

MINUTES

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

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 NW 67th Place
Gainesville, Florida

November 28, 2018
2:00 p.m.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Ronald Fuller Jeffrey Hays Deborah Leistner Erik Lewis Krys Ochia Suzanne Schielmann Mari Schwabacher Tom Strom Scott Wright	Jason Simmons James Speer	Hal Boudreau Mario Dipola - (via telephone) Jim Knight Sayed Moukhtara	Michael Escalante Scott Koons

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jeffrey Hays, Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:02 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.

MOTION: Erik Lewis moved to approve the meeting agenda. Krys Ochia seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Hays stated that the October 3, 2018 minutes were ready for consideration of approval by the Technical Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Suzanne Schielmann moved to approve the October 3, 2018 Technical Advisory Committee minutes. Krys Ochia seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM
2019-20 TO 2023-24

Michael Escalante, Senior Planner, 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.

Jim Knight, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Urban Transportation Development Engineer, discussed transportation funding and answered questions.

Erik Lewis, University of Florida Senior Planner, discussed the U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) at State Road 24 (Archer Road) Intersection Traffic Signal Update Project [4358911] and removal of sliplanes from U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) at State Road 24 (Archer Road) intersection, answered questions and requested that the removal of sliplanes project be added to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization comments to the Florida Department of Transportation.

Krys Ochia, Regional Transit System Senior Planner, discussed bus signal priority.

MOTION: Erik Lewis 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 (Exhibit 1) and involve the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization in the scoping of the following projects:

- 1. Priority 1 - West University Avenue (State Road 26) Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing Installations at NW 16th Street, NW 17th Street and NW 19th Street;**
- 2. Priority 2 - East University Avenue (State Road 26) Pedestrian-Oriented Intersection Design at Waldo Road (State Roads 26, 331) intersection;**
- 3. 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;**
- 4. 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;**
- 5. Priority 5 - U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) at State Road 24 (Archer Road) Intersection Removal of Sliplanes; and**
- 6. Priority 6 - U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) at State Road 24 (Archer Road) Intersection Traffic Signal Update Project [4358911] consideration of the removal of the sliplanes in scoping and design of traffic signal update.**

Ron Fuller seconded, motion passed unanimously.

V. STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM ROUNDABOUT -
STATE ROAD 121 (NW 34TH STREET) AT NW 53RD AVENUE

Mr. Escalante stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has provided an Intersection Control Evaluation for the State Road 121 (NW 34th Street) at NW 53rd Avenue intersection.

Mr. Knight discussed the bowtie roundabout recommendation and answered questions. He noted that a traditional single-lane roundabout would not work due to traffic volumes and a two-lane roundabout was not feasible.

ACTION: Krys Ochia moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization request that the Florida Department of Transportation discontinue further consideration of a roundabout at the State Road 121 (NW 34th Boulevard) at NW 53rd Avenue since there are higher priority projects, such as the State Road 121 NW 34th Street Turnlane Project and the University Avenue Pedestrian Modifications Project, for the expenditure of State Highway System funds. Ron Fuller seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT -
SAFETY LIGHTING PROJECTS

Mr. Escalante stated that the Florida Department of Transportation is requesting that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization amend its Transportation Improvement Program to add four safety lighting projects. He said this amendment is needed in order for funds to be used within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. He discussed the projects and answered questions.

MOTION: Deborah Leistner moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization amend the Transportation Improvement Program to add the four following safety lighting projects:

- 1. State Road 26 (East University Avenue) from East 15th Street to East 25th Street [4398021];**
- 2. State Road 26 (East University Avenue) from East 14th Street to East 15th Street [4398031];**
- 3. State Road 25 (U.S. Highway 441, West 13th Street) from Museum Road/SW 8th Avenue to NW 29th Road [4398061]; and**
- 4. State Road 26 (Newberry Road-University Avenue) from Tower Road/NW 75th Street to East 9th Street [4398081] (see Exhibit 1).**

Scott Wright seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. STATE ROAD 222 (NE 39TH AVENUE) CROSSWALK UPDATE

Mr. Escalante stated that a conditional approval for a variance was given for a crosswalk on State Road 222 (NE 39th Avenue) he discussed the variance and answered questions.

