

MINUTES

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

Conference Room
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
July 10, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Lecher, Vice Chair
Linda Dixon
Steve Dopp
Bob Elmore
John Gifford
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Debbie Leistner
Jeff Logan
Mac McEachern
Kristen Nowicki
Geoff Sample

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dean Mimms, Chair
Greg DuBois
Barbara Hatchitt
Jodi Hopkins

OTHERS PRESENT

Karen Taulbee

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bill Lecher, Alachua County Public Works Department Civil Engineer II called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Lecher asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to approve the meeting agenda. Mac McEachern seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Bob Elmore moved to approve the May 29, 2002 minutes. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for July 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He added that there would be a Plan East Gainesville Open House on July 16 at 4:30 p.m. at the Gainesville Technology Enterprise Center. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for July 31.

V. PROJECT PRIORITY LISTS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, each year, the MTPO develops recommended transportation priorities for projects that are needed but not currently funded. He said that this information is used by FDOT each fall to develop its Tentative Five Year Work Program. He added that, by Florida Statute, the MTPO's "List of Priority Projects" must be submitted to FDOT by October 1, 2002. He noted that FDOT staff has asked for the MTPO's Fiscal Year 2002 List of Priority Projects as soon as possible so that it may begin development of its Tentative Five Year Work Program. He said that the draft Fiscal Year 2002 List of Priority Projects which includes the recommendations from the ACTST, Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board staff, Regional Transit System staff, City of Gainesville and Alachua County Public Works Department staffs and MTPO staff. He discussed the priorities document and answered questions.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Planner, stated that it is FDOT's understanding that the SR 26 enhancement project is fully funded.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, discussed the RTS bus purchases with federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds in Capacity Modification Priorities and answered questions.

Ms. Joyner-Howard noted that the cost estimate for the purchase of the Hull Road extension right-of-way is \$14,000,000. She discussed the right-of-way issues and answered questions.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft Table 1 Fiscal Year 2002 Capacity Modification Priorities. Mac McEachern seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO to approve a revised draft Table 2 Fiscal Year 2002 Enhancement Priorities-

NUMBER	PROJECT	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
1	SW 20 th Avenue	FM: Tower Road TO: SW 43 rd Street	Add sidewalks, consistent with the Tower Road/SW 24 th Avenue Charrette Project and that the project be constructed consistent with the Alachua County adopted guidelines for the project corridor
2	SW 23 rd Terrace	FM: Williston Road TO: Archer Road	Construct shared-use path
3	North Alachua Rail-Trail	FM: NW 53 rd Avenue TO: US 441	Construct shared-use path on GRU-owned right-of-way
4	N 53 rd Avenue Corridor Trail	FM: NW 34 th Street TO: Waldo Road	Construct shared-use path on GRU-owned right-of-way (County applied for enhancement eligibility in 1993)
5	Waldo Road	FM: NE 47 th Boulevard TO: NE 53 rd Avenue	Construct shared-use path
6	NE 15 th Street Corridor Trail	FM: NE 53 rd Avenue TO: Waldo Road	Construct shared-use path on GRU-owned right-of-way
7	E University Avenue	FM: E 2 nd Street TO: Waldo Road	Construct pedestrian refuge islands and landscaped medians
8	S 2 nd Avenue	FM: SW 13 th Street TO: SE 7 th Street	Construct landscaped medians
9	SE 21 st Avenue	FM: SE 27 th Street TO: SE 35 th Street	Add sidewalks and bus bays
10	Village Drive	FM: Museum Road TO: SW 2 nd Avenue	Install sidewalks

Jeff Logan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft Table 3 Fiscal Year 2002 Public Transportation Priorities. Linda Dixon seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft Table 4 Fiscal Year 2002 Safety Priorities. Jeff Logan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft Table 5 Fiscal Year 2002 Traffic Operations Priorities. Linda Dixon seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft Table 6 Fiscal Year 2002 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Funds. Linda Dixon seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft Table 7 Fiscal Year 2002 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5311-Nonurbanized Area Formula Program. Steve Dopp seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dedenbach discussed additional recommendations by:

1. the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board staff that requests that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) list as separate line items the purchase of lift-equipped paratransit vans and the purchase of buses with Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds in its Work Program.
2. the Alachua Community Traffic Safety Team (ACTST) that supports a project development and environment (PD&E) Study to be conducted for the State Road 26/26A 1-way pair option, and also requests that the MTPO add this as a safety concern. The ACTST supports the State Road 26/26A 1-way pair as the best safety option for bicyclists, pedestrians, and the motoring public which includes private vehicles, transit vehicles, emergency and law enforcement vehicles, and school buses;
3. a member of the CAC who requests the installation of the MTPO-approved crosswalk treatment at the signalized intersections of US 441 from SW 9th Road to NW 10th Avenue.

Mr. Jeff Logan, Regional Transit System Director and Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed the purchase of lift-equipped van with STP funding as a separate item in the TIP and answered questions.

It was a consensus of the TAC to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT modify the project description in the FDOT Work Program for FIN # 4048331 to include the purchase of lift-equipped vans for each year in the TIP.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO allocate funding for a SW 16th Avenue/Archer Road Area charrette when the Plan East Gainesville project is completed. Jeff Logan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft List of Priority Projects document incorporating the previous changes. Linda Dixon seconded, motion passed unanimously.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Date

Dean Mimms, Chair