MINUTES

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

Gainesville Regional Utilities General Purpose Room
301 SE 4th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida
2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
November 28, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT
Dean Mimms, Chair
Doug Robinson, Vice Chair
Linda Dixon
Ron Fuller
John Gifford
Steven Hoffstetter
Michael Iguina
Ha Kurz
Debbie Leistner
Jonathan Paul
Karen Taulbee

MEMBERS ABSENT
Dekova Batey
Ed Gable
Scott Koons

OTHERS PRESENT
Erik Bredfeldt
Ben Chumley
Doreen Joyner-Howard

STAFF PRESENT
Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dean Mimms City of Gainesville Chief of Comprehensive Planning, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mimms introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Mimms asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

ACTION: Doug Robinson moved to approve the meeting agenda. Ron Fuller seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Mimms asked for approval of the October 24, 2007 TAC meeting minutes.
ACTION: Doug Robinson moved to approve the October 24, 2007 TAC meeting minutes. Steven Hoffstetter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the TAC’s next meeting is scheduled for January 9th at the Regional Planning Council.

V. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has submitted its Tentative Five Year Work Program to the MTPO for review and comment.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the MTPO staff’s review of the Work Program and answered questions.

Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist, and Ms. Debbie Leistner, City of Gainesville Transportation Planner, also discussed Tentative Work Program projects and answered questions.

ACTION: John Gifford moved to recommend that the MTPO authorize the MTPO Chair to forward the following FDOT Tentative Work Program review comments:

1. request that FDOT move $250,000 in Fiscal Years 2011, 2012 and 2013 for paratransit vans to the number two priority in the Year Livable Community Reinvestment Plan Cost Feasible Plan- widen SE 16th Avenue (Main Street to Williston Road) to four lanes; and

2. request that FDOT re-stripe that travel lanes on US 441 (from Archer Road to NW 23rd Avenue) to add instreet bikelanes as part of the upcoming Year 2009 resurfacing project (FIN #2078499).

Jonathan Paul seconded; motion passed 10 to 1.

VII. RECOMMENDED LAND USE SCENARIO FOR THE URBAN VILLAGE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO Urban Village Planning Team has completed its report.

Mr. Ben Chumley, Alachua County Senior Planner, discussed the Urban Village Implementation Plan and answered questions.
ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO:

1. adopt “Plan 5” with the densities as presented;

2. request that the Planning Team ask the Florida Department of Community Affairs if it has any creative options that will allow unlimited densities in the Urban Village; and

3. authorize the MTPO Chair to send letters to the Alachua County Commission Chair and Mayor of the City of Gainesville to:

   A. request that the City of Gainesville and Alachua County Commissions initiate joint Comprehensive Plan Amendments to implement the “Plan 5” land use scenario for the Urban Village, including establishment of a joint Multimodal Transportation District (MMTD);

   B. request that the City of Gainesville and Alachua County include policies in their comprehensive plan amendments that lead to future land development regulation design standards that support the Urban Village concept without requiring structured parking at this time;

   C. request that City of Gainesville and Alachua County staffs work with MTPO staff to identify a local grid network for corridor preservation and testing in the next long range transportation plan update; and

   D. request that City of Gainesville, Alachua County and Regional Transit System staffs work with MTPO and FDOT staffs to specify appropriate transit level of service and dedicated transit facilities in the study area for testing in the next long range transportation plan update and use in the SW 20th Avenue Preliminary Engineering (PE) Study.

John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Date                  Dean Mimms, Chair