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

Gainesville Regional Utilities General Purpose Meeting Room  
301 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
March 2, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Robinson, Chair  
Dekova Batey  
Linda Dixon  
Steve Dopp  
John Gifford  
Jeff Hays  
Debbie Leistner  
Dean Mimms

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ron Fuller  
Harrell Harrison  
Richard Hedrick  
Michael Iguina  
Steve Kabat  
Karen Taulbee

OTHERS PRESENT

None

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Robinson asked for approval of the agenda.

**ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the meeting agenda. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the December 1, 2010 minutes are ready for approval.

**ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the December 1, 2010 TAC minutes. Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for April 4th at 3:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the TAC's next meeting, if needed, is scheduled for March 23rd.

#### V. UNFUNDED PROJECT PRIORITIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that, each year, the MTPO develops priorities for unfunded projects. He said that these priorities are used by the Florida Department of Transportation to develop its Tentative Work Program. He added that this year's draft List of Priority Projects includes projects from the recently adopted Year 2035 Livable Community Reinvestment Plan and from local agency recommendations. He noted that he would discuss tables that may have changes due to review comments that MTPO staff received. He discussed proposed changes and answered questions to Table 1A- Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities- Enhancement Funds, Table 1B- Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities- Alachua County-Maintained Facilities, and Table 1C- Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities- City of Gainesville-Maintained Facilities.

**It was a consensus to:**

- 1. delete the ADA compliance text from Table 1A- Priority #9;**
- 2. note that Table 1B- Priority #1 is in the Tentative Work Program; and**
- 3. note that the Table 1C project is partially funded.**

Mr. Sanderson noted that appropriate tables were corrected for the limits of the Waldo Road Multiway Project. He asked if there were any questions regarding:

- Table 2A- Capacity/Multimodal Priorities- State Highway System;
- Table 2B- Capacity/Multimodal Priorities- Alachua County-Maintained Facilities;
- Table 2C- Capacity/Multimodal Priorities- City of Gainesville-Maintained Facilities.
- Table 3- Intelligent Transportation System Priorities.
- Table 4- Landscaping Priorities
- Table 5A- Project, Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Priorities;
- Table 5B- PD&E Study Priorities- Alachua County-Maintained Facilities; and
- Table 5C- PD&E Study Priorities- City of Gainesville-Maintained Facilities.

There were no questions.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the new Table 6- Public Transportation Priorities handout and answered questions. He pointed out the Regional Transit System staff-requested changes. He asked if there were any questions regarding:

- Table 7A- Right-Of-Way (ROW) Priorities- State Highway System;
- Table 7B- ROW Priorities- Alachua County-Maintained Facilities;
- Table 7C- ROW Priorities- City of Gainesville-Maintained Facilities;
- Table 8- Safe Routes to School Priorities;
- Table 9- Safety Priorities;
- Table 10- Strategic Intermodal System Priorities; and
- Table 11- Surface Transportation Program (STP) Fund Priorities.

There were no questions.

Mr. Sanderson discussed and answered questions regarding Table 12A- Traffic Operations Priorities- State Highway System and Table 12B- Traffic Operations Priorities- Local Facilities.

Ms. Debbie Leistner, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, noted that NE 39 Avenue project could be deleted.

Ms. Linda Dixon, University of Florida Assistant Director for Facilities Planning and Construction, discussed an additional project for SW 34 Street at Hull Road.

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Senior Planner, noted that the SW 34 Street turn lane project could be placed in Table 9- Safety Priorities.

**ACTION: Jeff Hays moved to revise Table 12A- Traffic Operations Priorities- State Highway System to:**

- 1. show priority #7 as Campus Development Agreement-partially funded;**
- 2. add as new Priority #8, SW 34 Street at Hull Road:**
  - extend southbound left turnlane; and
  - install northbound exclusive right turnlane variable message board;
- 3. show new Priority #10 location to be at Center Drive/VA entrance; and**
- 4. delete draft Priority #11.**

**Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed 7 to 1.**

**It was a consensus of the TAC to add to Table 9- Safety Priorities a new Priority #7, SW 34 Street at Hull Road, extend southbound left turnlane.**

Mr. Sanderson asked if there were any questions regarding:

- Table 13- Transit Corridor Development Priorities;
- Table 14- Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund;
- Table 15- Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Capital Funding/Equipment Program;
- Table 16- Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Programs;
- Table 17- Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program;
- Table 18- Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5317 New Freedom Program; and
- Table 19- Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities.

There were no questions.

**ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the List of Priority Projects, incorporating the TAC-recommended revisions. Jeff Hays seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VI. TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT APPLICATIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that enhancement applications are due to the Florida Department of Transportation on March 18, 2011. He said that there are two applications that implement the Archer Braid for consideration. He discussed the applications and answered questions.

**ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the submission of the two enhancement applications. John Gifford seconded, motion passed unanimously.**

VII. COMMITTEE OFFICER ELECTIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that it was time to elect new TAC officers. He said that currently Doug Robinson was the Chair and Jonathan Paul was the Vice Chair.

**ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to elect Ha Nguyen as Chair and Debbie Leistner as Vice Chair. There was no second.**

**ACTION: Debbie Leistner moved to elect Doug Robinson as Chair and Ha Nguyen as Vice Chair. There was no second.**

**ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to elect Ha Nguyen as Chair. Dean Mimms seconded, motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to elect Doug Robinson as Vice Chair. John Gifford seconded, motion passed unanimously.**

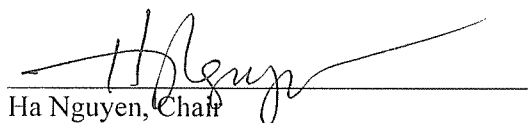
VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

4/20/11  
Date

  
Ha Nguyen, Chair