Mario Dipola, Florida Department of Transportation Project Engineer, discussed the crosswalk variance and answered questions.

ACTION: Deborah Leistner moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization request that the Florida Department of Transportation install a crosswalk on State Road 222 (NE 39th Avenue) adjacent to the NE 28th Drive intersection. Krys Ochia seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chair Hays asked for any Citizens Comments.

VII.B CITIZENS COMMENTS

Sayed Moukhtara discussed a proposed City of Alachua medical development project and requirements for access to transit service.

Mr. Ochia stated that Mr. Moukhtara should discuss this issue with Regional Transit System staff.

VIII. LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS - AMENDMENT

Mr. Escalante state that in order for projects to be considered for Transportation Alternatives Program and Safe Routes to School funding by the Florida Department of Transportation, the projects need to be on the List of Priority Projects. He said that the Gainesville Metropolitan Areawide - Americans with Disabilities Act modifications to deficient sidewalks, ramps and transit stops project needs to be added to the List of Priority Projects.

ACTION: Deborah Leistner moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization amend the Fiscal Years 2019-20 to 2023-24 List of Priority Projects to add the following projects:

- **Table 1 - Transportation Alternatives Program Funds Priority 1-T - Gainesville Metropolitan Areawide - Americans with Disabilities Act modifications to deficient sidewalks, ramps and transit stops (see Exhibit 2);**
- **Table 1 - State Highway System Funds Priority 5-SH - U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) at State Road 24 (Archer Road) Intersection Removal of Sliplanes (see Exhibit 2); and**
- **Table D-2 - Highway Safety Funds Priority 2 - U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street at State Road 24 (Archer Road) Intersection Removal of Sliplanes (see Exhibit 3).**

Krys Ochia seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. 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, 2018. 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.

ACTION: Erik Lewis moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the:

- 1. Resubmission of the State Road 26 (East University Avenue) at State Road 24 (Waldo Road) intersection modifications project Transportation Alternatives Program application that was prepared by the City of Gainesville; and**
- 2. Submission of the Gainesville Metropolitan Areawide - Americans with Disabilities Act modifications to deficient sidewalks, ramps and transit stops project Transportation Alternatives Program application that was prepared by the City of Gainesville.**

Deborah Leistner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. 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 1, 2018. 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: Erik Lewis moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization:

- 1. Support the City of Gainesville Safe Routes to School application for the NW 45th Avenue Trail; and**
- 2. Reaffirm support for the Alachua County Safe Routes to School application for the SE 43rd Street Sidewalk Gap project.**

Deborah Leistner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XI. SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS

Mr. Escalante stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to set Safety Targets for fatalities and serious injuries to meet federal legislation requirements. He discussed the safety measures and targets and answered questions:

MOTION: Erik Lewis moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization set safety performance targets consistent with the Florida Department of Transportation targets (see Exhibit 4). Deborah Leistner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. CITY OF GAINESVILLE MOBILITY DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Escalante stated that the City of Gainesville has established a Mobility Department. He said that Chair Hays requested discussion of the City of Gainesville Department of Mobility at the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

Deborah Leistner, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the composition of the Mobility Department, including the Bicycle/Pedestrian Program, Parking, Regional Transit System, Traffic Operations and Transportation Planning, and answered questions.

XIII. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZENS PARTICIPATION AWARD
[Citizens Advisory Committee Only]

XIV. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Mr. Escalante stated it was time for committee elections. He said that Jeffrey Hays is the current Chair and Linda Dixon is the current Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Jeffrey Hays moved to have Deborah Leistner serve as Technical Advisory Committee Chair and Ron Fuller serve as Technical Advisory Committee Vice-Chair. Erik Lewis seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XV. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

2/6/2019
Date



Deborah Leistner, Chair

EXHIBIT 1



Florida Department of Transportation

RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

2198 Edison Avenue
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MIKE DEW
SECRETARY

November 16, 2018

Mr. Scott Koons, AICP
Executive Director
Gainesville MTPO
2009 NW 67th Place
Gainesville, FL 32653

Re: FDOT Request: Amendments to the Gainesville MTPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2018/19 – 2022/23

Dear Mr. Koons:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requests an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2018/19 – 2022/2023. Please add the following TIP Amendment request for action by the TCC, CAC and TPO Board at their December meetings.

