

MINUTES

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

Gainesville Regional Utilities General Purpose Room  
301 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
May 31, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Lecher, Chair  
Dean Mimms, Vice Chair  
Dekova Batey  
Michelle Danisofzky  
Linda Dixon  
Kathy Fanning  
Ron Fuller  
Doreen Joyner-Howard  
Brian Kanely  
Kristen Nowicki  
Doug Robinson

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Deas  
Charles Justice  
David Richardson

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Fay  
Steve Githens  
Debbie Leistner  
Charles Swallows  
Karen Taulbee

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Brian Waterman  
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill Lecher, Alachua County Design/Contract Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

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.

A member of the TAC requested discussion of the Campus Development Agreement.

**ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to include IX.C Campus Development Agreement. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Lecher asked for approval of the April 19, 2006 TAC meeting minutes.

**ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to approve the April 19, 2006 TAC meeting minutes.  
Kristen Nowicki 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 June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the TAC's next meeting is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### V. URBAN VILLAGE- ACTION PLAN

Mr. Sanderson state that the MTPO, at its May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting discussed the Urban Village: Southwest 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Transportation Design Proposal. During this discussion, the MTPO approved a motion to send letters to Alachua County, the City of Gainesville, the Florida Department of Transportation and the University of Florida requesting that they work with MTPO staff to develop within 60 days proposals and action items to implement the Urban Village: SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Transportation Design Proposal. He discussed that Action Plan and answered questions.

Mr. Michael Fay, Alachua County Assistant Public Works Director, discussed Community Development Districts characteristics.

Ms. Linda Dixon, University of Florida Planning Office Manager, noted that there is a process through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to enable access and/or easement on Hull Road.

Chair Lecher discussed transportation projects that the County and its Consultant are undertaking, including the extension of SW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to connect with SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue via SW 61<sup>st</sup> Street.

**ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the following recommended action items contained in the attached report entitled Urban Village- Action Plan,**

- 1. appoint an MTPO Village Subcommittee comprised of two City Commissioners and two County Commissioners, assisted by City, County and MTPO staffs; and a Steering Committee with representation from groups such as the:**
  - A. Florida Department of Transportation;**
  - B. Gainesville Chamber of Commerce;**
  - C. Gainesville Home Builders Association;**
  - D. University of Florida; and**
  - E. Other Stakeholders, etc.;**
- 2. use the MTPO Village Subcommittee to oversee joint City of Gainesville/ Alachua County land use planning for the Village area;**

3. **request that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) complete its Project, Development and Environmental Study for SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue using the MTPO approved auto-merge (a) design;**
4. **request that a partnership be formed to fund an Alachua County general planning consultant to develop the following by December 31<sup>st</sup>:**
  - A. **proposed Alachua County comprehensive plan amendments needed to implement the Village vision contained in the *Urban Village: Southwest 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Transportation Design Proposal*;**
  - B. **recommendations concerning the specific type of concurrency management system that should apply to the Village area;**
  - C. **a design template for Village transit-oriented development;**
  - D. **funding recommendations, including consideration of whether a community development district should be designated for the Village area;**
5. **include in the Action Plan:**
  - A. **any technical modifications from various TAC members;**
  - B. **a description of a joint funding mechanism among the City, County and MTPO with a request for participation of the University of Florida;**
6. **request that a project, development and environment (PD&E) study be done for the Radio Road extension if it is determined to be critical to the Village development; and**
7. **request that the University of Florida request the Florida Department of Environmental Protection/Division of State Lands to provide either a public access easement to the developer and/or a deed transfer to a local government for the Hull Road right-of-way on the University campus west of SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street. [Note that this may also be necessary for the Radio Road extension.]**

**Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## VI. HULL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) ALIGNMENT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO at its May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, decided to have the Advisory Committees develop recommendations concerning whether the MTPO should continue to include in the community's long range transportation plan a project to acquire 150 foot of right-of-way for the Hull Road Extension. He said that MTPO staff has developed and tested numerous alignment scenarios to determine if Hull Road is needed and, if so, the functional classification of

this facility. He suggested that because of the complexity of this issue, that the TAC review the Hull Road ROW in stages, 1. the proposed alignment, 2. the functional classification, 3. the facility cross-section, and 4. the alignment of the Hull Road Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail.

