

MINUTES

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

Gainesville Regional Utilities General Purpose Room
301 SE 4th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
July 20, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Ha Nguyen, Chair
Doug Robinson, Vice Chair
Dekova Batey
John Gifford
Jeff Hays
Michael Iguina
Debbie Leistner
Dean Mimms
Karen Taulbee

Linda Dixon
Ron Fuller
Harrell Harrison
Scott Koons
Steve Kabat

Chandler Otis
Doreen Joyner-Howard

Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Ha Nguyen, Alachua County Public Works Contracts & Design Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Nguyen noted that only TAC members and MTPO staff were present and skipped introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Nguyen asked for approval of the agenda.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that based on MTPO Agenda Review discussion, he recommends deferring item VIII. Federal Transportation Authorization Bill.

It was a consensus to approve the meeting agenda amended to defer agenda item VIII. Federal Transportation Authorization Bill to a future TAC meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the April 20, 2011 minutes are ready for approval.

ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to approve the April 20, 2011 TAC minutes. Doug Robinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for August 1st at 3:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the TAC's next meeting, if needed, is scheduled for August 17th.

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Regional Transit System (RTS) has been awarded a \$425,000 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant for a bus rapid transit (BRT) alternatives analysis study. He said that the study corridor ranged from the Santa Fe College area to the Gainesville Regional Airport. He added that the MTPO needs to amend its TIP in order for RTS to receive these funds.

ACTION: Michael Iguina moved to recommend that the MTPO amend its TIP to include \$425,000 BRT Alternatives Analysis Study (FIN # 4285914) in fiscal year 2011/2012. Debbie Leistner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. STATE INFRASTRUCTURE (SIB) LOAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that RTS is submitting an \$8.1 million SIB loan application to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). He said that the loan would be to construct phase 2 of 4 of the Transit Maintenance Facility Expansion project.

Mr. Doug Robinson, RTS Chief Transit Planner, stated that RTS would be applying for a discretionary grant for the Streetcar Feasibility Study. He and Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist, discussed Surface Transportation Program funding for the SIB loan and answered questions.

ACTION: Debbie Leistner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the SIB loan application. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. MTPO URBAN DESIGN POLICY MANUAL

Mr. Sanderson stated that MTPO staff has been working to revise the MTPO policies that are inconsistent local government policies and address proposed new policies such as the installation of monotube traffic signals. He discussed alternative proposals for the Urban Design Policy Manual and answered questions.

It was a consensus of the TAC to have the TAC Working Group work with MTPO staff to develop draft revisions to the MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Date 9/21/11


Ha Nguyen, Chair