

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
December 4, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Mimms, Chair
Linda Dixon
Greg DuBois
John Gifford
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Debbie Leistner
Shenley Neely
Robert Norton

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bill Lecher, Vice Chair
Chris Bird
Steve Dopp
Bob Elmore
Barbara Hatchitt
Jodi Conway
Mac McEachern

OTHERS PRESENT

Whit Blanton
Kathy Fanning
Cindy Smith
Shawn Woodin

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dean Mimms, City of Gainesville Chief of Comprehensive Planning, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mimms asked the visitors to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, asked the TAC to consider amending the agenda to include a discussion of the MTPO boundary, including establishing a working group.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to approve the meeting agenda, amended to add as Item X. MTPO Boundary Working Group. Robert Norton seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Robert Norton moved to approve the August 28, 2002 minutes. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Mimms announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for January 29.

V. PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE- FINAL REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Plan East Gainesville Community Profile and Preliminary Recommendations Report documents were ready for review.

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Planner, and Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group Principal, discussed the Plan East Gainesville Community Profile and Preliminary Recommendations Report documents and answered questions.

VI. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested comments concerning the Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2003/2004 to 2007/2008. He said that the TAC needs to recommend whether the MTPO should request changes to existing or proposed projects or request that new projects to be added to, or existing projects to be deleted from, this document.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Planner, discussed the Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2003/2004 to 2007/2008 and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the Work Program with the addition that FDOT fund a design study for SW 20th Avenue to determine the remaining priorities in Charrette Phase 1B; and**
- 2. request that FDOT implement as many of the SW 13th Street Charrette strategies as possible into the US 441 resurfacing project (2078497) on page seven.**

Robert Norton seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested that three projects in the TIP be amended. He said that FDOT is requesting the:

1. removal of the Hogtown Creek Landscaping project (2078213), since FDOT could not obtain a maintenance agreement with the City of Gainesville;
2. addition of a US 441 and NW 43rd Street intersection Traffic Signal Update project (2073503), which is the outcome of an Alachua County Traffic Safety Team request for a signal warrant review; and
3. addition of an Interstate-75 Landscaping project (4046277) at the State Road 26 interchange, which is part of a I-75 Corridor Council statewide project.

ACTION: John Gifford moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the TIP amendments requested by FDOT. Robert Norton seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII B/PAB, CAC AND TAC ENHANCEMENT WORKING GROUP

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its August 8th meeting, the MTPO discussed its transportation enhancement priority projects. During this discussion, the MTPO passed a motion to:

“approve the formation of a working group of interested MTPO Advisory Committee members to work over the coming year to identify specific projects from the Countywide Bicycle Master Plan to recommend as enhancement priorities for next year’s List of Priority Projects.”

It was a consensus of the TAC to appoint Rob Avery, Linda Dixon, Debbie Leistner and John Sabatella to the MTPO Enhancement Working Group.

IX. NEXT MTPO CHARRETTE

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its August 8th meeting, the MTPO discussed its List of Priority Projects. He said the MTPO referred to its Advisory Committees the creation of a matrix of future charrettes and for staff to make a presentation to the MTPO concerning previous charrettes.

Ms. Linda Dixon, University of Florida Strategic Planner for Campus Master Planning, noted that the TAC made a charrette recommendation to study the Archer Road/SW 16th Avenue area at its July 10 meeting.

X. MTPO BOUNDARIES WORKING GROUP

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO will soon be considering changes to its boundary. He added that, with the City of Gainesville adding two commissioners next spring, the MTPO bylaws will need to be modified.

It was a consensus of the TAC to appoint Linda Dixon, Brian Kanely, Steve Lachnicht and John Sabatella to the MTPO Boundary Working Group.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Date

Dean Mimms, Chair