

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
July 31, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Mimms, Chair
Bill Lecher, Vice Chair
Linda Dixon
Steve Dopp
Bob Elmore
John Gifford
Debbie Leistner
Jeff Logan
Kristen Nowicki
Geoff Sample
Suraya Teeple

MEMBERS ABSENT

Greg DuBois
Barbara Hatchitt
Jodi Hopkins
Mac McEachern

OTHERS PRESENT

Doreen Joyner-Howard
Shenley Neely
Peter Moore
Chuck Pigeon

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

It was a consensus of the TAC to approve the meeting agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to approve the July 10, 2002 minutes, amended to indicate that Jeff Logan moved to approve the meeting agenda, with Mac McEachern seconding. Bob Elmore seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for August 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for August 28.

V. SW 24TH AVENUE

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Alachua County Public Works Department (ACPWD) presented 60 percent plans to the MTPO Design Team at its last meeting.

Mr. Bill Lecher, ACPWD Civil Engineer II, Mr. Chuck Pigeon, Berryman & Henigar Project Manager, and Mr. Peter Moore, Berryman & Henigar Project Engineer, discussed the proposed SW 24th Avenue road construction project and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the Alachua County Commission and the MTPO approve the SW 24th Avenue 60 percent design plans with the following conditions:

- A. revise the landscape plans to:
 - 1. maximize preservation of existing trees;**
 - 2. incorporate the written comments of the City Arborist;**
 - 3. balance plant diversity and streetscape continuity;**
 - 4. replace median trees with shade-tree species; and**
 - 5. coordinate the tree planting plan with the street lighting plan;****
- B. consult with Mr. Michael Wallwork to review the roundabout plan for possible over design, including over-exaggerated sidewalk curvature;**
- C. move the pedestrian crossing in the roundabout closer to the yield line consistent with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines;**
- D. provide a signalized intersection at State Road 121;**
- E. install cobrahead lights, that meet City of Gainesville standards, with black fixtures and black concrete aggregate poles; and**
- F. recognize that the design includes an eastbound left turnlane and eastbound right turnlane at SW 34th Street.**

Jeff Logan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (RTS) COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS (COA)

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the MTPO, at its February 15, 2001 meeting, approved conducting a COA of the Regional Transit System. He said that the RTS staff has submitted their COA and introduced Mr. Jeff Logan, RTS Director, discussed the COA and answered questions.

VII. DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2002- MTPO LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

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 Florida Department of Transportation (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 was recommended by the TAC, includes the recommendations from the ACTST, Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board staff, Regional Transit System staff, City of Gainesville and ACPWD staffs and MTPO staff. He and Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, discussed additional recommendations by the:

1. the Gainesville Regional Airport Director that support several intermodal projects that facilitate access to the airport; and
2. MTPO staff that recommends a list of enhancement projects based on the benefit:cost priorities in the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan and an additional project recommended by City staff.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO to approve:

1. 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	South Main Street	FM: Williston Road TO: S 16 th Avenue	Landscape medians
3	SW 34 th Street	FM: Archer Road TO: W University Avenue	Colorize bikelanes

2. **the establishment of a working group to evaluate the data in the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan in order to develop projects for the Fiscal Year 2003 Enhancement Priorities.**

Jeff Logan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Phil Mann, City of Gainesville Traffic Engineer, discussed the City's request for an annual corridor signal retiming priority and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft Table 6 Fiscal Year 2002 Traffic Operations Priorities, amended to:

1. **revise priority number 1 to be evaluate the need for a right turnlane; and**
2. **include an annual corridor signal retiming study as the new priority 3.**

Jeff Logan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft Table 3 Fiscal Year 2002 Intermodal Connectivity Priorities. John Gifford seconded, motion passed unanimously.

IX. BIMONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the MTPO staff proposed bimonthly meeting schedule and answered questions.

ACTION: Bob Elmore moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the proposed bimonthly meeting schedule. Geoff Sample seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. FDOT STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM VIDEO

Mr. Dedenbach stated that FDOT has requested an opportunity to show its Strategic Intermodal System video and introduced Ms. Suraya Teeple, FDOT Transportation Planner, who discussed the Florida Strategic Intermodal System and answered questions.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Date

Dean Mimms, Chair