

MINUTES
GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Gainesville Regional Utilities
General Purpose Meeting Room
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
February 23, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Mimms, Chair
Rob Ayers
Linda Dixon
Greg DuBois
Bob Elmore
Barbara Hatchitt
Charles Justice
Brian Kanely
Bill Lecher
John Maruniak
Robert Norton
Pat Reynolds

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Crittenden
Mac McEachern
Bill Stormant

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Mike Escalante

OTHERS PRESENT

David Coffey
Bob Rowe
John Sabatella

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dean Mimms, City of Gainesville Chief of Comprehensive Planning, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mimms asked all those present to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

It was a consensus of the TAC to approve the meeting agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 19, 2000 MINUTES

ACTION: Charles Justice moved to approve the January 19, 2000 minutes. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) Director of Transportation Planning, stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2000. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2000.

V. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED- LISTED IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

A. SUNSHINE LAW AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

B. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

C. REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (RTS) RIDERSHIP TRENDS

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

D. ARCHER ROAD AND SW 91st STREET ROUNDABOUT

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its January 20 meeting, the MTPO discussed the intersection of Archer Road and SW 91st Street. He said that, during this discussion, the MTPO approved a motion to refer the feasibility of constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Archer Road and SW 91st Street to the TAC, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Alachua County Public Works Department. He said that the TAC needs to make a recommendation concerning the roundabout.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved, that due to significant issues regarding safety, to request the following for the next TAC meeting:

- 1. the developer bring additional information on the proposed intersection modifications; and**

2. **MTPO staff request that FDOT provide a written position on the proposed intersection modifications.**

Charles Justice seconded; motion passed unanimously.

E. ARCHER ROAD AND SW 16th AVENUE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its November meeting, discussed a letter from Ms. Jennifer Gordon concerning bicycle and pedestrian safety on Archer Road. He said that the MTPO was especially concerned about the safety of pedestrians crossing Archer Road at the bus stop locations near SW 16th Avenue. He reported that the MTPO referred the issue of crosswalks at bus stop locations along this portion of Archer Road and the 1993 Archer Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Study to the MTPO Advisory Committees. He discussed the 1993 Archer Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Study recommendations.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO:

1. **approve the City of Gainesville preferred design contingent on the proposal meeting traffic signal warrants; and**
2. **have this project included in the List of Priority Projects this fall; and**
3. **request that the City look into siting a pedestrian facility near the Brandywine apartment complex.**

Charles Justice seconded; motion passed 11-1.

F. LONG RANGE PLAN ISSUES

Mr. Sanderson stated that, over the last several months, the Committees and the MTPO have reviewed Draft Goals and Objectives for the Long Range Transportation Plan. He said that the Draft Goals and Objectives, which have been revised to reflect Committee and MTPO comments and concerns are now ready for final approval by the Committees and the MTPO. He said that the Committees need to make a final recommendation on the Draft Goals and Objectives, Evaluation Measures and the Urban Form/Transportation Concepts.

The TAC discussed changes to the Draft Goals and Objectives.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Long Range Transportation Plan goals and objectives as amended. Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed FDOT concerns on the evaluation measures of the Long Range Transportation Plan.

ACTION: Robert Norton moved to defer discussion of the Long Range Transportation Plan evaluation measures to the next TAC meeting. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bill Lecher, Alachua County Public Works Department Assistant Director, discussed the Tower Road and SW 24th/SW 20th Avenue Corridor Study.

G. MAIN STREET PLAN AMENDMENT

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its February meeting, the MTPO discussed the Main Street reconstruction project. He said that, although there was not a quorum present, the MTPO directed staff to research the feasibility of holding a public hearing to gather input on the project. He said that the TAC needs to make a final recommendation concerning whether the MTPO should amend the Long Range Plan, reducing portions of Main Street from four lanes to two, and assigning a priority to this funded project.

Ms. Linda Dixon, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Analyst, discussed the Main Street two-lane alternative.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO amend the Long Range Transportation Plan to reduce portions of Main Street to a 2-lane facility. Brian Kanely seconded; motion failed 5-6.

ACTION: Charles Justice moved to recommend that the MTPO request that additional analysis be performed on the Main Street corridor. Pat Reynolds seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Date

Dean Mimms, Chair