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

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

March 15, 2017
2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Deborah Leistner, Chair
Chris Dawson
Linda Dixon
James Green
Dean Mimms
Ron Quigley
Brian Singleton

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Adjan
Dekova Batey
Ron Fuller
James Speer

OTHERS PRESENT

Erik Lewis
Jay Nordqvist

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Escalante
Scott Koons

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Deborah Leistner, Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:10 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: Chris Dawson moved to approve the meeting agenda. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Leistner stated that the November 16, 2016 minutes are ready for consideration of approval by the Technical Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Chris Dawson moved to approve the November 16, 2016 Technical Advisory Committee minutes. Brian Singleton seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. WEST NEWBERRY ROAD (STATE ROAD 26) BIKELANES

Scott Koons, Executive Director, stated that at its December 5, 2016 meeting, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approved the Newberry Road (State Road 26) bikelane conversion and requested that the Florida Department of Transportation conduct a public meeting. He reported that the Florida Department of Transportation has responded to the request. He discussed the response, the staff recommendations and answered questions.

MOTION: Brian Singleton moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization request that the Florida Department of Transportation:

- 1. Program a project to restripe the pavement to 11-foot general purpose travel lanes with protected bikelanes on West Newberry Road (State Road 26) between NW 52nd Terrace and NW 34th Street (State Road 121) without loss of the westbound right turnlane at NW 43rd Street;**
- 2. Conduct a speed zone study between NW 59th Street and NW 40th Drive; and**
- 3. Prioritize this project for State Highway System funding.**

Chris Dawson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. WILLISTON ROAD (STATE ROAD 331) SAFETY REFERRAL

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization referred safety concerns for the Downtown Connector Trail crossing on Williston Road to its advisory committees. He discussed the concerns and reported the staff recommendation.

Brian Singleton, Alachua County Public Works Engineer, suggested requesting a speed zone study for the corridor.

Chris Dawson, Alachua County Transportation Planner, suggested a line-of-sight evaluation and increased visibility for the crossing.

Jay Nordqvist discussed his concerns and suggested constructing a grade-separated crossing.

MOTION: Chris Dawson moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization include in its list of Priority Projects a project to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety at the intersection of the Downtown Connector Rail-Trail and Williston Road (State Road 331) including, but not limited to:

- 1. Conduct a speed zone study on Williston Road (State Road 331) from SE 12th Avenue south to SE 4th Street to determine the feasibility of extending the 35 mile per hour speed zone on Williston Road (State Road 331) to include the Downtown Connector Rail-Trail crossing;**
- 2. Conduct a pedestrian signal analysis at the Downtown Connector Rail-Trail crossing;**
- 3. Conduct a line-of-sight analysis of the curve on Williston Road (State Road 331); and**

4. Increase visibility of both motorists and trail users.

Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS - BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PRIORITIES

Mr. Koons stated that it was time to develop bicycle and pedestrian project priorities. He said that the Technical Advisory Committee needs to prioritize federal Transportation Alternatives Program and state Safe Routes to School and Shared-Use Network Trail projects.

MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the draft List of Priority Projects include the project rankings listed in attached Exhibit 1 for federal Transportation Alternatives Program and state Safe Routes to School, Shared-Use Network Trail and State Highway System-funded projects. Chris Dawson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Dean Mimms, City of Gainesville Lead Planner, announced the Gainesville Cycling Club Ride to Remember.

Linda Dixon, University of Florida Planning Manager, reported that a new parking garage will be constructed adjacent to Museum Road across from the Reitz Union.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

5/17/17
Date


Deborah Leistner, Chair

EXHIBIT 1

Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities

Table 1 identifies bicycle/pedestrian project priorities - state Safe Routes to School State Highway System and SUNTrail funds and federal Transportation Alternatives Program funds for the Fiscal Years 2017-18 to 2021-22 Transportation Improvement Program.

**Table 1
Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities
Fiscal Years 2017-18 to 2021-22
(within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area)**

