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

Gainesville Regional Utilities Multipurpose Conference Room
301 SE 4th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
June 2, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Robinson, Chair
Jonathan Paul, Vice Chair
Dekova Batey
Linda Dixon
Steve Dopp
Ron Fuller
John Gifford
Michael Iguina
Debbie Leistner
Dean Mimms
Ha Nguyen
Karen Taulbee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kathy Fanning
Harrell Harrison
Meg Miederhofer

OTHERS PRESENT

Whit Blanton
Jennifer Carver
Jerry Dabkowski
Jeff Hays
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Jacob Koon
Brian Kanely
David Sowell
Austin Woolington

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doug Robinson, Regional Transit System (RTS) Chief Transit Planner, called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Robinson introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, suggested placing agenda item VIII. Proposed NE 8th Avenue Mast Arm- Vertical Signal Heads after agenda item IV. Upcoming Meetings.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to place agenda Item VIII. Proposed NE 8th Avenue Mast Arm- Vertical Signal Heads after agenda item IV. Upcoming Meetings. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mr. Sanderson, stated that the April 21, 2010 minutes are ready for approval.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to approve the April 21, 2010 TAC minutes revised to include the Cross Campus Bike/Ped Trail in the List of Priority Projects recommendations. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for June 2nd at 1:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the TAC's next meeting, if needed, is scheduled for June 30th.

VIII. PROPOSED NE 8TH AVENUE MAST ARM- VERTICAL SIGNAL HEADS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the City of Gainesville has requested an exception to the MTPO's horizontal signal head policy for the traffic signal at the NW 8th Avenue and NW 18th Terrace intersection. He noted that the MTPO considers exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. David Sowell, City of Gainesville Public Works Project Manager, introduced Mr. Jerry Dabkowski, Volkert Vice President.

Mr. Dabkowski discussed the NW 8th Avenue at NW 18th Terrace intersection traffic signal update project and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO allow an exception to the horizontal signal head policy for the NW 8th Avenue at NW 18th Terrace Traffic Signal Project. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) Amendments- BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has provided the Regional Transit System (RTS) with \$125,000 to help fund the proposed BRT Alternative Analysis Study. He said that, in order for these transportation funds to be spent within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, they must be approved by the MTPO.

Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist, discussed the BRT amendments and answered questions.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to recommend that the MTPO amend the Fiscal Years 2010/2011-2014/2015 TIP and Fiscal Years 2010/2011-2014/2015 TIP to add the BRT Alternative Analysis Study Project (FIN #4285911). Debbie Leistner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE-
TESTING AND EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the testing and analyses of Alternative 1- Transit/BRT Emphasis, Alternative 2- Highway Emphasis and Alternative 3 Transit/Streetcar Emphasis are completed. He said that the MTPO's consultant would discuss the results.

Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group Vice President, discussed the results of the testing and evaluation of the alternatives and answered questions. He also reported the results of the peak oil scenario results. He discussed and recommended an Alternative 4 hybrid scenario for testing and evaluation.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve for testing and evaluation Alternative 4 revised to include the:

1. Archer Road 4-laning from the City of Archer to Tower Road;
2. SE 16th Avenue 4-laning from Main Street to Williston Road;
3. NW 23rd Avenue 4-laning;
4. BRT Route from Haile Village to Butler Plaza;
5. BRT Route from Northwood Shopping Center to the University of Florida (UF) via NW 43rd Street;
6. BRT Route from Northwood Shopping Center to UF via NW 13th Street;
7. Airport Access Road;
8. NW 23rd Terrace extension;
9. NW 76th Boulevard extension;
10. SW 20th / 24th Avenue 4-laning over interstate 75 from SW 61st Street to SW 62nd Boulevard;
11. State Road 121 4-laning from SW 62nd Avenue to Interstate 75;
12. State Road 121 4-laning from NW 58th Avenue to NW 67th Place; and
13. deletion on all express bus/BRT overlaps.

Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO include the following projects in the Needs Plan:

1. RTS Regional intermodal Facilities;
2. RTS Maintenance Facility;
3. NW 34th Street Turnlane Project;
4. SW 20th Avenue Turnlane Project
5. Depot Avenue Reconstruction Project;
6. NW 83rd Street Extension South of NW 23rd Avenue Project;
7. SE 4th Street Project; and
8. Archer Road Regional Intermodal Centers.

Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Blanton discussed bicycle/pedestrian plan projects.

Ms. Linda Dixon, UF Facilities Planning Assistant Director, noted that the SW 40th Street extension should be in the existing plus committed (E+C) network. She discussed the University's park-n-ride study.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the LRTP revenue forecasts and answered questions.

VII. STATE ROAD 20 LANDSCAPING

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT staff has identified funds that can be used to landscape Hawthorne Road (State Road 20). He noted that this project was the third-ranked priority in 2009. He added that this project is the sixth-ranked priority in the recently approved List of Priority Projects. He suggested that the MTPO send a letter of support for the project to FDOT.

Ms. Taulbee discussed the proposed State Road 20 landscaping project and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO send a letter of support for the State Road 20 Landscaping. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. MONOTUBE TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the City of Gainesville has requested a discussion of whether the MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual should be revised to include:

1. a policy concerning the preferred type of mast arm; and
2. procedures to allow oversight and prevent the installation of structures that are not compatible with community standards

Ms. Debbie Leistner, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, and Ms. Taulbee discussed the City's concerns regarding the MTPO's Mast Arm policy and answered questions.

It was a consensus of the TAC to refer the updating of the Urban Design Policy Manual to a TAC Working Group.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

6/30/2010
Date



Douglas Robinson, Chair