

MINUTES

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

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

October 11, 2017
2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dekova Batey
Linda Dixon
Ron Fuller
James Green
Jeffrey Hays, Chair
Deborah Leistner
Dean Mimms
Krys Ochia
Thomas Strom

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Adjan
James Speer

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Dawson
Jesus Gomez
Erik Lewis
Ken McMurry
Ken Zeichner

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Escalante
Scott Koons

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jeffrey Hays, Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:08 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.

Michael Escalante, Senior Planner, asked that the agenda be amended to add item VIII.B Transportation Improvement Program Amendment - State Road 222 (NW 39th Avenue) Railroad Crossing and item XI.B Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network - 2018 Applications.

MOTION: Ron Fuller moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to add item VIII.B Transportation Improvement Program Amendment - State Road 222 (NW 39th Avenue) Railroad Crossing and item XI.B Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network - 2018 Applications. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Hays stated that the May 17, 2017 minutes are ready for consideration of approval by the Technical Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Jesus Gomez moved to approve the May 17, 2017 Technical Advisory Committee minutes. Deborah Leistner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. GLEN SPRINGS BRAID REFERRAL

Mr. Escalante stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization referred development of Safe Routes to School priorities to the Technical Advisory Committee. He noted that these priorities would be needed by March, 2018.

V. ALACHUA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT

Chair Hays stated that Alachua County requested that the Technical Advisory Committee provide review and comment of the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report process.

Ken Zeichner, Alachua County Principal Planner for Comprehensive Planning, discussed the Evaluation and Appraisal Report process and answered questions.

VI. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT -
ROLL FORWARD PROJECTS

Mr. Escalante stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program to roll forward several projects from Fiscal Year 2016-17 to Fiscal Year 2017-18. He discussed the following projects and answered questions:

- Gainesville Regional Airport Airfield Lighting and Signage Rehabilitation (4364081);
- Newberry Road (State Road 26) Traffic Signal Update at NW 98 Street (4343821);
- Regional Transit System Section 5307 Formula Grant (4040261); and
- Regional Transit System Section 5339 Operating Assistance Grant (4415201).

MOTION: James Green moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization amend its Transportation Improvement Program to roll forward funding into Fiscal Year 2017-18 for the projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area identified in Exhibit 1. Ron Fuller seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION -
SW 62ND CONNECTOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND RIGHT-OF-WAY

Mr. Escalante stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has requested an administrative modification to the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan to advance funding for preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition for the SW 62nd Connector project to Fiscal Year 2017-18.

MOTION: Jesus Gomez moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve administrative modifications to its Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan to:

1. add the funding for the SW 62nd Connector project in Fiscal Year 2017-18 for preliminary engineering identified in Exhibit 1;
2. add the funding for the SW 62nd Connector project in Fiscal Year 2017-18 and Fiscal Year 2018-19 for right-of-way acquisition identified in Exhibit 1; and

3. reduce funding for right-of-way acquisition identified in Exhibit 2.

Deborah Leistner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT -
SW 62ND CONNECTOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND RIGHT-OF-WAY

Mr. Escalante stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program to add funding for preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition for the SW 62nd Connector project to Fiscal Year 2017-18 and Fiscal Year 2018-19. He discussed the projects and answered questions.

MOTION: Deborah Leistner moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization amend its Transportation Improvement Program to amend its Transportation Improvement Program to add the funding for the SW 62nd Connector project in Fiscal Year 2017-18 and Fiscal Year 2018-19 identified in Exhibit 1. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII.B TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT -
STATE ROAD 222 (NW 39TH AVENUE) RAILROAD CROSSING

Mr. Escalante stated that, based on review of the Tentative Work Program and consultation with the Florida Department of Transportation, the Transportation Improvement Program needs to be amended to advance the State Road 222 (NW 39th Avenue) Railroad Crossing to Fiscal Year 2017-18.

MOTION: Ron Fuller moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization amend its Transportation Improvement Program to advance the State Road 222 (NW 39th Avenue) Railroad Crossing to Fiscal Year 2017-18. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Jesus Gomez, Regional Transit System Director, stated that the Regional Transit System has been awarded two grants and that the Transportation Improvement Program needs to be amended to add these projects. He stated he would forward information concerning these projects to staff.

