

MINUTES

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

Conference Room
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Building
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
May 19, 2004

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Bill Lecher, Chair Linda Dixon Edward Gable Shenley Neely Geoff Sample Suraya Teeple Shawn Woodin	Jennifer Auger Chris Bird Greg DuBois Charles Justice Brian Kanely Allan Penska David Richardson Tom Saunders	Doreen Joyner-Howard Justin Kristan Kristen Nowicki Kathleen Pagan	Marlie Sanderson Thomas Hill Michael Escalante Navin Jani

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill Lecher, Alachua County Contract/Design Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Lecher introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, noted that there was a request for modifications to the Archer Road/S 16th Avenue Charrette document and this item should be deferred until the June TAC meeting.

Chair Lecher asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

It was a consensus of the TAC members present to approve the meeting agenda, amended to defer the Archer Road/S 16th Avenue Charrette item until the June TAC meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Lecher asked for a consensus approval of the April 28, 2004 TAC meeting minutes.

It was a consensus of the TAC members present to approve the April 28, 2004 TAC meeting minutes.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for May 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for May 26.

VI. ALACHUA COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its November 20th meeting, authorized its staff to contract with the University of Florida (UF) School of Architecture to prepare the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Update. He said that the consultant has completed its work.

Mr. Martin Gold, UF Associate Professor, discussed the Plan Update and answered questions.

Ms. Linda Dixon, University of Florida Planning Office Manager, suggested calling the document an addendum since it is not intended to replace the 2001 Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan.

It was a consensus of TAC members present to recommend that the MTPO approve the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Addendum as a completed document.

VII. RESURFACING PROJECT- US 441 (WILLISTON ROAD SOUTH TO THE MARION COUNTY LINE)

Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has developed scoping concepts for the US 441 from the Marion County line to Williston Road Resurfacing Project. He discussed the project area. He noted that the Town of Micanopy has requested that FDOT extend the bicycle lanes south to the County Road 234 East intersection.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Specialist, discussed the US 441 from the Marion County line to Williston Road Resurfacing Project and answered questions. She noted that FDOT responded to the Town of Micanopy request indicating that 5-foot bikelanes would be placed between West CR 234 and East CR 234 and 4-foot paved shoulders from East CR 234 to the Marion County line.

A majority of the TAC members present recommended that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) project concepts to resurface and to examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc...) for potential safety and operational improvements; and**
- 2. request that FDOT, as part of this resurfacing project, extend the rumble strips and bikelanes from West County Road 234 (just north of the Town of Micanopy) to the Marion County line.**

**VIII. RESURFACING PROJECT- US 441
(ARCHER ROAD SOUTH TO WILLISTON ROAD)**

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT has completed 60 percent design plans for the US 441 from Williston Road to Archer Road Resurfacing Project.

Mr. Hill, Ms. Joyner-Howard and Ms. Myrna Widmer, FDOT Project Manager, discussed the US 441 from Williston Road to Archer Road Resurfacing Project 60 percent design plans and answered questions.

It was a consensus of the TAC members present to recommend that the MTPO approve US 441 from Williston Road to Archer Road Resurfacing Project 60 percent design plans.

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

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT has developed scoping concepts for the NW 39th Avenue from Interstate 75 to NW 43rd Street Resurfacing Project.

Mr. Hill, Ms. Joyner-Howard and Ms. Widmer discussed the NW 39th Avenue from Interstate 75 to NW 43rd Street Resurfacing Project and answered questions.

Ms. Suraya Teeple, FDOT Regional Planning Administrator, noted that NW 39th Avenue has been designated as part of the Florida Strategic Intermodal System.

A majority of the TAC members present recommended that the MTPO approve the following Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) project concepts since they are consistent with the MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual:

- 1. incorporate the MTPO approved stamped/colored crosswalks at signalized intersections;**
- 2. improve any sidewalk sections that are not in compliance with FDOT and Federal ADA standards; and**

3. **examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc...) for potential safety and operational improvements (including closing unnecessary left turnlanes where they may not be needed or appropriate);**
4. **consider narrowing the travel lanes to accommodate 5-foot bikelanes; and**
5. **consider additional vegetation on the medians that are reconstructed.**

X. RESURFACING PROJECT- WILLISTON ROAD
(SW 34TH STREET SOUTH TO US 441)

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has completed 60 percent design plans for the Williston Road from SW 34th Street to US 441 Resurfacing Project.

Ms. Joyner-Howard and Ms. Widmer discussed the Williston Road from SW 34th Street to US 441 Resurfacing Project 60 percent design plans and answered questions.

It was a consensus of the TAC to recommend that the MTPO approve the Williston Road from SW 34th Street to US 441 Resurfacing Project 60 percent design plans with the following additional recommendations:

1. **extend the resurfacing project approximately 50 feet north along SW 23rd Terrace to abut the City of Gainesville resurfacing project limit;**
2. **where traffic separators are reconstructed, the bullnoses of these separators shall be stamped brick pattern consistent with the MTPO-approved design;**
3. **request that FDOT conduct a traffic speed study.**

XII. FISCAL YEARS 2004/2005 - 2008/2009
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TIP is the most important document that is approved annually by the MTPO. He said that the TIP is a staged implementation program of transportation projects consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with adopted comprehensive plans of Alachua County and the City of Gainesville. He added that, in order for Federal transportation funds to be spent in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, they must be approved by the MTPO and included in this report. He noted that this year's document authorizes about \$28 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next three year period.

It was a consensus of the TAC members present to recommend that the MTPO approve the Fiscal Years 2004/2005 - 2008/2009 Transportation Improvement Program.

XIV. SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its January 28 meeting, recommended that the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team appoint three member to work with School Board of Alachua County staff to address the issues discussed in Sergeant Giles January 13 letter.

Mr. Lecher and Mr. Ed Gable, School Board of Alachua County, discussed the School Transportation Subcommittee Report and answered questions.

It was a consensus of the TAC members present to recommend that the MTPO accept the Sub-Committee recommendations and forward them on to the Gainesville City Commission, Alachua County Commission and the School Board of Alachua County for their consideration in budgeting the necessary resources to implement the recommendations and continue to work on modifications to the interlocal agreement.

XI. SW 24TH AVENUE DESIGN PLANS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the SW 24th Avenue 90 Percent Design Plans are completed.

Mr. Chuck Pigeon, Berryman & Henigar, discussed the SW 24th Avenue 90 Percent Design Plans and answered questions.

It was a consensus of the TAC to recommend that the Alachua County Commission approve the SW 24th Avenue 90 Percent Design Plans.

XV. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Date

Bill Lecher, Chair