ALACHUA COUNTY

439802-1 SR26 from 15th Street to SE 25th Street

Safety Lighting

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
ACSS	PE	42,000

439803-1 SR26 from SE 14th Street to SE 15th Street

Safety Lighting

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
ACSS	PE	50,000
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
HSP	PE	3,000

439806-1 SR25/SR24 & U.S. 441 from Museum Road to NW 29th Road

Safety Lighting

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
ACSS	PE	99,500
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
HSP	PE	1,000

439808-1 SR26 from Tower Road to SE 9th Street

Safety Lighting

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
ACSS	PE	182,000
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
HSP	PE	5,000

Approval of this TIP Amendment will not affect the funding or advancement of other projects in the FY 2018/19 – 2022/23 TIP.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information for these requests.

Sincerely,



Mari Schwabacher
Gainesville MTPO Liaison
FDOT District Two

EXHIBIT 2
Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area
List of Priority Projects Fiscal Years 2019-20 to 2023-24

A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities

Table 1 identifies bicycle/pedestrian project priorities - state Safe Routes to School funds, State Highway System funds, SUNTrail funds and federal Transportation Alternatives Program funds for the Fiscal Years 2019-20 to 2023-24 Transportation Improvement Program.

Table 1
Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities
Gainesville Metropolitan Area
Fiscal Years 2019-20 to 2023-24

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]	AT: NW 16 Street AT: NW 17 Street AT: NW 19 Street	Install Enhanced Pedestrian Crossings [29,000 AADT]
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	SW 13 Street [U.S. HWY 441]	AT: Archer Road [SR 24]	Removal of Sliplanes
6-SH	University Avenue [SR 26]	AT: Corridorwide	Install Transit Shelters and Benches [29,000 AADT]
7-SH	E University Avenue [SR 26]	FM: E 1 Street TO: E 3 Street	Construct Midblock Pedestrian Crossings [20,500 AADT]
8-SH	University Avenue [SR 26]	AT: Corridorwide	Install Bicycle Striping and Signal Detection [29,000 AADT]
9-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 52 Terrace and NW 34th Street (State Road 121) without loss of the westbound right turnlane at NW 43 Street; 2. Conduct a speed zone study between NW 59th Street and NW 40 Drive; 3. Prioritize this project for State Highway System funding; and 4. Provide information regarding any Thermoplast treatment related to the West Newberry Road (State Road 26) resurfacing project [36,500 AADT]

Table 1 (Continued)
Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities
Gainesville Metropolitan Area
Fiscal Years 2019-20 to 2023-24

Number	Project	Location	Description
SUNTrail Funds			
1-ST	Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail	FM: La Chua Trail Entrance TO: Depot Park	Resurface Trail
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
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	Americans with Disabilities Act Modifications	AT: Gainesville Metropolitan Areawide	Modifications to Deficient Sidewalks, Ramps and Transit Stops
2-T	Archer Road [SR 24]	FM: SW 34 Street [SR 121] TO: SW 16 Avenue [SR 226]	Add Midblock Pedestrian-Actuated Crossings
3-T	Williston Road [SR 331] @ Downtown Connector Rail-Trail	FM: SE 4 Street TO: SE 12 Avenue	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; 4. Increase visibility of both motorists and trail users; and 5. Analyze options for traffic calming in the corridor. [22,500 AADT]
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 shaded 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; HWY = Highway; NW = Northwest; RTS = Regional Transit System; SR = State Road;
SW = Southwest; UF = University of Florida; U.S. = United States; W = West

Initial Transportation Alternatives Program Priorities were developed by a Technical Advisory Committee and Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board.