Number	Project	Location	Description
Safe Routes to School Funds			
1-SR	NW 42 Avenue	FM: NW 13 Street TO: NW 6 Street	Construct Sidewalk
2-SR	SE 43 Street	FM: Hawthorne Road TO: University Avenue	Pedestrian Modifications
3-SR	SW 24 Avenue	FM: SW 87 Way TO: SW 77 Street	Construct Multi-use Path
4-SR	NW 45 Avenue	FM: NW 34 Street TO: NW 24 Boulevard	Construct Multi-use Path
State Highway System Funds			
1-SH	W University Avenue [SR 26]	FM: Gale Lemerand Drive TO W 13 Street [SR 25]	Construct Bikeway/Sidewalk [29,000 AADT]
2-SH	W University Avenue [SR 26]	AT: NW 16 Street AT: NW 19 Street	Install Enhanced Pedestrian Crossings [29,000 AADT]
3 SH	E University Avenue [SR 26]	AT: Waldo Road [SR 24]	Pedestrian-Oriented Intersection Design [18,700 AADT]
4-SH	E University Avenue [SR 26]	FM: E 7 Street TO: E 10 Street	Construct Raised Median [20,500 AADT]
5-SH	University Avenue [SR 26]	AT: Corridorwide	Install Transit Shelters and Benches [29,000 AADT]
6-SH	E University Avenue [SR 26]	FM: E 1 Street TO: E 3 Street	Construct Midblock Pedestrian Crossings [20,500 AADT]
7-SH	University Avenue [SR 26]	AT: Corridorwide	Install Bicycle Striping and Signal Detection [29,000 AADT]
TAC 8-SH	Newberry Road [SR 26]	FM: NW 59 Street TO: NW 34 Street [SR 121]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Restripe the pavement to 11-foot general purpose travel lanes with protected bikelanes between NW 52nd Terrace and NW 34th Street (State Road 121) without loss of the westbound right turnlane at NW 43rd Street; 2. Conduct a speed zone study between NW 59th Street and NW 40th Drive; and 3. Prioritize this project for State Highway System funding. [29,000 AADT]

**Table 1 (Continued)
Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities
Fiscal Years 2017-18 to 2021-22
(within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area)**

Number	Project	Location	Description
SUNTrail Funds			
Funded 1-ST	Tower Road	FM SW 26 Place TO: SW 8 Avenue	Construct Multi-use Path
Funded 2-ST	Archer Road	FM: SW 76 Court TO: SW 43 Street	Construct Multi-use Path
1-ST	Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail	FM: La Chua Trail Entrance TO: Depot Park	Resurface Trail
TAC 2-ST	Downtown Connector Rail-Trail Crossing	AT: Williston Road [SR 331]	Construct Grade-Separated Crossing
3-ST	Hull Road	AT: SW 34 Street [SR 121]	Construct Grade-Separated Crossing
Number	Project	Location	Description
Transportation Alternatives Program Funds			
1-T	Archer Road [SR 24]	FM: SW 34 Street [SR 121] TO: SW 16 Avenue [SR 226]	Add Midblock Pedestrian-Actuated Crossings
2-T	SW 20th Avenue	FM: SW 43 Street TO: SW 34 Street [SR 121]	Fill In Sidewalk Gaps and Add Midblock Pedestrian-Actuated Crossings
TAC 3-T*	Williston Road [SR 331] @ Downtown Connector Rail-Trail	FM: SE 4 Street TO: SE 12 Avenue	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct a speed zone study on from SE 12th Avenue south to SE 4th Street to determine the feasibility of extending the 35 mile per hour speed zone to include the Downtown Connector Rail-Trail crossing; 2. Conduct a pedestrian signal analysis at the Downtown Connector Rail-Trail crossing; 3. Conduct a line-of-sight analysis of the curve; and 4. Increase visibility of both motorists and trail users.
4-T	Glen Springs Braid	FM: Gainesville High School TO: NW 34 Street [SR 121]	Construct Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail
5-T	Gainesville Regional Utilities Right-Of-Way	FM: Depot Park TO: Williston Road [SR 331]	Construct Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail
6-T	NE 27 Avenue	FM: State Road 222 TO: State Road 26	Construct 8-Foot Multiuse Path on North Side of Roadway
7-T	Williston Road [SR 331]	FM: Sweetwater Wetlands Park TO: Gainesville-Hawthorne Rail/Trail Connector	Construct Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail
8-T	SE 8 Avenue	FM: Williston Road [SR 331] TO: Hawthorne Road [SR 20]	Construct Sidewalk
9-T	NW 143 Street	FM: Newberry Road [SR 26] TO: NW 39 Avenue [SR 222]	Complete Sidewalk Network
10-T	NW 6 Street Rail/Trail Extension	FM: NW 16 Avenue TO: NW 39 Avenue	Extend the Rail/Trail North to NW 39 Avenue

Note: Projects in italic text are partially funded, as shown in the Transportation Improvement Program.

ADA = Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; AADT = Average Annual Daily Traffic; E = East;
FM = From; NW = Northwest; RTS = Regional Transit System; SR- State Road; SW = Southwest;
UF = University of Florida; W = West

Initial Transportation Alternatives Program Priorities were developed by a Technical Advisory Committee working group.

* NW 69 Terrace Sidewalk project deleted due to funding eligibility.

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