

MINUTES

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

Multi-Purpose Meeting Room
Gainesville Regional Utilities
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
March 27, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Bill Lecher, Vice Chair Linda Dixon Steve Dopp Greg DuBois Doreen Joyner-Howard Brian Kanelly Mac McEachern Shenley Neely	Dean Mimms, Chair Chris Bird Rick Drummond Bob Elmore Barbara Hatchitt Jodi Hopkins Tom Saunders	Joe Montalto Dom Nozzi Chris Simoneaux Karen Taulbee Fred Wright	Marlie Sanderson Gerry Dedenbach Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bill Lecher, Alachua County Public Works Department Engineer II, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Lecher introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, requested approval of the agenda amended to delete item V.G.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to delete item V.G. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Mac McEachern moved to approve the February 27, 2002 minutes. Linda Dixon 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 April 11 at 1:30 p.m. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for May 1.

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the Plan East Gainesville charrette scheduled for April 5-7, with a pre-charrette meeting scheduled for April 4, and the City of Gainesville's West 6th Street charrette scheduled for April 9.

V. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED- LISTED IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

B. STATE ROAD (SR) 26/26A LIGHTING ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its March 19 meeting, the Design Team discussed SR 26/26A lighting alternatives analysis. He reported the Design Team's recommendations.

Mr. Fred Wright, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Project Consultant Manager, and Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Planner, discussed the SR 26/26A lighting alternatives analysis and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to refer the SR 26/26A lighting to the Design Team until the City has addressed the Lumec Renaissance Series (teardrop) luminaires alternative. Brian Kanely seconded. Greg DuBois called the question; question call passed 6 to 3. Motion passed 5 to 4.

C. STATE ROAD 26/26A- TRAFFIC ENGINEER REVIEW SCOPE OF WORK

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its March 14 meeting, discussed the State Road 26A reconstruction project. He said that during this discussion, the MTPO approved a motion to:

“direct staff to bring back to the MTPO a scope of work which includes the following:

- 1. review the FDOT's design for State Road 26A west of SW 34th Street;*
- 2. compare the FDOT design to the staff design and the MTPO's adopted Livable Community Reinvestment Plan; and*
- 3. provide a report back to the MTPO.”*

He discussed the March 19, 2002 letter from Mr. Aage Schroder, FDOT District 2 Secretary, to the Mr. Robert Hutchinson, MTPO Chair. He then discussed a revised scope of work and answered questions.

Ms Joyner-Howard requested that NW 43rd Street be included in the analysis.

Ms. Linda Dixon, University of Florida Strategic Planner for University Master Planning, suggested that item 4 of the revised scope should include a statement: “provide a professional opinion backed up by technical information.”

Mr. Sanderson stated that these changes could be made.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the revised Traffic Engineer Review Scope of Work. John Gifford seconded; motion passed 6 to 3.

ACTION: Greg DuBois moved to recommend that the MTPO not proceed with the second opinion of FDOT’s SR 26A design as it is unjustified, but rather proceed with an alternative mediation process with FDOT, such as jurisdictional transfer of the this corridor. Linda Dixon seconded; motion failed 4 to 5.

D. STATE ROAD 26/26A- YEAR 2020 TRAFFIC VOLUMES

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the MTPO, at its March 14 meeting, discussed the State Road 26A roadway project. He said that the MTPO requested that staff report back with an estimate of the impact of the SW 62nd Boulevard-SW 24th Avenue corridor on the right turn movement activity from SW 2nd Avenue onto SW 34th Street. He and Mr. Sanderson discussed staff’s review of the traffic volumes.

E. CO-LOCATING FDOT SIGNS ON UTILITY POLES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its December 13 meeting, requested the co-location of traffic signage on Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) poles. He said that FDOT would consider co-locating its signs on GRU poles if it receives a letter of request from the City of Gainesville.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the City of Gainesville send a letter of request to FDOT to consider co-location of traffic signage on GRU poles. Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

F. TRANSPORTATION DESIGN FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (TDLC)

1. MTPO URBAN DESIGN POLICY MANUAL

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Design Team, at its March 19 meeting, discussed TDLC. He discussed the TDLC policy. He said that during this discussion, the Design Team recommended that the TDLC policy be incorporated into the MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO amend its Urban Design Policy Manual to include FDOT's Transportation Design for Livable Communities (TDLC) policy. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

2. STATE ROAD 26/26A DESIGNATION

Mr. Sanderson stated that during the Design Team's discussion on TDLC, at its March 19 meeting, it recommended that the SR 26/26A corridor be designated as a TDLC corridor.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to recommend that the MTPO retroactively designate State Road 26/26A from NW 38th Street to North-South Drive as a TDLC corridor. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

3. FUTURE DESIGNATIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that during the Design Team's discussion on TDLC, at its March 19 meeting, it recommended that the MTPO direct staff to work with City and County Planning Department staff to identify other Transportation Design for Livable Communities (TDLC) corridors."

ACTION: Greg DuBois moved to recommend that the MTPO direct staff to work with City and County Planning Department staff to identify other Transportation Design for Livable Communities (TDLC) corridors. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Date

Dean Mimms, Chair