

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 29, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Mimms, Vice Chair
Dekova Batey
Michelle Danisofzky
Linda Dixon
Ron Fuller
John Gifford
Steve Githens
Jesus Gomez
Brian Kanely
Kristen Nowicki
John Sabatela
Karen Taulbee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Bird
Scott Koons

OTHERS PRESENT

Doreen Joyner-Howard
Debbie Leistner
Chandler Otis
Doug Robinson
Bob Smith

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Brian Waterman
Michael Escalante

Vice Chair Dean Mimms, City of Gainesville Chief of Comprehensive Planning, asked Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, to chair the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sanderson called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Sanderson introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Sanderson asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to approve the meeting agenda. Kristen Nowicki seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mr. Sanderson asked for approval of the September 20, 2006 TAC meeting minutes.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to approve the September 20, 2006 TAC meeting minutes. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the TAC's next meeting is scheduled for January 10th.

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is requesting two TIP amendments. He said that one amendment consisted of rollover projects from the previous TIP. He added that the second amendment was the addition of the Airport Access Road Project that included a new project number.

Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist, and Mr. Sanderson discussed the TIP amendments and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the two TIP amendments listed in Exhibit I. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. 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 and Mr. Brian Waterman, MTPO Senior Planner, discussed the MTPO staff's review of the Work Program and answered questions.

Ms. Taulbee explained Tentative Work Program projects and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO forward the review comments contained in Exhibit 2. Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. INTERSECTION SIGNALIZATION OF SW 62ND AVENUE AT STATE ROAD (SR) 121
(WILLISTON ROAD)

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has recently informed MTPO staff of their intent to signalize the intersection of SW 62nd Avenue at SR 121 using safety funds to construct this project in 2007. However, FDOT only has enough funds under this program to construct concrete strain pole signals, not the mast arms that is required under Policies 7.2.1 and 7.2.2 of the *MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual*.

FDOT is requesting a waiver to this requirement in order to proceed with the signalization of this intersection. This traffic signal is warranted at this location (see enclosed Signal Warrants Summary). If a waiver to this requirement is not approved, it's our understanding that this project will be placed in next year's work program with the earliest construction date being in Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved recommend that the MTPO direct the TAC to consider whether exceptions to MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual Policy 7.2 Mast Arms should be considered and if so, develop criteria for exceptions to this policy. Kristen Nowicki seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. HULL ROAD EXTENSION RIGHT-OF-WAY

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TAC needs to decide whether Hull Road extension ROW issues are ready to be discussed by the MTPO. He noted that there were jurisdiction issues to be discussed by the City and County and that the facility's jurisdiction needs to be resolved.

IX. REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (RTS) BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) FEASIBILITY
STUDY PROJECT SCOPE

Mr. Sanderson stated that RTS has submitted a draft BRT Feasibility Study Project Scope for review and comment. He suggested deferring this agenda item until the next TAC meeting.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Date

Bill Lecher, Chair

EXHIBIT 1

**FISCAL YEARS 2006/2007 - 2011/2012
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS**

Amendment 06-1- Amend the Fiscal Years 2006/2007 - 2011/2012 TIP for the following rollover projects from the Fiscal Years 2005/2006 - 2010/2011 TIP:

PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
2075452	N 39 th Avenue [SR222] FM: East of I-75 TO: West of NW 43 rd Street	Resurfacing- \$300,000 State DDR funds for railroad & utilities (RRU) phase
2076992	Newberry Road [SR 26] AT: NW 48 th Street	Traffic Operations - \$1,000 state DIH funds for construction (CST)
2077453	Main Street [SR329] AT: SW 16 th Avenue	Traffic Signal Update- \$100,000 state DDR funds for RRU phase
2077963	State Road 26 AT: State Road 222 AT: County Road 234	Safety Project- \$72,072 state DDR & DIH funds for right-of-way (ROW)
2113353	SW 20 th Avenue FM: SW 62 nd Boulevard TO: SW 34 th Street	Corridor Planning Study and 30 percent design plans- \$5,001 federal ACSA funds for preliminary engineering (PE)
2113654	University of Florida access	Pedestrian and Service Access Improvements- \$983,928 federal earmark S117 funds for CST
4068473	Gainesville Regional Airport	Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5309 additional funding- \$297,600 federal FTA funds for transit improvement
4068476	Gainesville Regional Transit System	Facility expansion additional funding- \$988,139 federal earmark funds for facility expansion PTO studies

Amendment 06-2- Amend the Fiscal Years 2006/2007 - 2011/2012 TIP to add the Gainesville Regional Airport Access Road at Waldo Road [SR 24] incorporating a project number change to 2076144.

