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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
November 30, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Ha Nguyen, Chair
Doug Robinson, Vice Chair
Dekova Batey
Ron Fuller
John Gifford
Jeffrey Hays
Steve Kabat
Dean Mimms
Karen Taulbee

Linda Dixon
Michael Iguina
Harrell Harrison
Scott Koons
Debbie Leistner

Michelle Adejumo
Doreen Joyner-Howard

Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, noted that a quorum was not yet present, but that information items could be presented. He announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 12th at 5:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the TAC's next meeting, if needed, is scheduled for January 25th at the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ha Nguyen, Alachua County Public Works Contracts & Design Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:19 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Nguyen noted that introductions were not needed.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Nguyen asked for approval of the agenda amended to add Chair and Vice Chair elections.

MOTION: Dean Mimms moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to add item II_B. Chair and Vice Chair Elections. Jeff Hays seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II_B. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

MOTION: Karen Taulbee moved to elect Doug Robinson as Chair and Ha Nguyen as Vice Chair. Ron Fuller seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the September 21, 2011 minutes are ready for approval.

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved to approve the September 21, 2011 TAC minutes. Karen Taulbee seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested two amendments to the TIP. He and Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist discussed the amendments and answered questions.

MOTION: Doug Robinson moved to recommend that the MTPO amend its Transportation Improvement Program:

1. to delete the I-75 @ SR 26 (Newberry Road) NW Quadrant Right-Of-Way Purchase Project [FIN # 4278251]; and
2. to add \$9,000,000 Federal Transit Administration funding and \$2,249,000 local funding to the Regional Transit System Maintenance Facility Expansion- Phase 2 to Fiscal Year 2011/2012 [FIN # 4305471].

Ron Fuller seconded, motion passed unanimously.

VI. DEPOT RAIL TRAIL/WALDO RAIL TRAIL BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO requested a ranking of the bicycle pedestrian connection alternatives. He discussed the alternatives and answered questions.

Ms Taulbee stated that CES, a consultant, had previously studied this intersection in 2005.

Mr. Sanderson asked Ms. Taulbee to provide him a copy of the CES study.

MOTION: Dean Mimms moved to rank the Depot Rail Trail/Waldo Rail Trail Bicycle Pedestrian Connection alternatives as:

1. Alternative 5- Existing Crossing with Safety Modifications;
2. Alternative 6-Do Nothing;
3. Alternative 2-Cross at SE 2nd Avenue;
4. Alternative 3- Cross at SE 2nd Avenue to E 15th Street;
5. Alternative 1- Cross at E 10th Street; and
6. Alternative 4- Cross at E 10th Street to NE 3rd Avenue.

John Gifford seconded. After additional discussion, John Gifford called the question; question call passed 7 to 1. The motion passed 7 to 1.

VII. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION BILL

Mr. Sanderson reported the U.S. Senate draft legislation that was released November 4th and answered questions.

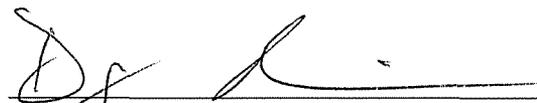
VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

3/21/12
Date


Doug Robinson, Chair