

MINUTES

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

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

November 16, 2016  
2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Deborah Leistner, Chair  
Dekova Batey  
Paul Adjan  
Linda Dixon  
Ron Fuller  
Jesus Gomez  
James Green  
Jeff Hays  
Dean Mimms  
Brian Singleton

James Speer

Vicki Gervakas  
Erik Lewis

Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Deborah Leistner, Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Leistner introduced herself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Leistner asked for approval of the agenda.

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

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Leistner stated that the June 15, 2016 minutes are ready for consideration of approval by the Technical Advisory Committee.

**MOTION: Ron Fuller moved to approve the June 15, 2016 Technical Advisory Committee minutes. Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IV. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NW 34TH STREET  
(STATE ROAD 121) LEFT TURN LANES TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Michael Escalante, Senior Planner, stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has provided the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization a copy of the technical memorandum for the NW 34th Street (State Road 121) turn lane project. He discussed the technical memorandum and answered questions.

**MOTION: Ron Fuller moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area request that the Florida Department of Transportation include continuous left turn lanes between NW 19th Place and Cornerstone Academy, between NW 41st Avenue and NW 42nd Place, and between NW 45th Avenue and NW 49th Avenue on NW 34th Street (State Road 121). Dean Mimms seconded.**

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:**

**Jeff Hays asked that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization request that the Florida Department of Transportation use State Highway System funds so that the project can be built with protected bikelanes as described in the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan. Ron Fuller and Dean Mimms accepted the amendment.**

**MOTION AS AMENDED:**

**Ron Fuller moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area request that the Florida Department of Transportation:**

- 1. Include continuous left turn lanes between NW 19th Place and Cornerstone Academy, between NW 41st Avenue and NW 42nd Place, and between NW 45th Avenue and NW 49th Avenue on NW 34th Street (State Road 121); and**
- 2. Use State Highway System funds so that the project can be built with protected bikelanes as described in the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan.**

**Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

V. WEST NEWBERRY ROAD (STATE ROAD 26) BIKELANES

Mr. Escalante stated that at its October 3, 2016, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization discussed Newberry Road (State Road 26) bikelanes and requested that the Florida Department of Transportation study the corridor. He reported that the Florida Department of Transportation has responded to the request. He discussed the response, the staff recommendations and answered questions.

**MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization request that the Florida Department of Transportation program a project to convert onstreet parking to bikelanes on West Newberry Road (State Road 26) between NW 43rd Street and NW 38th Street and schedule a public meeting to remove the onstreet parking. Ron Fuller seconded.**

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:**

**Brian Singleton asked that the motion be modified to include without the loss of the westbound right turnlane at NW 43rd Street. Linda Dixon and Ron Fuller accepted the amendment.**

**MOTION AS AMENDED:**

**Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization request that the Florida Department of Transportation program a project to convert onstreet parking to bikelanes on West Newberry Road (State Road 26) between NW 43rd Street and NW 38th Street without loss of the westbound right turnlane at NW 43rd Street and schedule a public meeting to remove the onstreet parking. Ron Fuller seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.**

**VI. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM  
2017-18 TO 2021-22**

Mr. Escalante stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization received the draft Tentative Work Program on November 1, 2016. He discussed the Tentative Work Program and answered questions. He noted the new projects included in the Tentative Work Program.

Linda Dixon, University of Florida Planning Manager, asked about the implementation of the University Avenue and West 13th Street road safety audits.

James Green, Florida Department of Transportation Liaison, stated that he would look into the road safety audits. He also discussed the use of state funds for studies.

**MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Secretary to recommend that the Florida Department of Transportation consider funding the following projects in the Tentative Work Program (Exhibit 1):**

- 1. Include continuous left turn lanes between NW 19th Place and Cornerstone Academy, between NW 41st Avenue and NW 42nd Place, and between NW 45th Avenue and NW 49th Avenue on NW 34th Street (State Road 121); and**
- 2. Program a project to convert onstreet parking to bikelanes on West Newberry Road (State Road 26) between NW 43rd Street and NW 38th Street without loss of the westbound right turnlane at NW 43rd Street and schedule a public meeting to remove the onstreet parking;**
- 3. Install Light Emitting Diode fixtures consistent with Gainesville Regional Utilities standards in the four streetlighting update projects;**
- 4. Fund the West 13th Street (U.S. 441) Road Safety Audit, University Avenue (State Road 26) Road Safety Audit and West University Avenue (State Road 26) Multimodal Corridor Study recommendations; and**

**5. Fund a West 13th Street (U.S. 441) multimodal corridor study between the SW 3500 block and NW 16th Avenue.**

**Brian Singleton seconded, motion passed unanimously.**

**VII. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Escalante stated that the Florida Department of Transportation deadline for submission of applications for Safe Routes to School funding is December 30, 2016. He reported that Alachua County and the City of Gainesville are developing applications based on the current Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization List of Priority Projects.

**MOTION: Brian Singleton moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization support the following three Safe Routes to School applications:**

- **Priority 1 - City of Gainesville Safe Routes to School application for the NW 42nd Avenue bicycle/pedestrian facility project;**
- **Priority 2 - Alachua County Safe Routes to School application for the SE 43rd Street Sidewalk Gap project; and**
- **Priority 3 - Alachua County Safe Routes to School application for the SW 24th Avenue Sidewalk project.**

**Jeff Hays seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**VIII. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Escalante stated that the Florida Department of Transportation deadline for submission of applications for Transportation Alternatives Program funding is December 9, 2016. He reported that Alachua County and the City of Gainesville are developing applications based on the current Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization List of Priority Projects.

**MOTION: Brian Singleton moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization:**

- 1. Approve the submission of the following two Transportation Alternatives Program applications:**
  - **Priority 1- Archer Road (State Road 24) Midblock Crosswalk project application prepared by the City of Gainesville; and**
  - **Priority 2- SW 20th Avenue Sidewalk and Midblock Pedestrian Modifications project application prepared by Alachua County; and**
- 2. Investigate the status of the West University Avenue (State Road 26) from Gale Lemerand Drive to West 13th Street (U.S. 441) application and resubmit as needed.**

**Jeff Hays seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IX. NONE

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

Dean Mimms, City of Gainesville Lead Planner, noted that the Citizens Advisory Committee would be selecting the recipient for the Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award and suggested Roger Pearce.

Ms. Dixon discussed the status of the University of Florida Strategic Development Plan and answered questions. She provided a link to the plan development- <http://uf.dumontjanks.com/>.

Chair Leistner provided a status report on the Bikeshare Program.

Mr. Mimms commended City Public Works Department for its response to roadway maintenance and safety issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Date

5/17/17

  
Deborah Leistner, Chair