

MINUTES

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

Conference Room  
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Building  
Gainesville, Florida  
2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
August 24, 2005

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Bill Lecher, Chair Dean Mimms, Vice Chair Dekova Batey Steve Dopp John Gifford Jesus Gomez Doreen Joyner-Howard Brian Kanely Kristen Nowicki	Chris Bird David Deas Linda Dixon Scott Fox Allan Penska	Gina Hawkins Chandler Otis John Sabatella Myrna Widmer	Marlie Sanderson Brian Waterman Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill Lecher, Alachua County Contract/Design Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Lecher introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, introduced Mr. Brian Waterman, MTPO Senior Planner.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Lecher asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested that discussion of agenda item V. East University Avenue Pedestrian Refuge Islands be deleted from the agenda. He requested that two agenda items be added, X<sub>B</sub>. SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Design Project Steering Committee and X<sub>C</sub>. Year 2025 Needs Plan- Transit.

**ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to delete V. East University Avenue Pedestrian Refuge Islands and add X<sub>B</sub>. SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Design Project Steering Committee and X<sub>C</sub>. Year 2025 Needs Plan- Transit. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

### III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Lecher asked for approval of the July 14, 2005 TAC meeting minutes.

**ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to approve the July 14, 2005 TAC meeting minutes.  
Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

### IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, announced that the next MTPO meeting has a Needs Plan public hearing scheduled for August 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He added that the regular business meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. He asked the TAC to reschedule its next meeting from September 21<sup>st</sup> to September 28<sup>th</sup>. He noted that MTPO staff is scheduled for a FDOT workshop that conflicts with the earlier meeting date.

**It was a consensus of the TAC to reschedule its meeting to September 28<sup>th</sup>.**

### VI. RESURFACING PROJECT- US 441 (WILLISTON ROAD SOUTH TO THE MARION COUNTY LINE)

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has submitted 60 percent design plans for the US 441 from Williston Road south to the Marion County Line Resurfacing Project. He discussed the US 441 60 percent design plans and answered questions.

**ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the US 441 from Williston Road south to the Marion County Line Resurfacing Project 60 percent design plans for the roadway as it is today with the following exceptions:**

- 1. the existing bicycle lane with rumble strips will be excepted out of this project and not changed or resurfaced;**
- 2. the project will include paved shoulders to accommodate a designated bicycle lane along US 441 from East CR 234 (NW Cholokka Boulevard / Rochelle Road) to the existing bicycle lane in Paynes Prairie; and**
- 3. relocation of the median north of SW 109<sup>th</sup> Place to align with SW 109<sup>th</sup> Place.**

**Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VII. RESURFACING PROJECT- US 441/W. 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET (ARCHER ROAD NORTH TO NW 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET)

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has submitted scoping concepts for the US 441 from Archer Road north to NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street Resurfacing Project. He discussed the US 441 scoping concepts and answered questions.

**ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the following FDOT scoping concepts for the resurfacing design plans for US 441 / SR 25 / W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street from SR 24 / Archer Road north to SR 20 / NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street:**

- 1. incorporate the MTPO-approved stamped/hued crosswalks at the signalized intersections;**
- 2. improve any sidewalk sections that are not in compliance with FDOT and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards; and**
- 3. examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc.) for potential safety and operational improvements.**

**Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VIII. RESURFACING PROJECT- STATE ROAD 222/N. 39<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE (NW 24<sup>TH</sup> BOULEVARD EAST TO END OF THE FOUR-LANE)

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has submitted scoping concepts for the US 441 from Archer Road north to NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street Resurfacing Project. He discussed the SR 222 scoping concepts and answered questions.

**ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the following FDOT scoping concepts for the resurfacing design plans for State Road 222/N. 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue from NW 24<sup>th</sup> Boulevard east to end of the four-lane:**

- 1. incorporate the MTPO-approved stamped/hued crosswalks at the signalized intersections;**
- 2. improve any sidewalk sections that are not in compliance with FDOT and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards; and**
- 3. examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc.) for potential safety and operational improvements.**

**Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IX. STREETPRINT REPLACEMENT

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT is testing several crosswalk treatments to address skid resistance concerns with previous treatments. He said that FDOT is submitting four treatments for the MTPO to consider for use within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. He added that all four of the products listed meet FDOT specifications and may be applied to crosswalk projects in this area.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Specialist, discussed the crosswalk treatments and answered questions.

**ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to recommend that the MTPO revise Section 5.2.3 of its Urban Design Policy Manual to read as follows:**

**5.2.3 Hue- The preferred hue for crosswalks constructed with stamped asphalt is ~~Streetprint, Inc.'s brick (high traffic formula) color~~ red brick that is matched, as close as possible, to the color of the median's bricks with an increased emphasis on product durability.**

**Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

X<sub>A</sub>. SW 20<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE DESIGN PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Design Project would be commencing soon. He asked various members of the TAC to volunteer to serve on a steering committee.