Mr. Brian Waterman, MTPO Senior Planner, discussed the Hull Road extension modeling analyses and answered questions.

**ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO:**

- 1. approve Option J- Grid Network, with a Two Lane Collector or above for Hull Road, and Radio Road Extension as the future roadway network for the Village area north of SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and**
- 2. request that the Advisory Committees develop a recommended cross-section.**

**Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## VII. UNFUNDED PROJECT PRIORITIES

Mr. Sanderson 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, 2006. He noted that FDOT staff has asked for the MTPO's Fiscal Years 2007/2008 - 2011/2012 List of Priority Projects as soon as possible so that it may begin development of its Tentative Five Year Work Program. He reported that the draft Fiscal Years 2007/2008 - 2011/2012 List of Priority Projects includes the recommendations from the Alachua County/Gainesville Regional Airport Authority Director, Alachua County Traffic Safety Team, Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board, Regional Transit System staff, City of Gainesville and Alachua County Public Works Department staffs and MTPO staff. He discussed the document and answered questions.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Specialist, suggested that the termini in Table 1 Enhancement Priorities be modified to conform to the MTPO-approved Option M.

**ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 1 Enhancement Priorities. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed creating a project, development and environment (PD&E) study priorities table and answered questions.

**ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 3 Project, Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Priorities. Kristen Nowicki seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Strategic Intermodal System Priorities and answered questions.

**ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 8 Strategic Intermodal System Priorities. Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities and answered questions.

**ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 9 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Traffic Operations Priorities- State Highway System (SHS) Only and answered questions.

**ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 10 Traffic Operations Priorities- State Highway System (SHS) Only. Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Transit Corridor Development Priorities and answered questions.

**ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 11 Transit Corridor Development Priorities. Kristen Nowicki seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Funds and answered questions.

**ACTION: Kathy Fanning moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 12 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Funds. Doug Robinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5311- Nonurbanized Area Formula and answered questions.

**ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 13 Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5311- Nonurbanized Area Formula. Kathy Fanning seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson discussed Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities and answered questions.

**ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 14 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Dixon discussed her concerns regarding the project on Table 6 Safe Routes to School Priorities.

Mr. Sanderson said that the list could be submitted to FDOT and then later be amended, if necessary.

Mr. Steve Githens, School Board of Alachua County Director of Transportation, recommended that the MTPO submit the list as is for now.

#### VIII. STATE ROAD (SR) 329 MEDIAN CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Mr. Waterman stated that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizen's Advisory Committee, at their April 19<sup>th</sup> meetings recommended that the issue of the pedestrian island constructed in the intersection of S. Main Street at S. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue (north approach) be deferred until City of Gainesville and Alachua County Public Works Department staff have the opportunity to discuss the traffic operations issues with FDOT staff. He reported that the City of Gainesville Public Works Department staff has reviewed the construction plans for this intersection and concluded that the inclusion of the pedestrian island would create an unworkable intersection. He recommended that this pedestrian island should not be constructed.

Chair Lecher discussed access management issues regarding the medians based on City and County staff field observations.

Ms. Joyner-Howard noted that any City and County recommended revisions will appear in the 90 percent plans and that they would be brought back as an information item only.

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

- 1. approve the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) 60 percent plans revised to eliminate the 2-foot median strips;**
- 2. review the 90 percent plans as an information-only item; and**
- 3. have the City plant 10 shade trees in the medians, provided the issue of maintenance is addressed.**

**Michelle Danisovszky seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

C. Campus Development Agreement

Ms. Linda Dixon discussed Campus Development Agreement projects for the newly adopted Campus Master Plan and answered questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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Date

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Bill Lecher, Chair