

MINUTES

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

General Purpose Meeting Room
Gainesville Regional Utilities
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
April 6, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Bill Lecher, Chair
Dekova Batey
Linda Dixon
Steve Dopp
John Gifford
Jesus Gomez
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Brian Kanely
Kristen Nowicki

Dean Mimms, Vice Chair
Chris Bird
Rick Crider
David Deas
Scott Fox

Renee Brinkley
Chandler Otis
Suraya Teeple

Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill
Mike 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

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, noted that there are no changes for the agenda.

Chair Lecher asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the meeting agenda. Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Lecher asked for approval of the January 26, 2005 TAC meeting minutes.

**ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the January 26, 2005 TAC meeting minutes.
Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for May 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He also noted that the MTPO will meet May 16 at 6:00 p.m. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for April 20.

V. STATE ROAD 26A PEDESTRIAN SCALE LIGHTING PLANS

Mr. Sanderson, stated that the MTPO referred reconsideration of the State Road 26A Lighting Plans east of SW 34th Street for integration with the University of Florida and cost estimates of pedestrian scale lighting to its advisory boards.

Mr. Sanderson and Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Transportation Specialist, discussed the State Road 26A Lighting Plans and answered questions.

A member of the TAC requested that the MTPO packet include the unit installation cost estimates.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. request that the Gainesville Regional Utilities revise the State Road 26A Lighting Plans to incorporate the changes requested by the University of Florida; and**
- 2. seek an additional minimum \$429,000 in funding from all available sources beyond only the Florida Department of Transportation for enhanced lighting on State Road 26A.**

Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed 7 to 1.

VI. STATE ROAD (SR) 24 (ARCHER ROAD) AT INTERSTATE 75

Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that FDOT has submitted 60 percent design plan for the SR 24 at Interstate 75 Turnlane Extension Project for review and recommendation. He discussed the plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Florida

Department of Transportation 60 percent turnlane extension design plans for State Road 24 (Archer Road) at Interstate 75. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. SW 20TH AVENUE BRIDGE OVER INTERSTATE 75 - FENCING

Mr. Hill stated that the MTPO received a letter from the FDOT District 2 Secretary indicating that FDOT plans to install fencing similar to the fencing recently placed on the NW 39th Avenue bridge when the interchange was reconstructed. He discussed the bridge fencing request and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Florida Department of Transportation install fencing on both sides of the SW 20th Avenue bridge over Interstate 75 similar to the fencing on the NW 39th Avenue bridge and also request that the fence be black in color, if funding is available. Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. SW 20TH AVENUE TRANSPORTATION DESIGN PROPOSAL

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO has received a SW 20th Avenue Transportation Design Proposal from the University of Florida (UF). He said that the UF College of Design, Building Construction and Planning has proposed a design studio to develop a proposal to complement the FDOT corridor design study.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed the status of the FDOT SW 20th Avenue Corridor Study .

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO revise Unified Planning Work Program Task 3.4 to include:

- 1. a project for the SW 20th Avenue Student Village Transportation Study that includes a land use component; and**
- 2. an update of the Gainesville Metropolitan Area bicycle counts.**

Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

It was a consensus of the TAC to defer further discussion of this agenda item until the next TAC meeting.

IX. ENHANCEMENT APPLICATIONS- 2005

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT staff has set May 1 as the deadline for new Enhancement-funded project applications. He noted that FDOT has allocated \$749,000 for construction of the Archer Road Rail/Trail and that additional funds are not yet available.

Linda noted that due to Campus Master Plan update, UF may request in the next year that the SW 23rd Road Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail. She said a project extending SW 23rd Terrace north to Hull Road would take its place.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to recommend that the MTPO not submit any new enhancement applications this year. 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 2005/2006 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 \$11,049 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. YEAR 2025 TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE- STATUS REPORT

Mr. Sanderson discussed the status of the long range transportation plan update and schedule. He announced that there would be a public workshop on April 18 in the Gainesville Regional Utilities Administration Building.

XII. 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, 2005. He noted that FDOT staff has asked for the MTPO's Fiscal Years 2006/2007 - 2010/2011 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 2006/2007 - 2010/2011 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 priorities document and answered questions.

ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 1 Enhancement Priorities. Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to approve, as retitled, Table 2 Strategic Intermodal System Priorities. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to approve Table 3 Public Transportation Priorities. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to approve Table 4 Safety Priorities. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to approve Table 5 Surface Transportation Program Priorities with Priority #2 deleted. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed 8 to 1.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to approve Table 6 Traffic Operations Priorities with Priority #6 revised to be "install left turnlane." Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to approve Table 7 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities-Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to approve Table 8 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities-Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Program. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XIII. UNIVERSITY AREA “NO TURN ON RED” SIGNS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO requested that FDOT install lighted “no turn on red” variable message signs along W. 13th Street adjacent to the University campus. He said that FDOT has requested information on which intersection approaches and the hours to which the signs should be illuminated.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the installation of the lighted “No Turn On Red” variable message sign at the locations shown in Table 1 and that these signs be initially lighted Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., with changes allowed based on studies conducted by City of Gainesville Public Works staff.

TABLE 1

VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGN LOCATIONS

INTERSECTION	APPROACH			
	Northbound	Southbound	Eastbound	Westbound
US 441 at University Avenue	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
US 441 at SW 2 nd Avenue	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
US 441 at SW 4 th Avenue	Yes	No	No	Yes
US 441 at Inner Drive	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
US 441 at Museum Drive	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XIV. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

 Date

 Bill Lecher, Chair