

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

NCFRPC
Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
January 5, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Mimms, Vice Chair
Rob Ayers
Linda Dixon
John Gifford
Chuck Kiester
Bill Lecher

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Maruniak
Mac McEachern
Cynthia Moore
Melissa Norman
Pat Reynolds

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Crittenden
Greg DuBois, Chair
Bob Elmore
Barbara Hatchitt

OTHERS PRESENT

Len Buffington
Mindy Heath
Semmy Ju
Robert Norton

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Dean Mimms, City of Gainesville Chief of Comprehensive Planning, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice-Chair Mimms asked all those present to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to approve the meeting agenda. Pat Reynolds seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 1, 1999 MINUTES

ACTION: Chuck Kiester moved to approve the December 1, 1999 minutes. Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2000. He also said that there would be a Long Range Transportation Plan workshop on January 19, 2000.

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

A. MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, stated that there are two Design Team recommendations that have not been included in this project by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). He said they consisted of the use of concrete pavers at the Main Street/University Avenue intersection and the consideration of reversing the one-way direction of SE 4 Place. He added that the Design Team also recommends that a roundabout be constructed at the Main Street/Depot Avenue intersection.

Mr. Rob Ayers, FDOT District 2 Regional Planning Administrator, discussed the Main Street project and answered questions.

ACTION: Teresa Scott recommend that MTPO support the FDOT Main Street Reconstruction and incorporate the following items into the project:

- 1. provide an at-grade median opening for pedestrians/bicyclists at S 3 Ave./Sun Center with a curb-cut and ramp modifications on the east side of Main Street;**
- 2. support the one-way westbound option with on-street parking on both sides of the street for the unit block of NW 1 Ave.;**
- 3. provide an at-grade median opening for pedestrians/bicyclists at N 3 Ave.;**
- 4. support the provision of a westbound right-turn slip lane with a pedestrian refuge island and crosswalks at N 8 Ave.; and**
- 5. use real bricks or pavers rather than Streetprint treatment throughout the corridor; and**
- 6. have FDOT research decreasing the turn radii on the southeast corner of N 1 Ave., because right turns are already prohibited at this location.**

Bill Lecher seconded.

There was a unanimous call of the question. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Teresa Scott moved to request that the MTPO contract some immediate short-term modeling of Main Street, to investigate the feasibility of reducing facility from four lanes to two lanes to allow permanent on-street parking. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed 11 to 1.

B. ALACHUA COUNTY BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its December 9, 1999 meeting, the MTPO discussed the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (B/PAB) recommendation to include the proposed Bicycle Master Plan as a funded project in the FDOT's Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2000/2001 to 2004/2005. He said that Alachua County Public Works Department staff requested that the scope of the Bicycle Master Plan be expanded from the Gainesville Metropolitan Plan to include all of Alachua County. He added that Commissioner Hutchinson requested that Alachua County staff work with Mr. Bruce Landis, SCI Inc. Vice-President, to develop a cost estimate for the Bicycle Master Plan as a countywide project and to bring the additional cost estimate to the Alachua County Commission. He reported that Mr. Landis has prepared a preliminary scope-of-services and cost estimate for the project. He also reported that the FDOT would be funding half of study with the remaining portion being funded equally by City, County and the MTPO.

Ms. Mindy Heath stated that, since the study is County wide, the Board of County Commissioners should also approve this study.

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to recommend that MTPO, County Commission, and City Commission to support:

- 1. the MTPO staff recommended draft scope-of-work;**
- 2. a funding strategy whereby FDOT will fund ½ of the project, and the local agencies (City, County, MTPO) will each fund 1/6 of the project; and**
- 3. a schedule whereby Tasks 1-4 are essentially completed by May 2000, and Tasks 5-6 are completed by Fall 2000.**

Teresa Scott seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that it was time to elect a new TAC Chair and Vice-Chair. He said that, currently, Mr. DuBois is the Chair and Mr. Dean Mimms, City of Gainesville Chief of Comprehensive Planning, is the Vice-Chair.

ACTION: Teresa Scott moved to nominate Dean Mimms as Chair and Bill Lecher as Vice-Chair. Linda Dixon seconded.

ACTION: Mac McEachern moved to close the nominations and adopt the slate. Rob Ayers seconded; motion passed unanimously.

D. FLORIDA'S SUNSHINE LAW

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the Sunshine Law and conflict of interest issues and answered Committee members questions.

E. W UNIVERSITY AVENUE TRAFFIC ANALYSIS-
DRAFT SCOPE-OF-WORK

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its August 17, 1999 meeting, the MTPO referred the W. University Avenue preferred alternative to the B/PAB, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), TAC, FDOT District 2 and Ms. Melanie Carr, FDOT Management Systems Coordinator, for review and comment. He said that the MTPO requested that a recommendation be developed concerning whether the boundaries of the project should go farther east and west and for a review of the Year 2020 transportation model assumptions. He discussed the Advisory Committees' and FDOT's comments and recommendations. He recommended that the TAC review the "Scope and Cost Estimate for the University Avenue Corridor Traffic Analysis" and be prepared to discuss this material with Mr. Blanton at the next meeting on January 19, 2000.

Linda Dixon stated that it would be wise to include discussion regarding Main Street with Mr. Blanton at the January 19, 2000 meeting.

F. FDOT TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that, each year, FDOT prepares and submits a Five Year Work Program to the State Legislature. He said that the MTPO, at its December meeting, requested that FDOT include the following projects in its Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years

2000/2001 to 2004/2005:

1. the proposed Bicycle Master Plan as a funded project and that this plan be developed to cover all of Alachua County; and
2. Traffic Operations Priority number one- W 13 Street, from SW 16 Avenue to NW 29 Road, access management, transportation system management (TSM) techniques, traffic separators, tumlanes.

Mr. Ayers discussed the draft Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2000/2001 to 2004/2005.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Date

Dean Mimms, Chair

\\Mike\public\em00\tac\minutes\JAN5TAC.WPD