EXHIBIT 2

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM**

TABLE 1

SUBSTANTIATIVE ISSUES

Section	Work Program/TIP Project	Issue
Bicycle Projects 1	Archer Road (SR 24) (Item No. 2078376; Pg. ?) Construct Bike Path FM: SW 122 nd Street TO: SW 75 th Place	Request that FDOT program the Archer Road Bike Path (Item Number 2078376) identified in the adopted <i>Fiscal Years 2006/2007 - 2010/2011 Transportation Improvement Program</i> (TIP) was not included in the Tentative Work Program.
Bicycle Projects 2	Hull Road Extension (Item No. 2112452; Pg. 2) Construct Bike Path FM: SW 62 nd Boulevard TO: SW 34 th Street (SR 121)	Request that FDOT move the Hull Road Extension Bike Path (Item Number 2112452) preliminary engineering (PE) funds from Fiscal Year 2011/2012 to Fiscal Year 2008/2009.
Highways - State - Landscaping 3	SR 331 (Item No. 2078014; Pg. 1) FM: SR 121 TO: SR 26/University Ave	Request that FDOT not fund the State Road 331 (Williston Road) Landscaping Project (Item Number 2078014), but fund our number one landscaping priority identified in the adopted <i>Fiscal Years 2007/2008 - 2011/2012 List of Priority Projects</i> , which is E. University Avenue from State Road 24 (Waldo Road) to County Road 329B.
Highways - State - Resurfacing 4	SR 121 (Item No. 2077123; Pg. 1) FM: NW 5 th Avenue TO: US 441	Request that FDOT add the construction of center turn lanes to the resurfacing of SR 121 (Item Number 2077123) at several locations to implement priority number four (NW 34 th Street from NW 16 Avenue to US 441) of the adopted <u>Year 2025 Cost Feasible Plan</u> .

Note - Page numbers indicate what page the project is located in Exhibit 1 - Tentative FDOT Work Program.

TABLE 1 (Continued)
SUBSTANTIATIVE ISSUES

Section	Work Program/TIP Project	Issue
Highways - State - Safety 5	State Road 26 (Item No. 2077963; Pg. ?) Intersection AT: SR 222 AT: CR 234	Request that FDOT program the funding for the reconstruction of the intersection of State Road 26 with State Road 222 (Item Number 2077963).
Highways - State - Signalization 6	Alachua County (Item No. 4135171; Pg. ?) Traffic Lighting Maintenance Traffic Control Devices/System Type Work: Ongoing maintenance of traffic signals on state highways.	Request that FDOT program the funds for the maintenance of Traffic Control Devices/System (Item Number 4135171) identified in the adopted <u>TIP</u> .
Highways - Local - Construction 7	SW 62nd Boulevard (Item No. 2113653; Pg. 2) New Road Construction Four Lane Arterial SAFETEA-LU High Priority Project	Request that FDOT explain why the \$1.5 million requested in the TIP for preliminary engineering (PE) for SW 62 nd Boulevard (Item Number 2113653) was not included in the Tentative Work Program for Fiscal Year 2007/2008.
Transit - Capital Funding 8	Fixed Route System Capital STP Funds (Item No. 4048331; Pg. ?) Type Work: Purchase vehicles and equipment.	Request that FDOT program the Surface Transportation Funds (STP) for the purchase of vehicles and equipment (Item Number 4048331) identified in the adopted <u>TIP</u> .
Transportation Disadvantaged - Operations 9	Transportation Disadvantaged Grant (Item No. 2174893; Pg. ?) Type Work: TD Commission Grant- Voluntary Dollar.	Request that FDOT program the Transportation Disadvantaged Grant funds (Item Number 2174893) identified in the adopted <u>TIP</u> .

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