It was a consensus of the Technical Advisory Committee to amend the agenda to add items VIII C. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment- Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(c) Low or No-Emission Grant Award to the Regional Transit System and VIII D. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment- Florida Department of Transportation Service Development Grant Award to the Regional Transit System.

VIII.C TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT -
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5339(C)
LOW OR NO-EMISSION GRANT AWARD TO THE REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM

Mr. Gomez discussed the Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(c) Low or No-Emission Grant Award and answered questions.

MOTION: Jesus Gomez moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization amend its Transportation Improvement Program to add the Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(c) Low or No-Emission Grant Award to the Regional Transit System to Fiscal Year 2017-18. Ron Fuller seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII.D TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT -
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SERVICE DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARD TO THE REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM

Mr. Gomez discussed the Florida Department of Transportation Service Development Grant Award for an autonomous bus to run between downtown and the University of Florida campus and answered questions.

MOTION: Jesus Gomez moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization amend its Transportation Improvement Program to add the Florida Department of Transportation Service Development Grant Award to the Regional Transit System for the Operations of an Autonomous Bus Route Project to Fiscal Year 2017-18. Ron Fuller seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Escalante stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization had received the draft Tentative Work Program. 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 discuss the status of the road safety audits with District staff. 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 requesting that the Florida Department of Transportation consider funding the following projects in the Tentative Work Program:

1. **consider funding the following projects in the Tentative Work Program (Exhibit 1) and involve the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization in the scoping of the following projects:**
 - A. **Priority 1 - West University Avenue (State Road 26) Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing Installations at NW 16th Street, NW 17th Street and NW 19th Street;**
 - B. **Priority 2 - East University Avenue (State Road 26) Pedestrian-Oriented Intersection Design at Waldo Road (State Roads 26, 331) intersection;**
 - C. **Priority 3 - Fund the U.S. 441 (SW 13th Street) Road Safety Audit, State Road 26 (University Avenue) Road Safety Audit and State Road 26 (West University Avenue) Multimodal Corridor Study recommendations; and**

D. Priority 4 - NW 34th Street (State Road 121) 2-Lane Divided Continuous Left Turnlane installation from NW 16th Avenue to U.S. 441 as described in the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan funded with State Highway System funds.

2. involve the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization in the scoping of the:

A. U.S. 441 Resurfacing Project (4361751) from the Marion County Line to Williston Road (State Road 331) and also include local governments, the Federal Highway Administration, the Florida Department of Transportation the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Division of Recreation and Parks and other stakeholders interested in the Paynes Prairie portion of U.S. 441 as a recreational destination; and

B. Traffic Signal Update projects (4373771, 4343961 and 4358911).

Jesus Gomez seconded, motion passed unanimously.

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 also requesting that the Florida Department of Transportation confirm that Interstate 75 Managed Lanes and Interstate Interchange projects in the Tentative Work Program are not competing with projects listed in the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan for funds identified in the Revenue Forecast provided by the Florida Department of Transportation. Ron Fuller seconded, motion passed unanimously.

X. 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 1, 2017. 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.

XI. 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, 2017. 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: Deborah Leistner moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization reaffirm 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.**

Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XI.B SHARED-USE NONMOTORIZED TRAIL NETWORK APPLICATIONS

Mr. Escalante stated that the Florida Department of Transportation deadline for submission of applications for Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network funding is December 15, 2017. 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.

XII. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - NORTH I-75 MASTER PLAN SUMMARY REPORT

Mr. Escalante stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has provided a copy of its North I-75 Master Plan Summary Report.

XIII. NONE

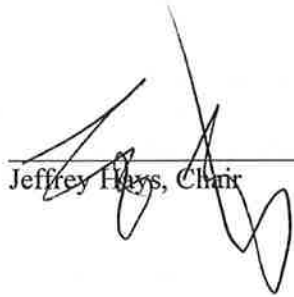
XIV. INFORMATION ITEMS

Revisions to the Technical Advisory Committee Attendance Roster were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

11/15/17
Date



Jeffrey Hays, Chair