

MINUTES

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

Conference Room
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
October 15, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Mimms, Chair
Bill Lecher, Vice Chair
Linda Dixon
Steve Dopp
Greg DuBois
Bob Elmore
Kathy Fanning
Brian Kanely
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Jeff Logan
Geoff Sample
Shawn Woodin

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Auger
John Gifford
Mac McEachern

OTHERS PRESENT

Stephen Hofstetter
Chuck Pigeon
Karen Taulbee
Myrna Widmer

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dean Mimms called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mimms asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Mimms asked the TAC to approve the agenda.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to approve the meeting agenda. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to approve the July 16, 2003 minutes and the July 30, 2003 minutes. Steve Dopp 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 October 30 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for December 3. He said that the TAC Level of Service Subcommittee is scheduled to meet October 21 at 2:00 p.m.

V. SR 331 (WILLISTON ROAD) RESURFACING PROJECT

Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has submitted design concepts for the SR 331 resurfacing project. He noted that this was the scoping phase of the design process.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT District 2 Transportation Specialist, discussed the design concepts for the SR 331 resurfacing project and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve FDOT's proposed design concepts for the Williston Road Resurfacing Project (FPN #2077343). Jeff Logan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. SW 24TH AVENUE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mr. Bill Lecher, Alachua County Civil Engineer Design/Contract Manager, stated that the Alachua County Public Works Department requested an opportunity to present 30 percent design plans for the SW 24th Avenue construction project. He discussed the project, answered questions and noted that the County's consultants were in attendance to present 30 percent design plans.

Mr. Lecher and Mr. Chuck Pigeon, Berryman & Henigar Principal Engineer, discussed the 30 percent design plans and answered questions.

Chair Mimms asked Mr. Lecher to compare the estimated cost for the original two lane design to the proposed four lane design.

Mr. Lecher indicated that the original cost estimate for the two lane design was approximately \$5.7 million and the four lane design is estimated at \$9.5 million. He noted that a more detailed cost analysis for both the two lane and four lane facility is provided as an attachment to the Technical Advisory Committee minutes.

Mr. Sanderson noted that the Alachua County Public Works Department requested that the SW 24th Avenue construction project only be reviewed by the MTPO committees for comment and not be included as part of the MTPO packet. He stated that this request was based on direction provided by the Alachua County Commission to their Public Works Department.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the Alachua County thirty percent design plans for SW 24th Avenue and SW 38th Terrace consider the following issues:

- 1. provide pedestrian stamped crossings at SW 38th Terrace for north-south and east-west crossings;**
- 2. identify options for landscaping including shade trees consistent with the median width and clear zone requirements contained in the Alachua County Corridor Design Manual;**
- 3. mitigate the loss of heritage live oak trees;**
- 4. obtain an FDOT permit for traffic signals at the SW 34th Street / SW 24th Avenue intersection to accommodate eastbound left turns from SW 24th Avenue onto SW 34th Street;**
- 5. accommodate the operational needs of transit routing onto SW 24th Avenue and/or Windmeadows Boulevard, which require the ability for buses to make left turns at SW 34th Street;**
- 6. address traffic flow issues related to the removal of the traffic signal at SW 34th Street and Windmeadows Boulevard and the associated median closing on SW 34th Street with impact to businesses in Butler Plaza and surrounding areas;**
- 7. analyze and mitigate traffic impacts to the Archer Road and SW 34th Street intersection resulting from the elimination of left turns at SW 34th Street and Windmeadows Boulevard;**
- 8. provide funding for the necessary modifications to the intersection of SW 34th Street and Windmeadows Boulevard and for a connecting roadway between Windmeadows Boulevard and SW 24th Avenue; and**
- 9. accommodate underground utility distribution lines and equipment within the SW 24th Avenue corridor.**

Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. STATE ROAD 24A BYPASS

Mr. Sanderson stated that The City of Gainesville Public Works Department is proposing to designate State Road 226 (S 16th Avenue) as a temporary truck bypass route for SR 24. He said this proposed bypass route will connect SR 24 (Archer Road) to SR 331 (Williston Road) and divert heavy vehicle traffic away from the University and downtown areas. He reported that field analysis by the City indicates that the current SR 24 route through the downtown area does not provide adequate roadway configurations to accommodate the operational movements of

heavy vehicles. He noted that due to limited turning radii at several intersections, trucks must maneuver across the pedestrian sidewalk or into the oncoming traffic lane to negotiate a right-hand turn. He said that this situation creates hazardous conditions for traffic operations and creates unsafe conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO recommend that the Florida Department of Transportation designate State Road 226 (S 16th Avenue) as a temporary truck bypass route for State Road 24. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII MTPO TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO Chair has recommended that the MTPO conduct a transportation symposium later this year. He described the topics to be presented at the symposium and accepted further recommendations.

IX. ARCHER ROAD CHARRETTE FIELD WORK AND TRAFFIC PROJECTIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TAC needs to discuss and develop a methodology to obtain existing conditions field data for the Archer Road/ S. 16th Avenue Charrette technical analysis and consider if the development of background data will delay the project. He added that the TAC should revise Task 8 of the Scope of Services to more clearly define the horizon year in the technical analysis.

It was a consensus of the TAC that:

- A. development of background data should not delay the project and City, County, University and MTPO staffs should move forward as planned;**
- B. City, County, University and MTPO staffs will meet within the next few weeks to coordinate the necessary field work; and**
- C. item eight in the Archer Road / S. 16th Avenue Charrette Scope of Services should be revised to indicate a 2010 study year for the future year analysis.**

X. RESURFACING PROJECTS- USE OF FEDERAL AND/OR STATE FUNDS TO RESURFACE CITY AND COUNTY ROADS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO requested information regarding funding resurfacing projects with federal funds. Materials were inclosed with the TAC packet agenda that indicate the roadway facilities that are owned and maintained by Alachua County and the City of Gainesville. The facilities listed in the tables are eligible for State and Federal funding using the Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding category.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date

Dean Mimms, Chair