler and Commissioner Hutchinson as the alternate representatives to the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council. Commissioner Byerly seconded; Chair Arreola asked for and received no public comment; motion passed unanimously.

IV. NEXT METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEETING

Chair Arreola announced that the next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. He and Mr. Koons discussed the expiration of the Governor's order concerning exclusive virtual meetings and its impact on Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization in-person meetings.

V. COMMENTS

A. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

Several member thanked Commissioners Byerly and Hutchinson for their contributions to the transportation planning process.

Commissioners Byerly and Hutchinson spoke concerning their tenures on the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.

MOTION: Commissioner Ward moved to place on the next agenda discussion of:

1. **Regional Transit System fare structure;**
2. **First-mile and last mile study;**
3. **Lighted signal crossing on the State Highway System;**
4. **West 13th Street as a complete street and University Avenue, South 2nd Avenue and South 4th Avenue for the University of Florida to East 25 Street; and**
5. **Transportation equity in the planning process.**

Commissioner Byerly seconded and requested that previous Regional Transit System fare reports be provided to the members; Commissioner Ward accepted the friendly amendment.

MOTION AS AMENDED

Commissioner Ward moved to place on the next agenda discussion of:

1. **Regional Transit System fare structure and that members be provided previous Regional Transit System fare reports;**
2. **First-mile and last mile study;**
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4. **West 13th Street as a complete street and University Avenue, South 2nd Avenue and South 4th Avenue for the University of Florida to East 25 Street; and**
5. **Transportation equity in the planning process.**

Commissioner Byerly seconded; Chair Arreola asked for and received no public comment; motion passed unanimously.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Date

2/25/21


Adrian Hayes-Santos, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

Interested Citizens

*Mary Alford
Brenda Anderson
Daniela Gomez
Jeff Kramer
Loresa Krinos
Pamela Marshal
Trevor Poole

Alachua County

Chris Dawson
Corbin Hanson
Joshua Massre
Takumi Sullivan
Sylvia Torres

City of Gainesville

Lee Feldman
Jesus Gomez
Deborah Leistner
Phil Mann
Melisa McCreedy

**Florida Department
of Transportation**

Mari Schwabacher

* Via telephone

Spoke and provided written comments

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**CONSENT AGENDA
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Page #7 CA. 1 Minutes - August 24, 2020 APPROVE MINUTES**
- This set of Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization minutes is ready for review.
- Page #21 CA. 2 2021 Meeting Schedule APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
- The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization 2021 Meeting Schedule needs to be approved.
- Page #25 CA. 3 Florida Department of Transportation Tentative Five-Year Work Program 2021-22 to 2025-26 APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
- Authorize staff to provide comments to the Florida Department of Transportation concerning its Tentative Work Program.
- Page #27 CA. 4 Resolution 2020-08 - Revised Section 5305(d) Grant Application Revised Section 5305(d) Grant Resolution and Public Transportation Agreement APPROVE RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES**
- The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization will need to submit a revised grant application to account for an anticipated adjustment in its Federal Transit Administration Section 5305(d) funding allocation and needs to approve a resolution for and authorize the Chair to sign the Public Transportation Agreement in order to receive the funds.
- Page #29 CA. 5 Resolution 2020-09 - Unified Planning Work Program Amendment - Revised Section 5305(d) Grant Funding APPROVE RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES**
- The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization is anticipated to be awarded an adjusted amount in its allocation of Federal Transit Administration Section 5305(d) funds and needs to amend its Unified Planning Work program in order to receive the funds.

**Page #57 CA. 6 Transportation Alternatives Program/
Safe Routes to School/Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail
Application Notices APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**

The Florida Department of Transportation has notified agencies concerning the Transportation Alternatives Program/Safe Routes to School/Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail grant application cycles.

**Page #59 CA. 7 Safety Performance Measures and Targets APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to set safety performance measures and targets (see Exhibit 1).

**Page #61 CA. 8 Proposed Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**

This amended budget will allow staff to monitor Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization expenditures and make appropriate adjustments as needed.

**Page #63 CA. 9 Alachua Countywide Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan Consultant Contract Authorization APPROVE CONTRACT AND
AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES**

Alachua County, City of Gainesville and University of Florida are jointly funding the development of this master plan which will be used, in part, to identify “box-funded” prioritized projects for the Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan.

**Page #69 CA. 10 Partnering with Florida Department of Transportation FOR INFORMATION ONLY
A Resource Guide for Local Governments**

The Florida Department of Transportation has recently published a resource guide for local governments.

Page #109 CA. 11 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED

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

EXHIBIT 1

Safety Performance Measures and Targets

**Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area
Approved October 26, 2020**

Safety Topic	Performance Measure	Target
1	Fatalities	Zero
2	Serious Injuries	Zero
3	Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	Zero
4	Fatalities Per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Travelled	Zero
5	Serious Injuries Per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Travelled	Zero