

MINUTES

GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Gainesville Regional Utilities General Purpose Room
301 SE 4th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
March 21, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Robinson, Chair
Ha Nguyen, Vice Chair
Linda Dixon
Dekova Batey
Steve Dopp
Jeffrey Hays
Debbie Leistner
Dean Mimms
Karen Taulbee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ron Fuller
John Gifford
Steve Kabat
Michael Iguina
Harrell Harrison

OTHERS PRESENT

Doreen Joyner-Howard

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doug Robinson, Regional Transit System Chief Transit Planner, called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Robinson noted that introductions were not needed.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Robinson asked for approval of the agenda.

Mr. Dekova Batey, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator, asked for the addition of discussion of the Norton Elementary School Safe Route to School grant application.

MOTION: Dean Mimms moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to add item VI.B Norton Elementary School Safe Route to School Grant Application. Debbie Leistner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning, stated that the November 30, 2011 minutes are ready for approval.

MOTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the November 30, 2011 TAC minutes. Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the staff services agreement between the MTPO and the Regional Planning Council (RPC) requires submission of the budget to support the transportation planning staff. He said that MTPO staff is forwarding for its consideration the UPWP. He added that the UPWP outlines and describes planning efforts to be undertaken by participating agencies to maintain a comprehensive, cooperative and continuing transportation planning program in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area for a two-year period. He discussed the Fiscal Years 2012-13 -2014-15 UPWP and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Fiscal Years 2012-13 – 2014/15 UPWP with the understanding that additional administrative revisions requested by state and federal review agencies will be made as necessary by MTPO staff. Jeff Hays seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. MTPO URBAN DESIGN POLICY MANUAL

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TAC Working Group has reviewed the Urban Design Policy Manual and recommends sunsetting it. He discussed the status of the Urban Design Policy Manual and answered questions.

MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO sunset the Urban Design Policy Manual. Dean Mimms seconded, motion passed unanimously.

VI. LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that, each year, the MTPO develops priorities for unfunded projects. He said that these priorities are used by the Florida Department of Transportation to develop its Tentative Work Program. He added that this year's draft List of Priority Projects includes projects from the recently adopted Year 2035 Livable Community Reinvestment Plan and from local agency recommendations. He discussed the draft tables and answered questions.

ACTION: Jeff Hays moved to recommend the MTPO approve the List of Priority Projects with the following modifications:

- **Table 1C- adding the West 6 Street Rail/Trail from NW 16 Avenue to NW 23 Avenue as the second project;**
- **Table 2C- adding the Hull Road Extension from SW 43 Street to SW 34 Street; the SW 6 Street Reconstruction from SW 16 Avenue to University Avenue; the SW 40 Boulevard Extension from Archer Road to SW 34 Street; and the SW 47 Avenue Extension from SW 34 Street to Williston Road;**
- **Table 5C- adding the Hull Road Extension from SW 43 Street to SW 34 Street;**
- **Table 7B- show Priority 2, SW 8 Avenue- Phase 2, as partially funded;**
- **Table 7C- adding the Hull Road Extension from SW 43 Street to SW 34 Street;**

- **Table 10- moving the Interstate 75 interchange at NW 39 Avenue project from Priority 2 to Priority 1;**
- **Table 12A- showing Priority 8, SW 34 Street turnlane extension, as partially funded;**
- **Table 12C- adding the NE 8 Avenue at NE 7 Street; NW 8 Avenue at NW 10 Street; and SE 4 Avenue at SE 3 Street traffic signal reconstruction projects; and**
- **Table 13- adding the Alachua/High Springs Express Bus Service as Priority 3 and the Hawthorne Express Bus Service as Priority 4.**

Debbie Leistner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI._B NORTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Batey discussed grant applications for the Norton Trail and a bike map update and answered questions. He stated that he was seeking endorsements for the grant applications.

Several members of the TAC discussed the applications and noted that the Norton Trail was in the List of Priority Projects and that they supported updating the bike maps.

Mr. Sanderson stated that MTPO staff could provide a letter of support for the grant applications.

VII. TOP TEN MOST DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area requested information on the top ten dangerous intersections within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

Ms. Debbie Leistner, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the top ten dangerous intersections within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area and answered questions.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

Ms Linda Dixon, University of Florida Assistant Director for Planning, discussed the Campus Trail project.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

5/23/12
Date



Doug Robinson, Chair