

MINUTES

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

NCFRPC Charles F. Justice Conference Room
2009 NW 67th Place
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
February 27, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Robinson, Chair
Jonathan Paul, Vice Chair
Linda Dixon
John Gifford
Steven Hofstetter
Michael Iguina
Debbie Leistner
Ha Nguyen
Karen Taulbee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dekova Batey
Ron Fuller
Harrel Harrison
Scott Koons
Dean Mimms

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Hays
Nick Lepp
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Terry Shaw
Jennifer Spagnoli

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante
Jake Petrosky

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doug Robinson Regional Transit System (RTS) Chief Transit Planner, called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Robinson introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Robinson asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, requested that the agenda be amended to add item VII.B US 441 Bikelanes.

ACTION: Stephen Hofstetter moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to add agenda item VII.B US 441 Bikelanes. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Robinson asked for approval of the January 30, 2008 TAC meeting minutes.

ACTION: Stephen Hofstetter moved to approve the January 30, 2008 TAC meeting minutes. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for March 13th at 3:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the TAC's next meeting is scheduled for March 26th.

V. SW 62ND BOULEVARD CONNECTOR

Mr. Sanderson stated that the County's consultant was prepared to discuss the corridor alternatives for the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector and interim projects.

Ms. Jennifer Spagnoli, Alachua County Traffic Engineer, stated that several alternatives were reviewed by MTPO and County Advisory Committees. She noted that the MTPO, at its December meeting, approved the evaluation criteria and analysis of Alternatives 1 - 4.

Mr. Sanderson reported the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board recommendations.

Mr. Terry Shaw, HNTB Project Manager, discussed the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector alternatives and proposed priority interim projects and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve Alternative #2 (Exhibit 1) and the three Interim Priority Projects (Exhibit 2) because:**
 - A. it is consistent with the MTPO Livable Community Reinvestment Plan policies 2.6 and 2.10;**
 - B. it aligns with the City of Gainesville's planned extension of SW 40th Boulevard south of Archer Road; and**
 - C. the evaluation criteria was biased toward expansion of existing roadway facilities;**
- 2. request that cost estimates be provided for segments north and south of the SW 20th Avenue/SW 62nd Boulevard intersection for the alternatives; and**
- 3. request the identification of sidewalk and other interim projects to support transit on the SW 43rd Street/SW 42nd Street corridor.**

Debbie Leistner seconded; motion passed 6 to 3.

ACTION: Jonathan Paul moved to inform the MTPO:

- 1. that its second choice is Alternative #1 and the three interim projects; and**
- 2. regarding identification of the need for the extensions of :**
 - A. SW 40th Boulevard north to SW 20th Avenue; and**
 - B. SW 24th Avenue west to SW 40th Boulevard extension.**

Stephen Hofstetter seconded; motion failed 3 to 6.

VI. ENHANCEMENT APPLICATION

Mr. Sanderson stated that the SW 34th Street at Hull Road grade-separated crossing enhancement priority does not have an application filed with FDOT. He said that University of Florida (UF) staff was contacted regarding the application.

Ms. Linda Dixon, UF Facilities Planning Director, discussed the status of the application and answered questions. She noted that there were outstanding jurisdiction and maintenance issues to be resolved and that the application may not be completed for the 2008 funding cycle.

VII. UNFUNDED PROJECT PRIORITIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that MTPO staff has developed the draft MTPO List of Priority Projects tables. He said that these tables are developed from input from the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team, Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board, City and County Public Works Departments asked that Alachua County and City of Gainesville Public Works Department, Gainesville Regional Airport, Regional Transit System and the 2025 Livable Community Reinvestment Plan. He and Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Senior Planner, discussed the draft tables and answered questions.

Ms. Ha Nguyen, Alachua County Contract/Design Manager, noted that the County may have some additional recommendations for Table 2- Landscaping Priorities.

ACTION: John Gifford moved to approve the draft List of Priority Projects tables, except Table 2- Landscaping Priorities. Michael Iguina seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII.B US 441 BIKELANES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO Chair received a letter from FDOT indicating that US 441 from Archer Road to NW 23rd Avenue would not be restriped for bikelanes as part of the US 441 Resurfacing Project.

Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist, discussed the MTPO's US 441 bikelane request and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT provide a wide outside curblane consistent with the current striping of the travel lanes on US 441 (from Archer Road (State Road 24) north to NW 23rd Avenue (State Road 120)) as part of the Year 2009 resurfacing project. John Gifford seconded; motion passed 8 to 1.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Date

Doug Robinson, Chair

EXHIBIT 2

SW 62ND BOULEVARD CONNECTOR INTERIM PRIORITY PROJECTS

- SW 40th Boulevard (Archer Road to SW 42nd Avenue) 4-laning/Intersection Modifications
- SW 20th Avenue Smart Bus Bays
- SW 20th Avenue at SW 43rd Street Intersection Modifications