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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

May 17, 2017
2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Adjan
Dekova Batey
Chris Dawson
Jesus Gomez
James Green
Deborah Leistner, Chair
Erik Lewis
Dean Mimms
Brian Singleton

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ron Fuller
James Speer

OTHERS PRESENT

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

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Leistner stated that the March 15, 2017 minutes are ready for consideration of approval by the Technical Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Chris Dawson moved to approve the March 15, 2017 Technical Advisory Committee minutes. Brian Singleton seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT -
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016-17 TO 2020-21
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5310 CAPITAL GRANT

Michael Escalante, Senior Planner, stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to the Fiscal Years 2016-17 to 2020-21 Transportation Improvement Program. He reported that the amendment is for the purchase of one vehicle and wheelchair tie-downs for existing vehicles funded by a Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Capital Grant.

MOTION: Chris Dawson moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization amend the Fiscal Years 2016-17 to 2020-21 Transportation Improvement Program to add the purchase of one vehicle and wheelchair tie-downs for existing vehicles funded by a Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Capital Grant. Brian Singleton seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT -
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017-18 TO 2021-22

Mr. Escalante stated that the Transportation Improvement Program is the most important document that is approved annually by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization. He said that the Transportation Improvement Program is a staged implementation program of transportation projects to the maximum extent feasible consistent 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 Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization and included in the Transportation Improvement Program.

Erik Lewis, University of Florida Senior Planner, asked whether any of the comments on the draft Florida Department of Transportation Tentative Work Program by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization were incorporated into the Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Escalante stated that the Florida Department of Transportation did not incorporate any of the recommendations requested by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization into its draft Tentative Work Program.

MOTION: Brian Singleton moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the Fiscal Years 2017-18 to 2021-22 Transportation Improvement Program. Chris Dawson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

Mr. Escalante stated that, each year, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization 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 the draft List of Priority Projects includes projects from the recently adopted Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and from local agency recommendations. He discussed the draft list of Priority Projects and answered questions.

MOTION: Chris Dawson moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the Fiscal Years 2018-19 to 2022-23 List of Priority Projects with revisions shown in Exhibit 1. Brian Singleton seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. NONE

VIII. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Mr. Escalante stated that the Technical Advisory Committee needs to elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair. He also stated that Debbie Leistner is the current Chair and Chris Dawson is the current Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Jesus Gomez moved to elect Jeff Hays as the Technical Advisory Committee Chair and Linda Dixon as the Technical Advisory Committee Vice-Chair. Brian Singleton seconded; motion passed 8 to 1.

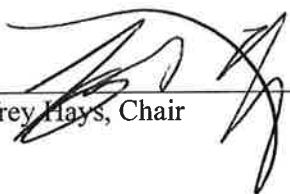
IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

Revisions to the Technical Advisory Committee Attendance Roster were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

10/11/2017
Date



Jeffrey Hays, 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 | | | |
| TAC/CAC* 1-SH | W University Avenue [SR 26] | AT: NW 16 Street AT: NW 17 Street AT: NW 19 Street | Install Enhanced Pedestrian Crossings [29,000 AADT] |
| TAC/CAC* 2-SH | W University Avenue [SR 26] | FM: Gale Lemerand Drive TO W 13 Street [SR 25] | Construct Bikeway/Sidewalk [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] |
| 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 | | | |
| 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 |
| TAC/CAC* 4-ST | NW 6 Street Rail/Trail Extension | FM: NW 16 Avenue TO: NW 39 Avenue | Extend the Rail/Trail North to NW 39 Avenue |
| 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 |
| 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.

* Blue text indicates recommended revisions to original draft List of Priority Projects presented to the Citizen Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee.

