

MINUTES

GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Charles F. Justice Conference Room
2009 NW 67th Place
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
April 20, 2016

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Debbie Leistner, Chair Paul Adjan Dekova Batey Ruth Findley Ron Fuller James Green Jeff Hays Erik Lewis Dean Mimms Matthew Muller	James Speer	None	Scott Koons Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Debbie Leistner, Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Scott Koons, Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Executive Director, introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Leistner asked for approval of the agenda.

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved to approve the meeting agenda. Matthew Muller seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mr. Koons stated that the September 23, 2015 minutes are ready for consideration of approval by the Technical Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved to approve the September 23, 2015 Technical Advisory Committee minutes. Paul Adjan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT -
NW 19TH LANE BIKELANE/SIDEWALK PROJECT

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program to add preliminary engineering to the NW 19th Lane Bikelane/Sidewalk Project in Fiscal Year 2015-16. He discussed the amendment and answered questions.

MOTION: James Green moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization amend the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Transportation Improvement Program to add preliminary engineering to the NW 19th Lane Bikelane/Sidewalk Project in Fiscal Year 2015-16. Jeff Hays seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization is required to adopt a Unified Planning Work Program. He said that this program identifies the planning activities for a two-year cycle. He reported that the Unified Planning Work Program has been reformatted to comply with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act and Florida Department of Transportation requirements.

Mr. Matthew Muller, Regional Transit System Chief Transit Planner, discussed Section 5305(d) funding.

MOTION: Ron Fuller moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018 Unified Planning Work Program with administrative changes as requested by the Florida Department of Transportation. Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Matthew Muller moved to discuss at a later date an alternative to the Transit Ridership Report. Jeff Hays seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. TRANSIT RIDERSHIP REPORT

Mr. Koons stated that the each year the Transit Ridership Monitoring Report is updated. He discussed the Transit Ridership Monitoring Report and answered questions.

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization accept the Transit Ridership Monitoring Report - 2015 as a completed planning document. Ron Fuller seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL APPLICATION

Michael Escalante, Senior Planner, stated that the City of Gainesville submitted a Safe Routes to School application to the Florida Department of Transportation. He said that the application was for construction of a sidewalk along the south perimeter of Metcalfe Elementary School. He and Chair Leistner discussed the application and answered questions.

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization ratify staff support of the City of Gainesville Safe Routes to School application submission. Dekova Batey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. NE 39TH AVENUE (STATE ROAD 222) CROSSWALK - REFERRAL REPORT

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Chair requested that the Florida Department of Transportation evaluate and consider installation of a crosswalk on NE 39th Avenue adjacent to NE 28th Drive. He said that the crosswalk would facilitate pedestrian traffic for two Regional Transit System bus stops. He reported that the Florida Department of Transportation has evaluated the potential crosswalk and determined that it was not warranted.

X. TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Mr. Koons stated that the Alachua/Marion County Transportation Regional Incentive Program Executive Committee submitted a Transportation Regional Incentive Program application to the Florida Department of Transportation. He said that the application was for design and plans preparation for the SW 62nd Connector Project. He discussed the application and answered questions.

Chair Leistner discussed a two-lane cross-section interim SW 62nd Boulevard Corridor Project and answered questions.

XI. WALDO ROAD (STATE ROAD 24) PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has responded to a Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization referral regarding pedestrian safety concerns along Waldo Road. He reported that the Florida Department of Transportation is addressing street-lighting levels within the corridor.

James Green, Florida Department of Transportation Liaison, discussed the pedestrian safety concerns along Waldo Road.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Koons announced that the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting would be in the Charles F. Justice Conference Room on June 15, 2016.

Chair Leistner stated that staff needs to schedule a Working Group meeting to develop bicycle/pedestrian priorities.


Mr. Escalante stated that he would arrange the Working Group meeting. He noted that Debbie Leistner, Jeff Hays and Paul Adjan serve on this Working Group. He said he would notify all Technical Advisory Committee members of the Working Group meeting date.

Dean Mimms, City of Gainesville Lead Planner, announced a Ride with a Commissioner bicycle event on May 7, 2016 with a 10:00 a.m. ribbon cutting ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

6/15/16
Date


Debbie Leistner, Chair