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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
January 29, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Mimms, Chair
Bill Lecher, Vice Chair
Steve Dopp
Bob Elmore
Kathy Fanning
Brian Kanely
Shenley Neely
Robert Norton
Suraya Teeple

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Dixon
Greg DuBois
John Gifford
Barbara Hatchitt
Jodi Conway
Mac McEachern

OTHERS PRESENT

Whit Blanton
Wesley Brewer
Brent Ivy
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Debbie Leistner
Bob Reller
Jacob Riger
John Sabatella
Kevin Shell
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 2:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mimms asked the visitors to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Mimms asked the TAC to approve the agenda.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the meeting agenda. Kathy Fanning seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to approve the December 4, 2002 minutes. Robert Norton seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for February 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He added that the MTPO has scheduled a public hearing on the long range transportation plan for February 20 in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for March 26.

V. TRAFFIC ANALYSIS FOR POTENTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its December 12 meeting, received a presentation on the possible Butler Plaza expansion. He said that during this discussion, the MTPO approved a motion to direct MTPO staff to:

1. *schedule a public hearing to consider amending the long range transportation plan;*
2. *contract with Renaissance Planning Group to test alternative road networks both with and without the proposed Butler Plaza expansion that includes four-lane and two-lane alternatives for SW 62nd Boulevard and SW 24th Avenue; and*
3. *request that Alachua County Public Works Department staff develop cost estimates for the alternatives tested.*

Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group Principal, discussed the Analysis for Potential Amendment to the 2020 Transportation Plan report and answered questions.

Mr. Bill Lecher, Alachua County Public Works Department Civil Engineer III, discussed the cost estimates for the analysis scenarios contained in the Analysis for Potential Amendment to the 2020 Transportation Plan report and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the MTPO staff evaluation of the Analysis for Potential Amendment to the 2020 Transportation Plan report and answered questions. He also discussed the advantages and disadvantages of 4-laning the SW 62nd Boulevard and SW 24th Avenue corridor. He said that he would work with City and County staff to develop an advantage/disadvantage matrix of the evaluated scenarios.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to forward to the MTPO that the TAC:

1. **supports the conclusion of the Analysis for Potential Amendment to the 2020 Transportation Plan report that the results clearly indicate the adequacy of a two lane cross-section for SW 62nd Avenue and SW 24th Avenue and that a four lane cross-section is not warranted; and**

2. **recommends that the MTPO receive additional planning and traffic operations studies before the long range transportation plan is amended.**

Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION DECISION MAKING (ETDM) PROCESS

Chair Mimms stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has asked that the TAC receive a presentation on the ETDM process.

Ms. Suraya Teeple, FDOT Regional Planning Administrator, discussed the ETDM process and answered questions.

It was a consensus of the TAC to convene an hour earlier at its next meeting in order to receive a full presentation on the ETDM process.

VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Sanderson stated that it was time to select a new committee chair and vice-chair.

ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to reappoint Dean Mimms as TAC Chair. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to reappoint Bill Lecher or other Alachua County Public Works Department representative as TAC Vice-Chair. John Sabatella seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Date

Dean Mimms, Chair