

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
June 1, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Lecher, Chair
Dean Mimms, Vice Chair
Linda Dixon
Steve Dopp
John Gifford
Gina Hawkins
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Onelia Lazzari
Shenley Neely
Kristen Nowicki

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Crider
David Deas
Kathy Fanning
Scott Fox
Brian Kanely

OTHERS PRESENT

William Barber
Karen Taulbee
Myrna Widmer

STAFF PRESENT

Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill Lecher, Alachua County Design/Contract Manager, noted that there was no a full TAC quorum present, and called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. so that the TAC Level of Service Subcommittee could discuss agenda item V. SW 24th Avenue Level of Service.

V. SW 24TH AVENUE LEVEL OF SERVICE

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Principal Planner, stated that the Alachua County Public Works Department staff requested reevaluation of Roadway Section A-15, SW 20th Avenue from Tower Road to SW 62nd Boulevard. He discussed the ARTPLAN results and answered questions. He asked the TAC Subcommittee members to approve the staff recommendation.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to:

- 1. not change the level of service (LOS) analysis results for Roadway Section A-15, SW 20th Avenue from Tower Road to SW 62nd Boulevard, but make a notation in the LOS Tables that the maximum service volume in under review; and**
- 2. validate the analysis of the facility as early as possible in the fall semester.**

Onelia Lazzari seconded; motion passed 4 to 2.

A quorum of the TAC was present.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Lecher introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Lecher asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to approve the meeting agenda. Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Lecher asked for approval of the April 20, 2005 TAC meeting minutes.

ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to approve the April 20, 2005 TAC meeting minutes. Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Escalante announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for June 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for July 13.

Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, noted that a workshop on the SW 20th Avenue Charrette area will be conducted as part of the June 29th MTPO.

VI. UNFUNDED PROJECT PRIORITIES

Mr. Hill asked the TAC to readdress Table 5- Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities. He noted that the SW 62nd Boulevard Extension priority was the only difference between the TAC and Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations.

The TAC discussed the priorities and took no action.

VII. NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL- NEWBERRY ROAD AND NW 48TH BOULEVARD

Mr. Hill stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has determined that the Newberry Road and NW 48th Boulevard intersection meets warrants for a traffic signal. He discussed the Design Team recommendation and answered questions.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT District 2 Transportation Specialist, discussed the traffic warrant analysis and traffic signal design plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to recommend that the MTPO approve:

- 1. the Florida Department of Transportation Traffic Signal Update Project for the Newberry Road and NW 48th Boulevard intersection; and**
- 2. request that the Florida Department of Transportation:**
 - A. conduct a speed study after the traffic signal is installed;**
 - B. install pedestrian countdown signals; and**
 - C. install stamped/hued pedestrian crosswalks once an acceptable material is identified.**

Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. RESURFACING PROJECT- WALDO ROAD
(UNIVERSITY AVENUE NORTH TO NE 55TH PLACE)

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT submitted 60 percent design plan for the SR 24 Resurfacing Project for review and recommendation. He discussed the Design Team recommendation and answered questions.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed the resurfacing project and answered questions.

ACTION: John Gifford moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the Florida Department of Transportation 60 percent resurfacing design plans for State Road 24 (Waldo Road) from East University Avenue North to NE 55th Place; and**
- 2. request that the Florida Department of Transportation reserve funds to install stamped/hued pedestrian crosswalks once an acceptable material is identified.**

Kristen Nowicki seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. RESURFACING PROJECT- NW 39TH AVENUE (I-75 EAST TO NW 43RD STREET)

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT submitted 60 percent design plan for the SR 222 Resurfacing Project for review and recommendation. He discussed the Design Team recommendation and answered questions.

ACTION: Kristen Nowicki moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the Florida Department of Transportation 60 percent resurfacing design plans for NW 39th Avenue from Interstate-75 east to NW 43rd Street;**
- 2. request that FDOT reserve funding to install stamped/hued pedestrian crosswalks once an acceptable material is identified; and**
- 3. request that the City and County work with FDOT to incorporate landscaping into the project that would be locally maintained.**

Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. RESURFACING PROJECT- NW 34TH STREET (NW 5TH AVENUE TO US 441)

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT is seeking input on the proposed design concepts for the scoping phase of the State Road 121 from NW 5th Avenue to US 441 resurfacing project. He discussed the Design Team recommendation and answered questions.

ACTION: John Gifford moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Florida Department of Transportation incorporate the following design concepts for the State Road 121 from NW 5th Avenue to US 441 Resurfacing Project:

- 1. reserve funds to incorporate the MTPO approved stamped/hued crosswalks at signalized intersections once an acceptable material is identified;**
- 2. improve any sidewalk sections that are not in compliance with FDOT and Federal ADA standards;**
- 3. examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc...) for potential safety and operational improvements;**
- 4. upgrade and add guardrails as required; and**
- 5. repair or replace damaged cross drains;**

Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**XI. RESURFACING PROJECT- NW 6TH STREET/NW 8TH AVENUE
(MAIN STREET TO US 441)**

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT is seeking preliminary design concept recommendations for the State Road 20 from Main Street to US 441 resurfacing project. He discussed the Design Team recommendation and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Florida Department of Transportation incorporate the following design concepts for the State Road 20 from Main Street to US 441 Resurfacing Project:

- 1. reserve funds to incorporate the MTPO approved stamped/hued pedestrian crosswalks at signalized intersections once an acceptable material is identified;**
- 2. improve any sidewalk sections that are not in compliance with FDOT and Federal ADA standards;**
- 3. examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc...) for potential safety and operational improvements;**
- 4. consider reconstruction of the State Road 20 and US 441 intersection;**
- 5. install raised medians along NW 8th Avenue between NW 6th Street and Main Street**
- 6. install paved shoulders along the rural section south of US 441 that could be designated as bicycle lanes; and**
- 7. correct the alignment at the 1100 block of NW 6th Street.**

Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. CONSTRUCTION PROJECT- S. MAIN STREET (S. 16TH AVENUE TO DEPOT AVENUE)

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT is seeking preliminary design concept recommendations for the Main Street Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) from S. 16th Avenue to Depot Avenue access management project. He noted that the raised medians may impact the existing onstreet parking. He discussed the Design Team recommendation and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Florida Department of Transportation incorporate the following design concepts for the Main Street from S. 16th to Depot Avenue Strategic Intermodal System Project:

- 1. add raised medians; and**
- 2. that onstreet parking be kept, if possible.**

John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XIII. SIGNAL UPDATE- SW 16TH AVENUE

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT is seeking preliminary design concept recommendations for the SW 16th Avenue at SW 6th Street and at S. Main Street Traffic Signal Update Project. He noted that the FDOT proposal does not include the MTPO policy-recommended mast arms. He discussed the Design Team recommendation and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Florida Department of Transportation incorporate the following design concepts for the SW 16th Avenue at SW 6th Street and at S. Main Street Traffic Signal Update Project:

- 1. update existing controller cabinet;**
- 2. add traffic signal preemption system device;**
- 3. update existing signal heads and pedestrian heads with light-emitting diode (LED) equipment; and**
- 4. include pedestrian countdown signals.**

John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XIV. EVALUATION MATRICES

Mr. Hill discussed a draft Year 2025 Transportation Plan Alternative Evaluation Format and answered questions.

XV. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Date

Bill Lecher, Chair