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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  
May 22, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Hays, Chair  
Dekova Batey  
Linda Dixon  
Steve Dopp  
Debbie Leistner  
Dean Mimms  
Matthew Muller  
Brian Singleton  
Karen Taulbee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ron Fuller  
John Gifford  
Mike Iguina  
Steve Kabat  
Harrell Harrison

OTHERS PRESENT

Ned Baier  
Tony Falotico  
Jesus Gomez  
Doreen Joyner-Howard  
Jacob Kain  
Beth Lemke  
Chandler Otis  
Mark Manwell

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Michael Escalante  
Luke Tia

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jeff Hays, Regional Transit System Chief Transit Planner, called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Hays introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Hays asked for approval of the agenda.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning, asked that the agenda be approved.

**MOTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the meeting agenda. Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Hays asked for approval of the January 23, 2013 minutes.

**MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to approve the January 23, 2013 TAC minutes. Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Transportation Improvement Program is the most important document that is approved annually by the MTPO. He said that the Transportation Improvement Program is a staged implementation program of transportation projects consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with adopted comprehensive plans of Alachua County and the City of Gainesville. He added that, in order for Federal transportation funds to be spent in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, they must be approved by the MTPO and included in this report. He noted that this year's document authorizes about \$26 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next fiscal year.

Ms. Karen Taulbee, Florida department of Transportation (FDOT) Transportation Specialist, stated that the Transit Maintenance Facility State Infrastructure Bank Loan Repayment Project needed to be in the TIP.

Ms. Debbie Leistner, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, discussed City projects to be added to the TIP and answered questions

Chair Hays discussed modifications to County projects in the TIP.

Ms. Linda Dixon, University of Florida Facilities Planning Assistant Director, discussed modifications to the University of Florida shared-use path project.

**MOTION: Debbie Leistner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Fiscal Years 2013-14 to 2017-18 Transportation Improvement Program with changes shown in Exhibit 1. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### V. SW 34TH STREET AT ARCHER ROAD INTERSECTION- SOUTHBOUND RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT

Mr. Sanderson stated the FDOT has completed its analysis of the SW 34th Street at Archer Road Intersection.

Ms. Taulbee discussed the SW 34th Street at Archer Road Intersection Technical Report and answered questions.

**MOTION: Debbie Leistner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the FDOT SW 34th Street at Archer Road Intersection Technical Report Conclusion recommendations (see Exhibit 2) and modify Table 11A Priority No. 5 to summarize the conclusions. 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 noted that he would discuss tables that may have changes due to review comments that MTPO staff received. He discussed proposed changes and answered questions.

Ms. Taulbee discussed concern regarding landscaping in Williston Road at University Avenue safety project.

Mr. Sanderson suggested including to provide additional pedestrian safety in the medians to Table 8 Priority 3 Item 4.

**MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the List of Priority Projects, with the landscaping of the Williston Road at University Avenue medians as the first priority in Table 4. Debbie Leistner seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Dixon noted that the SW 34th Street at Hull Road turnlane project is funded and should be deleted.

**MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the List of Priority Projects, incorporating the changes to Table 4 and Table 8 as discussed. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### VII. SW 8TH AVENUE MULTI-USE PATH

Mr. Sanderson stated that Alachua County Public Works Department requested an opportunity to present the SW 8th Avenue Multi-Use Path 60 Percent Design Plans.

Mr. Brian Singleton, Alachua County Transportation Engineering Manager, discussed the SW 8th Avenue Multi-Use Path 60 Percent Design Plans and answered questions.

**MOTION: Steve Dopp moved to recommend that the MTPO approve SW 8th Avenue Multi-Use Path 60 Percent Design Plans. Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IX. UPDATED BYLAWS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the bylaws were last updated in 1983. He said that several policies have become outdated. He discussed the draft bylaws and answered questions.

**MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Bylaws document. Karen Taulbee seconded, motion passed unanimously.**

#### X. YEAR 2040 POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Mr. Sanderson discussed the University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research Year 2040 population projections for Alachua County and answered questions.

**MOTION: Dean Mimms moved to:**

- 1. approve the Year 2040 medium population projections for Alachua County (see Exhibit 3);**
- 2. convene a working group of county planners; and**
- 3. include footnote to population table stating projections assume no annexations.**

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

XI. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROJECTS

Mr. Sanderson discussed the timetable for Transportation Alternative Projects and answered questions.

XII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Sanderson stated that it was time to elect new TAC officers. He said that currently Doug Robinson was the Chair and Jeff Hays was the Vice Chair.

