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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  
April 1, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Bird  
Harrell Harrison

OTHERS PRESENT

Whit Blanton  
Paul Cherry  
Amber Gartner  
Rob Gregg  
Milton Locklear  
Bill Morris  
Valerie Rosencrantz  
Despina Veillieux

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Escalante  
Luis Lopez

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doug Robinson, Regional Transit System Chief Transit Planner, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Robinson introduced himself and the guests and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Robinson asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

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

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Robinson asked for approval of the October 29, 2008 TAC meeting minutes.

**ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to approve the October 29, 2008 TAC meeting minutes. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Robinson asked for approval of the December 3, 2008 TAC meeting minutes.

**ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the December 3, 2008 TAC meeting minutes. Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chair Robinson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium.

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that the TAC's next meeting is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>. He noted that the TAC would discuss the MTPO List of Priority Projects.

#### V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TIP is the most important document that is approved annually by the MTPO. He said that the TIP is a staged implementation program of transportation projects consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with adopted comprehensive plans of Alachua County and the City of Gainesville. He added that, in order for Federal transportation funds to be spent in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, they must be approved by the MTPO and included in this report. He noted that this year's document authorizes about \$14 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next fiscal year.

Mr. Mike Iguina, Gainesville Regional Airport Facilities Manager, asked whether the xxx project should be in the draft TIP.

Ms. Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist, stated she would check with FDOT staff on the status of this airport project.

Mr. Jonathan Paul discussed the Interstate 75 Safety Project.

**ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Fiscal Years 2009/2010 - 2013/2014 Transportation Improvement Program with any necessary administrative changes. Ron Fuller seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### VI. CITY OF GAINESVILLE BUS RAPID TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY

Chair Robinson stated that consultants from the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) were present to provide a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Feasibility Study status report.

Mr. Bill Morris, CUTR Senior Research Associate, and Mr. Rob Gregg, CUTR Transit Management Program Director, discussed the status of the BRT Study and answered questions.

VII. ARCHER ROAD/SW 16<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

Mr. Escalante stated that the City's consultant has submitted alternatives for the Archer Road/SW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study.

Mr. Paul Cherry, Kimley-Horn Traffic Engineer, discussed the alternatives for the Archer Road/SW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue PD&E Study and answered questions.

VIII. YEAR 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) UPDATE-PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Chair Robinson stated that the MTPO's consultant has prepared a draft Public Participation Plan for the Year 2035 LRTP Update.

Mr. Escalante introduced the MTPO's consultant, Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group Vice President.

Mr. Blanton discussed the draft Public Participation Plan for the Year 2035 LRTP Update and status of the LRTP Update and answered questions.

**ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update- Public Participation Plan as a completed document. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IX. YEAR 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE-APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Mr. Escalante announced that April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. is the first workshop for the Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update.

Mr. Dean Mimms, City of Gainesville Chief of Comprehensive Planning, announced a City Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report workshop on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Robinson announced that RTS was initiating an update of its Transit Development Plan.

X. COMMITTEE OFFICER ELECTIONS

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

**ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to appoint Jonathan Paul as TAC Chair and Doug Robinson as TAC Vice Chair. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

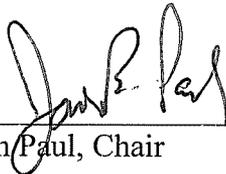
XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

5/27/09  
Date

  
Jonathan Paul, Chair