

MINUTES

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

Multi-Purpose Meeting Room  
Gainesville Regional Utilities  
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
August 29, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Dean Mimms, Chair Bill Lecher, Vice Chair Linda Dixon Greg Dubois Bob Elmore John Gifford Chuck Kiester Jeff Logan Mac McEachern Melissa Norman Suraya Teep le	Rick Drummond Barbara Hatchitt Brian K anely Chris Roeder	Bob Gasche Kim Holland Doreen Joyn er-Howard Steve K inkaid Monique Markey Shenley Nee ly Steve Phelps John Sabatella Fred Wright	Gerry Dedenbach Michael Esca lante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dean Mimms, City of Gainesville Chief of Comprehensive Planning, called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, asked the TAC to approve the meeting agenda.

**ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to approve the meeting agenda. Greg DuBois seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

**ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to approve the July 11, 2001 minutes. Chuck Kiester seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for September 13 at 2:00 p.m.

He also announced that there would be an MTPO Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee meeting on September 13 at 5:30 p.m. where the subcommittee will hear four consultant presentations. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for September 26.

V. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED- LISTED IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

A. STATE ROAD (SR) 26A STATUS REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested an opportunity to update the MTPO Advisory Committees on the status of the State Road 26A project.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT Project Manager, discussed the current status of the State Road 26A project and answered questions. He noted the project's current reconstruction description, schedule and cost estimates. He stated that FDOT will hold a public involvement meeting at the Doubletree Hotel on September 25 starting at 7:00 p.m.

B. ALACHUA COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL TREES FOR OUR HEROS

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the correspondence from Mr. Jim McCrawley, Alachua County Veterans Memorials Chairperson, regarding funding for tree plantings along Archer Road.

Mr. Bob Gasche, Alachua County Veterans Memorials representative, discussed the request for funding for the tree plantings along Archer Road and answered questions.

**ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Alachua County Commission fund the Alachua County Veterans Memorial Trees for Our Heros along Archer Road request for \$4,800. Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

C. MAIN STREET AT DEPOT AVENUE ROUNDABOUT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that FDOT has prepared the construction plans for the Main Street at Depot Avenue roundabout. He discussed the construction plans.

**ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the FDOT plans for the Main Street at Depot Avenue roundabout. Jeff Logan seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

D. SW 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET RESURFACING PROJECT- UTILITY CONFLICTS WITH SIGNALS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that FDOT has informed the MTPO that there are conflicts with existing utilities and the installation of mast arm traffic signals within the existing right-of-way at the SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street intersections at SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Radio Road. He discussed conflicts with utilities and the installation of mast arm traffic signals and answered questions.

Ms. Linda Dixon, University of Florida Strategic Planner for University Master Planning, stated that the University of Florida was interested in the installation of mast arms as part of the current project.

Ms. Suraya Teeple, FDOT Regional Administrator, discussed the project's contract letting process and answered questions.

**ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO:**

- 1. pursue a separate project to purchase the necessary right-of-way for the construction of mast arm signals at SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Radio Road; and**
- 2. encourage FDOT continue working with the appropriate agencies to fully investigate the acquisition of the necessary right-of-way through easements.**

**Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

F. STATE (SR) ROAD 222 MEDIAN OPENINGS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Alachua County/Gainesville Regional Airport Authority (AC/GRAA) is requesting the modification of two medians in conjunction with the upcoming SR 222 (NE 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue) resurfacing project. He noted that these medians are outside the resurfacing project area.

Mr. Mac McEachern, G/ACRAA member, asked if this could be pursued as a separate project.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Planner, discussed the median openings and answered questions.

Mr. Dedenbach stated that this project would be deferred until the G/ACRAA and FDOT have further discussion on this project.

G. WEST 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET CORRIDOR CHARRETTE

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Gainesville City Commission has requested that the MTPO consider funding a charrette for the W 6<sup>th</sup> Street corridor in the upcoming fiscal year. He discussed charrette funding and answered questions.

**ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO:**

- 1. allocate \$15,000 of its charrette funds for a W 6<sup>th</sup> Street charrette; and**
- 2. pursue, along with the City of Gainesville, additional funding partners for this charrette.**

**Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

H. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT (TIP) PROGRAM CONSISTENCY REVIEW

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Florida Department of Community Affairs (FDCA) has reviewed the TIP and has found it consistent with the City's and County's comprehensive plans except for two projects. He said that the inconsistent projects are the SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard-SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue road construction project and the SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue reconstruction project. He said that the comprehensive plans could be amended to include these projects.

**ACTION: Suraya Teeple moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the City of Gainesville and the Alachua County Commissions direct their respective staffs to have the SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard-SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue projects incorporated into their comprehensive plans prior to their submittal/transmittal to FDCA this fall. Jeff Logan seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

I. US 441 AND PAYNES PRAIRIE ISSUES

Mr. Dedenbach stated that a member of the MTPO referred some US 441, along Paynes Prairie, safety issue to the advisory committees. He said that the referral requests development of both short and long-term visions/strategies for the corridor.

**ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO send the list of Commissioner Warren Nielsen's concerns to the FDOT's US 441 Bicycle Safety Study consultant and appropriate local and state agencies. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

J. LONG RANGE PLAN AMENDMENT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the MTPO, at its August 16 meeting, approved a motion to schedule a public hearing to consider amending the long range transportation plan to advance the two-laning of University Avenue from priority number 7 to priority number 5.

**ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO not consider amending the long range transportation plan at this time because:**

1. **the current sequencing of the projects in the plan:**
  - A. **was done based on the proposed two-laning of University Avenue;**
  - B. **allows for the evaluation of the Main Street two-laning project; and**
2. **recognizing that the project order:**
  - A. **will have no immediate real effect because this project is many years off; and**
  - B. **will be address in possibly the next two major long range transportation plan updates.**

**Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

K. PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee will hear presentations by consultant candidates on September 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Williams Elementary School cafeteria.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Jeff Logan, Regional Transit System (RTS) Director, introduced Ms. Shenley Neely, RTS Chief Transit Planner.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Dean Mimms, Chair

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