

MINUTES

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

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

November 20, 2019
2:00 p.m.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Aaron Carver Chris Dawson Tony Flagert Ronald Fuller, Vice-Chair Erik Lewis Mari Schwabacher Jason Simmons	Dekova Batey Yaima Droese Deborah Leistner, Chair	Tatum Edge	Michael Escalante Scott Koons

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Ronald Fuller, University of Florida Transportation and Parking Services Assistant Director, called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice-Chair Fuller introduced himself and asked other members to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Vice-Chair Fuller asked for approval of the agenda.

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

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Vice-Chair Fuller stated that the October 2, 2019 minutes were ready for consideration of approval by the Technical Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Chris Dawson moved to approve the October 2, 2019 Technical Advisory Committee minutes. Erik Lewis seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. YEAR 2045 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Michael Escalante, Senior Planner, stated that the consultant for the Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan update has prepared a Public Participation Plan. He said that this plan is consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Public Involvement Plan. He discussed the plan and answered questions.

Chris Dawson, Alachua County Acting Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the use of social media for the Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan update.

MOTION: Chris Dawson moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Public Participation Plan. Erik Lewis seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS

Mr. Escalante stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to set Safety Targets for fatalities and serious injuries annually 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 1). Chris Dawson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. STATE ROAD 121 (NW 34TH BOULEVARD) SAFETY CONCERN

Mr. Escalante stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization referred safety concerns on State Road 121 (NW 34th Boulevard) in the Pine Ridge neighborhood-WalMart-Senior Citizen Center area for recommendations.

MOTION: Chris Dawson moved to defer this agenda item. Erik Lewis seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. DR. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD - 2019 *[Citizens Advisory Committee Only]*

VIII. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Mr. Escalante stated that it was time to select a Chair and Vice-Chair. He said that currently Deborah Leistner is the Chair and Ron Fuller is the Vice-Chair.

Erik Lewis, University of Florida Senior Planner, nominated Chris Dawson for Chair.

Mr. Dawson nominated Erik Lewis for Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Erik Lewis moved to select Chris Dawson as Chair and Erik Lewis as Vice-Chair. Chris Dawson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN - STATUS REPORT

Mr. Escalante stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has accepted the Regional Transit System Transit Development Plan. He said that the Transit Development Plan projects will be incorporated into the List of Priority Projects and the Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan.

X. STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Escalante stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has informed the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization that there have been modifications to the Strategic Intermodal System. He said that the State Road 24 (Waldo Road) and State Road 120 (NE 23rd Avenue) connectors to the bus station have been removed from the Strategic Intermodal System. He noted that the connector to the Gainesville Regional Airport was modified to access the State Road 24 (Waldo Road) entrance to the airport.

XI. MULTI-USE CORRIDORS OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE

Mr. Escalante stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization, at its meeting on October 28, 2019, discussed the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Suncoast Connector. He said that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization sent a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation Secretary that expressed the following concerns related to the Suncoast Connector:

- Lack of representation by Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area on the Suncoast Connector Task Force;
- Impacts to economic development outside the Suncoast Connector study area, including impact to the Florida Department of Transportation Work Program; and
- Impacts to the natural environment.

He reported that information concerning the October 23, 2019 Suncoast Connector Task Force meeting was included in the meeting packet.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Lewis discussed Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

3/5/2021
Date


Chris Dawson, Chair

EXHIBIT 1

Safety Performance Targets Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area

Performance Measure	Target	Performance Measure Rate Target
Fatalities	Zero	Zero per 100 million vehicle miles travelled
Serious Injuries	Zero	Zero per 100 million vehicle miles travelled
Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	Zero	N/A

Note - The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization set Safety Performance Targets consistent with the Florida Department of Transportation Targets.