

MINUTES

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

Gainesville Regional Utilities  
301 SE 4th Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
November 28, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Robinson, Chair  
Dekova Batey  
Chris Dawson  
Linda Dixon  
Steve Dopp  
Ron Fuller  
Debbie Leistner  
Dean Mimms  
Karen Taulbee

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Gifford  
Richard Hedrick  
Mike Iguina  
Steve Kabat  
Harrell Harrison

OTHERS PRESENT

Doreen Joyner-Howard  
Beth Lemke  
Chandler Otis  
Jennifer Sagan  
Sarit Sela  
Sara Vidal-Finn

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doug Robinson, Regional Transit System Chief Transit Planner, called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Robinson introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Robinson asked for approval of the agenda.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning, asked that the agenda be amended to move item V. MTPO Planning Boundary and Voting Membership after item VI. South Main Street- Scoping Plans.

**MOTION: Chris Dawson moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to move item V. MTPO Planning Boundary and Voting Membership after item VI. South Main Street- Scoping Plans. Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Robinson asked for approval of the September 19, 2012 minutes.

**MOTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the September 19, 2012 TAC minutes. Chris Dawson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IV. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has submitted the Tentative Work Program to the MTPO for review and comment. He and Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist, discussed the Tentative Work Program and answered questions.

Mr. Dean Mimms, City of Gainesville Lead Planner, asked about providing bikelanes on East University Avenue (State Road 26) from Hawthorne Road to County Road 325A.

Ms. Linda Dixon, University of Florida Assistant Director for Facilities Planning, asked about countdown pedestrian crossing signals as part of the traffic signal update project on SW 16th Avenue (State Road 226).

**MOTION: Dean Mimms moved to recommend that the MTPO send a letter to the FDOT District 2 Secretary thanking him for the opportunity to review the Tentative Work Program. Doug Robinson seconded, motion passed unanimously.**

VI. SOUTH MAIN STREET- SCOPING PLANS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the City of Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency requested an opportunity to present South Main Street scoping plans.

Ms. Sarit Sela, City of Gainesville Project Manager, discussed the South Main Street scoping plans and answered questions.

**MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the South Main Street scoping plans. Steve Dopp seconded, motion passed unanimously.**

V. MTPO PLANNING BOUNDARY AND VOTING MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Sanderson stated that the FDOT Central Office has requested that the MTPO provide planning boundary and voting membership based on the year 2010 census to the Governor by February. He discussed the draft planning boundary map and voting membership and answered questions.

**MOTION: Steve Dopp moved to recommend that the MTPO send the draft Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary and Membership Apportionment Plan letter to the FDOT Secretary. Chris Dawson seconded, motion passed 8 to 1.**

VII. YEAR 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN-  
SCOPE OF WORK EMERGING ISSUES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Scope of Work is being developed. He said that the Federal Highway Administration has identified several emerging issues. He discussed the emerging issues and answered questions.

**MOTION: Debbie Leistner moved to recommend that the MTPO incorporate the following “emerging issue” into the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Scope of Work:**

- **Performance Measurement;**
- **Sustainable Transportation and Context Sensitive Solutions; and**
- **Scenario Planning.**

**Linda Dixon seconded, motion passed unanimously.**

#### XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chair Robinson reported that the bus rapid transit alternatives analysis project was underway and asked that Robert’s Rules of Order be reviewed for motions and seconds by the chair.

Mr. Mimms noted that the double helix rail/trail crossing was open.

Ms. Debbie Leistner, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, and Mr. Dekova Batey, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator, discussed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Survey.


Mr. Mimms discussed the need for roundabout education.

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that he would contact the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team liaison regarding educational materials and grants for proper roundabout usage.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

2-20-13  
Date

  
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Doug Robinson, Chair