

MINUTES

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

Conference Room
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
April 19, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Lecher, Chair
Dean Mimms, Vice Chair
Dekova Batey
Steve Dopp
Linda Dixon
Kathy Fanning
Ron Fuller
John Gifford
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Brian Kanely
Robert Norton
Doug Robinson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michelle Danisofzky
David Deas

OTHERS PRESENT

Martin Gold
Chandler Otis
Karen Taulbee

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Brian Waterman
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill Lecher, Alachua County Design/Contract Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Lecher introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Lecher asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to place items X. Unified Planning Work Program and XI. Unfunded Project Priorities in front of item IX. Urban Village: SW 20th Avenue Transportation Design Proposal. Doug Robinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Lecher asked for approval of the March 1, 2006 TAC meeting minutes.

ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to approve the March 1, 2006 TAC meeting minutes. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for May 2nd at 2:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the TAC's next meeting is scheduled for May 31st.

V. PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLANDS ALONG EAST UNIVERSITY AVENUE

Mr. Brian Waterman, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff has submitted design option plans for pedestrian refuge islands along East University Avenue that would be constructed in conjunction with the East University Avenue resurfacing project.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Specialist, discussed the pedestrian refuge islands along East University Avenue and answered questions.

ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve Option 6A;**
- 2 request that the Design Team review the E. University Avenue Resurfacing Project Scope; and**
- 3. request that FDOT discuss right-in/right-out turns into Kirby Smith from E. University Avenue.**

Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. STATE ROAD (SR) 329 (MAIN STREET) MEDIAN CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Mr. Waterman stated that FDOT has submitted SR 329 60 percent design plans for the installation of medians on S Main Street between S 16th Avenue and Depot Avenue. He noted that construction a pedestrian island at the Main Street and S. 16th Avenue intersection would result in the elimination of the existing southbound right turnlane on Main Street.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed the State Road 329 Median Construction 60 percent design plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO defer discussion of the Florida Department of Transportation's State Road 329 60 percent design plans in order that City and County staff can evaluate the Main Street and S. 16th Avenue intersection configuration and discuss traffic operations with FDOT. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the City plant 10 shade trees in the medians, provided the issue of maintenance is addressed is discussed during the City and County's discussion of this project. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. STATE ROAD (SR) 26 RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING PLANS

Mr. Waterman stated that FDOT has submitted 90 percent design plans for the reconstruction and resurfacing of State Road 26 between SR 222 and County Road 234.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed the State Road 26 reconstruction and resurfacing 90 percent design plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the State Road 26 reconstruction and resurfacing 90 percent design plans with the following changes that FDOT:

- 1. consider a raised median separating SR 222 right turn movement from the through movement; and**
- 2. install a flashing beacon on the stop sign at SR 26.**

John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. 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 \$11.8 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next fiscal year.

Chair Lecher recommended some changes to the draft TIP.

ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Fiscal

Years 2006/2007 - 2010/2011 Transportation Improvement Program with any necessary administrative changes. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that the staff services agreement between the MTPO and the Regional Planning Council (RPC) requires the annual submission of the budget for the support of the transportation planning staff. He said that MTPO staff is forwarding for its consideration the UPWP. He added that the UPWP outlines and describes planning efforts to be undertaken by participating agencies to maintain a comprehensive, cooperative and continuing transportation planning program in the Gainesville Urbanized Area. He discussed the proposed FY 2006/2007 UPWP planning program and budget and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the Unified Planning Work Program, with the understanding that administrative revisions requested by state and federal review agencies will be made as received by MTPO staff;**
- 2. authorize the MTPO Chair to enter into the Section 5303 Joint Participation Agreement;**
- 3. authorize the MTPO to financially participate in the Section 5303 agreement including the \$13,806 contribution of MTPO funds; and**
- 4. authorize the MTPO Chair to sign the Section 5303 Joint Participation Agreement.**

John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XI. 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, 2006. He noted that FDOT staff has asked for the MTPO's Fiscal Years 2007/2008 - 2011/2012 List of Priority Projects as soon as possible so that it may begin development of its Tentative Five Year Work Program. He reported that the draft Fiscal Years 2007/2008 - 2011/2012 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 Enhancement Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Robert Norton moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 1 Enhancement Priorities. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Landscaping Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Robert Norton moved to approve Table 2 Landscaping Priorities. Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Public Transportation Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to approve Table 3 Public Transportation Priorities. Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Right-Of-Way Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Ron Fuller moved to approve Table 4 Right-Of-Way Priorities. Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Safety Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to approve Table 5 Safety Priorities with the inclusion of Priority #4 to be the extension of the southbound left turnlane on SW 34th Street at SW 35th Place. Robert Norton seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed Safe Routes to School Priorities and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to approve Table 6 Safe Routes to School Priorities amended to delete Priorities 1 and 2 and rank the remaining project in the following order:

3. SW 8th Avenue Sidewalk project;
4. SW 43rd Street Sidewalk; and
5. SW 23rd bike/ped trail.

Robert Norton seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson noted that there were time concerns regarding discussion of the remaining Priorities and allowing enough time to discuss the Urban Village: SW 20th Avenue Transportation Design Proposal. He suggested referring the remaining Priorities tables to the TAC Subcommittee.

ACTION: Robert Norton moved to refer the remaining Priorities table to the TAC Subcommittee for action. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. URBAN VILLAGE: SW 20TH AVENUE TRANSPORTATION DESIGN PROPOSAL

Mr. Sanderson stated that the SW 20th Avenue Transportation Design Proposal has been submitted for review and recommendation to the MTPO.

Mr. Martin Gold, University of Florida Assistant Professor, discussed the SW 20th Avenue Transportation Design Proposal and answered questions.

ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. accept the Urban Village: SW 20th Avenue Transportation Design Proposal as a completed planning document; and**
- 2. request that Alachua County, the City of Gainesville and the University of Florida use this document as a guide for corridor studies, and any future land use and transportation plans.**

Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Date

Bill Lecher, Chair