

MINUTES

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

NCFRPC Charles F. Justice Conference Room
2009 NW 67th Place
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
March 3, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Jonathan Paul, Chair
Doug Robinson, Vice Chair
Dekova Batey
Linda Dixon
Kathy Fanning
Ron Fuller
John Gifford
Debbie Leistner
Dean Mimms
Ha Nguyen
Karen Taulbee

Harrell Harrison
Scott Koons
Michael Iguina

Jennifer Carver
Jesus Gomez
Rob Greg
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Sean McLendon
Bill Morris
Joel Rey

Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jonathan Paul, Alachua County Concurrency & Impact Fee Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Paul introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, asked for approval of the meeting agenda amended to delete item VII. Revenue Forecasts. He said that the revenue forecast should be discussed after the transportation network alternatives have been tested.

ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to delete item VII. Revenue Forecasts. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the December 2, 2009 minutes are ready for approval.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to approve the December 2, 2009 TAC minutes. Ron Fuller seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for March 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the TAC's next meeting, if needed, is scheduled for April 21st.

V. GAINESVILLE REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (RTS) RAPID TRANSIT STUDY

Mr. Sanderson stated that RTS' consultant was prepared to discuss the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Feasibility Study.

Mr. Rob Gregg, Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) Transit Management Program Director, Mr. Bill Morris, CUTR Senior Research Associate, and Mr. Robinson discussed the BRT Study and answered questions.

ACTION: Debbie Leistner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Gainesville Regional Transit System Rapid Transit Study. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE (LRTP)

A. EXISTING PLUS COMMITTED (E+C) ASSIGNMENT RESULTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO's consultant was prepared to discuss the E+C highway and transit assignment results.

Ms. Jennifer Carver, Renaissance Planning Group (RPG) Project Manager, discuss the E+C highway and transit assignment results and answered questions.

B. WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

Ms. Carver discussed the findings from the February 16th LRTP workshop and answered questions.

C. THREE RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE NETWORKS

Ms. Carver reviewed the three recommended alternative networks-findings from the workshop. She discussed the recommended Alternative 1- Transit Emphasis Network and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Alternative 1- Transit Emphasis Network with the following revisions:

1. **modify the Butler Plaza area to show the latest proposal;**
2. **add BRT on Tower Road;**
3. **add NW 23rd Avenue as a 4-lane facility from NW 98th Street to NW 51st Street;**
4. **add NW 34th Street turnlane project;**
5. **add NW 83rd Street extension; and**
6. **delete the planned express bus routes on Newberry Road and Waldo Road that overlap BRT.**

John Gifford seconded motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Alternative 1- Transit Emphasis to also delete the NW 170th Street 2-lane project. John Gifford seconded motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Carver discussed the recommended Alternative 2- Highway Emphasis Network and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Alternative 2- Highway Emphasis Network with the following revisions:

1. **modify the Butler Plaza area to show the latest proposal;**
2. **add the SW 47th Avenue extension to Williston Road;**
3. **add the NW 34th Street 4-laning from NW 23rd Street to NW 67th Place;**
4. **delete the Sheriff's Road;**
5. **delete the SW 34th Street/Archer Road overpass;**
6. **delete express bus service to Waldo and Hawthorne;**
7. **add the SW 45th Street/SW 30th Avenue overpass;**

8. add Archer Road 4-laning from the City of Archer to Tower Road;
9. modify NW 23rd Avenue 4-laning to NW 57th Terrace; and
10. add the Tower Road roundabouts.

John Gifford seconded motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Carver discussed the recommended Alternative 3- Streetcar/BRT Emphasis Network and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Alternative 3- Streetcar/BRT Emphasis Network with the following revisions:

1. add 15-minute frequency transit service to NW 39th Avenue from the SpringHills area to the airport;
2. modify the network to show the Urban Village/Butler Plaza proposal;
3. move the streetcar from SW 34th Street to SW 38th Terrace;
4. add express bus service on Hawthorne Road and Waldo Road to connect to BRT service; and
5. stop express bus service on Newberry Road at the BRT service terminus.

Ron Fuller seconded motion passed unanimously.

D. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Ms. Carver discussed proposed LRTP performance measures and answered questions.

VIII. UNFUNDED PROJECT PRIORITIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that, each year, the MTPO develops recommended transportation priorities for projects that are needed but not currently funded. He said that this information is used by FDOT each fall to develop its Tentative Five Year Work Program. He added that, by Florida Statute, the MTPO's "List of Priority Projects" must be submitted to FDOT by October 1, 2010. He noted that FDOT staff has asked for the MTPO's Fiscal Years 2011/2012 - 2015/2016 List of Priority Projects as soon as possible so that it may begin development of its Tentative Five Year Work Program.

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Senior Planner, reported that the draft Fiscal Years 2011/2012 - 2015/2016 List of Priority Projects includes the recommendations from the Alachua County/ Gainesville Regional Airport Authority Director, Alachua County Traffic Safety Team, Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board, Regional Transit System staff, City of Gainesville and Alachua County Public Works Department staffs and MTPO staff. He discussed the draft Fiscal Years 2011/2012 - 2015/2016 List of Priority Projects and answered questions.

ACTION: Ron Fuller moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft Fiscal Years 2011/2012 - 2015/2016 List of Priority Projects with to following revisions:

1. **add as Priority #6 SW 34th Street at SW 35th Place Intersection Modifications Project to Table 8 Safety Priorities;**
2. **identify as partially funded Priority #9 Archer Road at Newell Drive and SW 18th Street Traffic Signal Mast Arm Reconstruction Project in Table 11 Traffic Operations Priorities- State Highway System (SHS) Only; and**
3. **delete Priority #3 US 441 Gainesville to City of Alachua Project from Table 12 Transit Corridor Development Priorities.**

Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. COMMITTEE OFFICER ELECTIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that it was time to select committee officers. He said that Jonathan Paul is the TAC Chair and Doug Robinson is the TAC Vice Chair.

ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to appoint Doug Robinson as TAC Chair and Jonathan Paul as TAC Vice Chair. Ron Fuller seconded; motion passed unanimously.

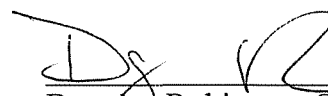
X. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

4-21-10
Date



Douglas Robinson, Chair