**The following TAC members were identified to serve on the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Design Project Steering Committee:**

AGENCY	REPRESENTATIVE
Alachua County Growth Management	Kristen Nowicki
Alachua County Public Works	John Sabatella
Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Staff	Dekova Batey
Gainesville Community Development	Dean Mimms
Gainesville Public Works	Brian Kanely
Gainesville Regional Transit System	Jesus Gomez
University of Florida	Linda Dixon

IX<sub>c</sub>. YEAR 2025 NEEDS PLAN- TRANSIT

Mr. Sanderson stated that MTPO and Regional Transit System (RTS) staffs have continued to evaluate long range transit needs. He and Mr. Jesus Gomez, Interim RTS Director, discussed revised transit needs tables and answered questions.

**ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Exhibit 1 Draft Year 2025 Transit Needs Plan- Enhanced Existing Routes and Exhibit 2 Draft Year 2025 Transit Needs Plan- New Routes, amended to include funding for maintenance facility expansion. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

X. SW 20<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE/STUDENT VILLAGE- TAC RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Sanderson stated that Alachua County staff has requested that the TAC reconsider its SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Student Village recommendation to the MTPO for Option K. He discussed the new Option K recommendation and answered questions. He noted that the University of Florida Committee supported Option K.

City and County Public Works staff indicated support of Option K.

Chair Lecher discussed the Student Village area earmark funding and answered questions.

**ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO:**

- 1. approve the following SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Charrette-approved concepts:**
  - A. Hull Road bicycle/pedestrian trail;**
  - B. bicycle/pedestrian grade-separated crossing at Hull Road and SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street;**
  - C. construct on SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue missing sidewalks, turnlanes, raised medians, bus bays and transit “super stops;” and**
- 2. reserve the right-of-way (150 feet wide) for Hull Road from SW 43<sup>rd</sup> Street to SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street to construct a two-lane divided roadway with transit and multimodal facilities between SW 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street;**
- 3. request that the Alachua County Commission and City of Gainesville Commission, as appropriate, protect right-of-way between SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard and SW 43<sup>rd</sup> Street for possible future needs; and**
- 4. approve Option K, as shown in Exhibit 3, for the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Student Village.**

**Kristen Nowicki seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Date

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Bill Lecher, Chair

**EXHIBIT 1**

**DRAFT YEAR 2025 TRANSIT NEEDS PLAN-ENHANCE EXISTING ROUTES**

ROUTE	YEAR 2025 WEEKDAY		
	HEADWAYS [minutes]	HOURS OF OPERATION*	BUSES NEEDED
EXISTING FIXED ROUTE SYSTEM			ENHANCED SERVICE
1	15	74	2
2	15	74	6
5	15	74	2
7	15	74	6
8	15	74	3
10	15	74	3
11	15	74	3
15	15	74	4
24	15	74	3
43	15	74	6
75	15	74	3
21	10	111	2
34	10	111	2
36	10	111	3
9	5	222	3
12	5	222	10
13	5	222	8
16	5	222	2
20	5	222	12
35	5	222	5
SUBTOTAL			88
LATER GATOR ROUTES B & F			2
TOTAL			90

\*Fixed-Route- Weekday, 5:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m.

**EXHIBIT 2**

**DRAFT YEAR 2025 TRANSIT NEEDS PLAN- NEW ROUTES**

ROUTE	YEAR 2025 WEEKDAY		
	HEADWAYS [minutes]	DAILY HOURS OF OPERATION*	BUSES NEEDED
<b>PROPOSED ADDITIONAL BUS ROUTES</b>			
23	15	74	8
25	15	74	6
39	15	74	12
44	15	74	12
46	15	74	12
62	15	74	4
SUBTOTAL			54
BRT- I-75 / SR 24 Route	15	74	2
BRT- I-75 / SR 20 Route	15	74	2
SUBTOTAL			4
<b>PROPOSED PARK-N-RIDE - EXPRESS BUS</b>			
High Springs - Gainesville <sup>a</sup>	15	8	8
Archer - Gainesville	15	8	4
Hawthorne - Gainesville	15	8	3
Newberry - Gainesville	15	8	8
Waldo - Gainesville	15	8	6
SUBTOTAL			29
TOTAL			87
Maintenance facility expansion to accommodate the bus fleet expansion			

\*Park-N-Ride- Weekday, 5:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.

<sup>a</sup> Extend express route to the University of Florida area.