

MINUTES

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

Gainesville Regional Utilities Administration Building  
301 SE 4th Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida

June 5, 2019  
2:00 p.m.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Dekova Batey Linda Dixon Ronald Fuller, Vice-Chair Jeffrey Hays Deborah Leistner, Chair Jason Simmons Brian Singleton	Aaron Carver Yaima Droese Mari Schwabacher	None	Michael Escalante Scott Koons

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Deborah Leistner, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Leistner asked for approval of the agenda as amended to defer discussion of item VII. Bylaws Amendment - Technical Advisory Committee Membership Composition.

Michael Escalante, Senior Planner, stated there was a correction for the description for item VIII. U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) Charrette Implementation - Status Report.

**MOTION: Brian Singleton moved to approve the meeting agenda as amended to:**

- 1. Defer discussion of item VII. Bylaws Amendment - Technical Advisory Committee Membership Composition; and**
- 2. Correct the description for item VIII. U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) Charrette Implementation - Status Report.**

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

### III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Leistner stated that the April 3, 2019 minutes were ready for consideration of approval by the Technical Advisory Committee.

**MOTION: Brian Singleton moved to approve the April 3, 2019 Technical Advisory Committee minutes. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

### IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018-19 TO 2022-23

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 and state 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.

Linda Dixon, University of Florida Assistant Planning Director, requested advancement of the State Road 24 (Archer Road) at SW 23rd Terrace traffic signal update project to Fiscal Year 2019-20 to coincide with the extension of Research Drive on the University of Florida campus.

**MOTION: Jeffrey Hays moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization:**

- 1. Approve the Fiscal Years 2019-20 to 2023-24 Transportation Improvement Program as modified to incorporate review agency comments; and**
- 2. Request that the Florida Department of Transportation revise its Work Program and/or amend its State Transportation Improvement Program to advance the construction phase of the State Road 24 (Archer Road) at SW 23rd Terrace traffic signal update project [4343961] from Fiscal Year 2022-23 to Fiscal Year 2019-20 to coincide with the extension of Research Drive on the University of Florida campus south to State Road 24 (Archer Road).**

**Ron Fuller seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

### V. 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.

Several members discussed inclusion of an update of the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan.

**MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the Fiscal Years 2020-21 to 2024-25 List of Priority Projects Table 1 Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities revised to include an update of the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan as new priority 4. Brian Singleton seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the Fiscal Years 2020-21 to 2024-25 List of Priority Projects Table 2 Other Arterials/Right-of-Way Priorities revised to:**

- Move priority 2 to priority 1; and
- Delete “and implementation” from the new priority 2.

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

**MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the Fiscal Years 2020-21 to 2024-25 List of Priority Projects Table 3 Transit Priorities as presented. Brian Singleton seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the Fiscal Years 2020-21 to 2024-25 List of Priority Projects Table D-1 Long-Range Transportation Planning Priorities revised to remove blank rows. Brian Singleton seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Brian Singleton, Alachua County Public Works Assistant Director, discussed the need for bus bays on four-lane roadways, including priorities 11 and 12, and whether some projects, particularly priorities 3, 5 and 8, have been completed from Table D-2 Supplemental Transit Priorities.

**MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the Fiscal Years 2020-21 to 2024-25 List of Priority Projects Table D-2 Supplemental Transit Priorities revised to:**

- Remove priorities 11 and 12; and
- Have staff verify whether any of the other priorities have been programmed and if so, also remove them.

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

**MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the Fiscal Years 2020-21 to 2024-25 List of Priority Projects Table D-3 Highway Safety Fund Priorities revised to add:**

- Installation of enhanced pedestrian crossings on State Road 26 (West University Avenue) at the NW 16th Avenue, NW 17th Avenue and NW 19th Avenue intersections as the new priority 2; and
- Midblock pedestrian-actuated crossings on State Road 24 (Archer Road) from State Road 121 (SW 34 Street) to State Road 226 (SW 16th Avenue) as the new priority 4.

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

**MOTION: Jeffrey Hays moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the Fiscal Years 2020-21 to 2024-25 List of Priority Projects as revised by the previous motions. Brian Singleton seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VI. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN UPDATE (Citizens Advisory Committee Only)

VII. BYLAWS AMENDMENT - TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION

This item was deferred.

VIII. U.S. HIGHWAY 441 (SW 13TH STREET) CHARRETTE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS REPORT

Mr. Escalante stated that the staff received a request to provide a status report on the implementation of the SW 13th Street Charrette recommendations. He reported the Florida Department of Transportation response.

IX. UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Mr. Escalante stated that the University of Florida staff requested an opportunity for Technical Advisory Committee review and comment on campus transportation projects

Ms. Linda Dixon, University of Florida Planning Director, discussed campus transportation projects and answered questions.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS


There was no discussion of the information items.

XI. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER TOUR (Citizens Advisory Committee Only)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

8-14-14  
Date

  
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Deborah Leistner, Chair