Illustration II Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities Fiscal Years 2019-20 to 2023-24

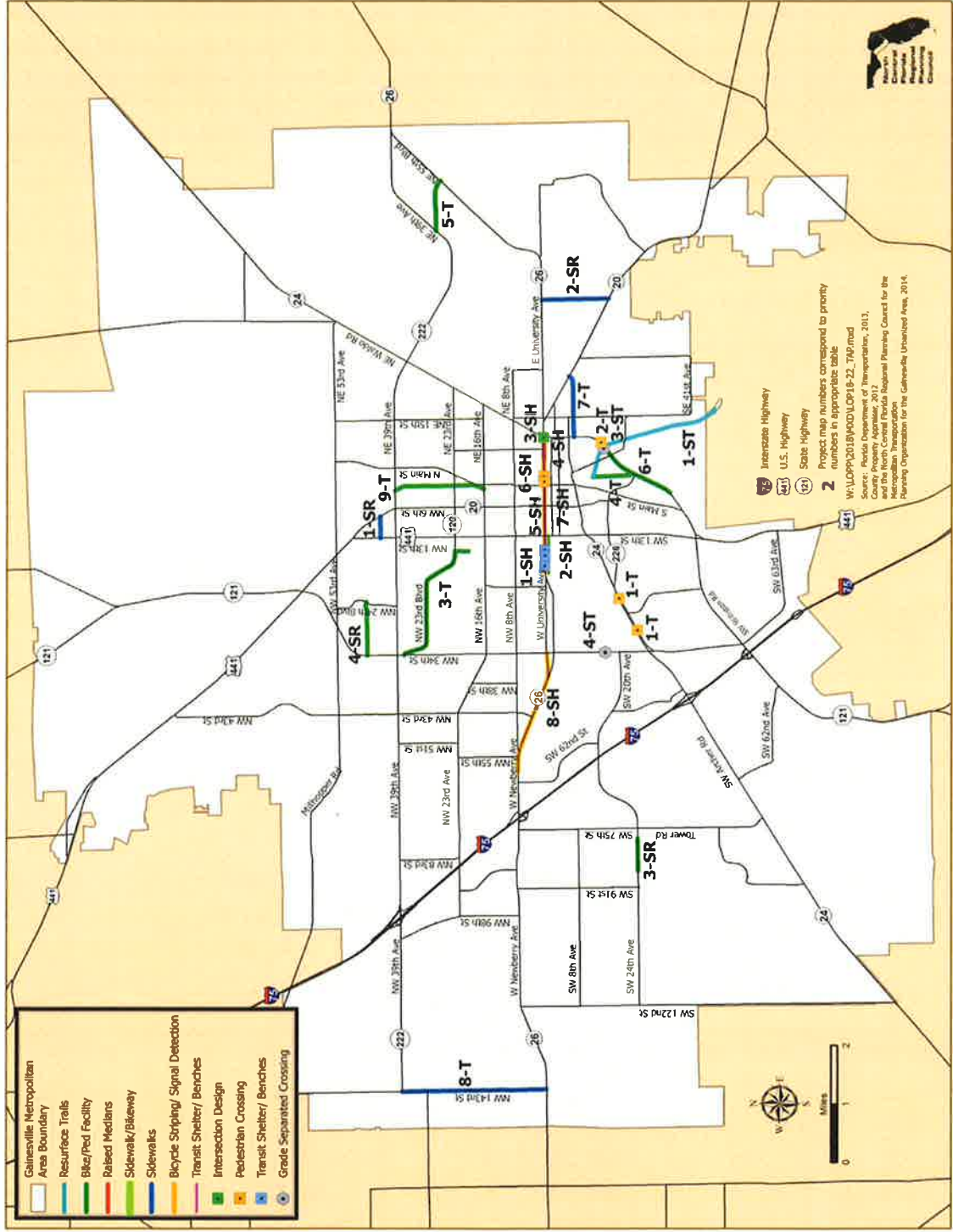


EXHIBIT 3
Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area
List of Priority Projects Fiscal Years 2019-20 to 2023-24

Table D-2
Highway Safety Fund Priorities
Fiscal Years 2019 to 2023-24

Number	Project	Location	Description
1	NE 39 Avenue	AT: NE 28 Drive	Install Midblock Crossing
2	SW 13 Street [U.S. HWY 441]	AT: Archer Road [SR 24]	Removal of Sliplanes
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 SW = Southwest; U.S. = United States; W = West