**MOTION: Dean Mimms moved to elect Jeff Hays as Chair. Steve Dopp seconded, motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to elect Debbie Leistner as Vice Chair. Karen Taulbee seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Dekova Batey, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator, discussed and distributed new city bike maps. He also discussed bicycle registration programs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

9/18/2013  
Date

  
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Jeff Hays, Chair

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**EXHIBIT 1**

**Revisions to Draft Transportation Improvement Program  
Presented at the May 22, 2013 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

<b>Illustration</b>	<b>Table</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Modification</b>
III	6	33; 36	Include the University of Florida shared-use path from Illustration VIII and Table 12
V	-	39	Show construction in Fiscal Year 2013-14 for SW 13th Street at Archer Road and SW 16th Avenue intersections; remove construction from Archer Road at SW 16th Avenue intersection
VIII	-	55	Show construction of sidewalks in Fiscal Year 2012-13 on NW 34th Street Westside from NW 23rd Terrace to WalMart and NW 23rd Street from NW 34th Street to NW 62 Avenue
VIII	12	55	Move the University of Florida shared-use path to Illustration III and Table 6
X	-	61	Show <u>NW 8th Avenue</u> from NW 41st Street to NW 6th Street lane reduction/resurfacing project for construction in Fiscal Year 2012-13
XI	15	67; 69	Add <u>Hull Road</u> construction from SW 38th Terrace to SW 34th Street, with design in Fiscal Year 2012-13 and construction in Fiscal Year 2013-14 [developer funded project cost estimates not provided]
XI	15	67; 71	Add <u>SW 38th Terrace</u> construction from SW 20th Avenue to Hull Road, with design in Fiscal Year 2012-13 and construction in Fiscal Year 2013-14 [developer funded project cost estimates not provided]
XI	15	67; 68	Include termini for Celebration Point Boulevard from Archer Road to SW 47th Way in project location and modify Illustration XI for flyover terminus
-	15	71	Place <u>SW 8th Avenue Extension</u> from SW 143rd Street to SW 122nd Street Design and Construction in Fiscal Year 2014-15 with local and County Incentive Grant Program funding
-	15	74	Delete "includes flyover" from SW 30th Avenue project description
-	17	81	Include <u>Transit Maintenance Facility</u> State Infrastructure Bank Loan repayment with \$4 million in Fiscal Year 2015-16 and \$4.1 million in Fiscal Year 2016-17 using Surface Transportation Program funds

Note; Shaded rows are administrative revisions to the document that were provided at the Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

## EXHIBIT 2

### **CONCLUSION:**

Based on the Synchro/Sim Traffic analyses and our site investigations, restriping the outside lane of the north approach of the SR 24/SR 121 intersection to form a right turn only lane would reduce delay to the right turn movement. However, the delay to the north approach would be increased since the number of through lanes would be reduced from three lanes to two. In addition, the through traffic on this approach is expected to queue beyond the Windmeadows Boulevard intersection.

This study also identified other improvements that could improve traffic operations at the intersection. Constructing a right turn lane on the east approach of SR 24 at the SR 121 intersection will greatly reduce delay and vehicle queues, especially during the afternoon peak when frequently traffic backs up more than a mile in length. In addition, lengthening one of the left turn lanes on the north approach of SR 121 at the same intersection will improve traffic operations by providing additional storage for the vehicles turning left.

**EXHIBIT 3**

**Table 1  
Population Estimates and Projections  
Alachua County, 2012 to 2040**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>April 1, 2012 Estimate</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>	<b>2040 Projection</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>
Alachua	9,134	3.70%	11,300	3.70%
Archer	1,130	0.46%	1,405	0.46%
Gainesville	123,903	50.21%	153,341	50.21%
Hawthorne	1,389	0.56%	1,710	0.56%
High Springs	5,355	2.17%	6,627	2.17%
LaCrosse	356	0.14%	428	0.14%
Micanopy	605	0.25%	764	0.25%
Newberry	4,957	2.01%	6,139	2.01%
Waldo	969	0.39%	1,191	0.39%
<b>Unincorporated Area</b>	<b>98,972</b>	<b>40.11%</b>	<b>122,496</b>	<b>40.11%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>246,770</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>305,400</b>	<b>100%</b>

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Sources: Florida Estimates of Population 2012, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida.  
Projections of Florida Population by County, 2015-2040, with Estimates for 2012, Volume 46, Bulletin, 165,  
March 2013, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida.

Note: The municipal projections in this table assume no annexations in the time period.