

MINUTES

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

General Purpose Meeting Room
Gainesville Regional Utilities Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
October 20, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Lecher, Chair
Dean Mimms, Vice Chair
Dekova Batey
Linda Dixon
Steve Dopp
Scott Fox
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Brian Kanely
Shenley Neely
Kristen Nowicki
Steve Phelps

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Bird
David Deas
Allan Penska

OTHERS PRESENT

Khalid Brown
Doug Robinson
John Sabatella
Suzanne Schiemann
Karen Taulbee

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill Lecher, Alachua County Contract/Design 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.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that Gainesville Regional Airport staff has asked if agenda item XI Gainesville Regional Airport Master Plan update be moved to the beginning of the meeting.

ACTION: Doreen Joyner-Howard moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to place Agenda Item XI Gainesville Regional Airport Master Plan after Agenda Item Chair's Report. Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Lecher asked for approval of the August 18, 2004 TAC meeting minutes.

ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to approve the August 18, 2004 TAC meeting minutes. Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for November 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He noted that the December MTPO meeting has been rescheduled to December 9. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for December 1.

Mr. Mike Escalante, MTPO Principal Planner, discussed scheduling the TAC Level of Service Subcommittee meeting.

XI. GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Gainesville Regional Airport Master Plan is currently being updated and will be presented to the MTPO and its Advisory Committees next spring. He reported that Mr. Rick Crider, Gainesville Regional Airport Director, has asked MTPO staff to find out if the MTPO and its Advisory Committees would like a presentation concerning the information that has been developed so far.

Ms. Suzanne Schiemann, Gainesville Regional Airport Administration & Communications Manager, discussed the Gainesville Regional Airport Master Plan update and answered questions.

ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to request a presentation concerning the information that has been developed so far for the Gainesville Regional Airport Master Plan. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. LANDSCAPING PLANS- STATE ROAD 26A

Mr. Sanderson stated that that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is requesting comments and approval of the State Road 26A Landscaping Plans.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT Consultant Project Manager, discussed the State Road 26A Landscaping Plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve FDOT's State Road 26A Landscaping Plans with changes to align the south sidewalks of NW 21st Terrace with the two intersection corners as shown in Exhibit 1 and with corresponding modifications to the landscape plans; and**
- 2. authorize its Chair to send a letter to the FDOT District 2 Secretary thanking the District for funding the SR 26/26A gateway pond.**

Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. ARCHER ROAD/S. 16TH AVENUE CHARRETTE-
LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO at its meeting on July 15, discussed the Archer Road/S. 16th Avenue Charrette. He said that during this discussion, the MTPO approved a motion to:

1. ask FDOT to fund (or conduct an in-house study), in the first year of FDOT's Work Program, the State Roads 24/226 Intersection Realignment Study and authorize the MTPO Chair to send a letter to FDOT making this request; and
2. include an intersection study of US 441 and Archer Road without the sliplane in the "Now" section of the Charrette implementation plan.

He added that FDOT has asked that the MTPO revise its *List of Priority Projects* to include the requested intersection realignment study at Archer Road and S. 16th Avenue. He noted that City of Gainesville Public Works Department staff has commented on the needs of funding the signal system in order to manage congestion in the urban area.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Specialist, discussed the Archer Road/S. 16th Avenue Charrette- List of Priority Projects and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO amend the traffic operations priorities in Table 6 (see Exhibit 1) in this year's List of Priority Projects as follows:

- 1. to insert as priority number three, the MTPO's July 15 request that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) fund (or conduct an in-house study) in the first year of FDOT's Work Program, the proposed State Roads 24/226 Intersection/Relocation Study and of other impacted intersections; and**
- 2. to insert, as priority number four, the proposed State Road 24/US 441 Slip Lane Study.**

Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. STATE ROAD (SR) 24 REDESIGNATION

Mr. Sanderson stated that City of Gainesville staff has requested an update on the status of the SR 24 redesignation.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed the status of the SR 24 redesignation and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson stated that he would research the MTPO's redesignation request and report back to the committee at its next meeting.

VIII. UNIVERSITY AREA "NO TURN ON RED" SIGNS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TAC, at its August 18 meeting, discussed the "No Turn On Red" signage that have been recently installed as part of the traffic signal update projects adjacent to the University of Florida. He said that the TAC recommended that the "No Turn On Red" signs be replaced by signs that read "Turning Traffic Must Yield to Pedestrians." He reported that the Citizens Advisory Committee recommended that the "No Turn On Red" signs be replaced by a variable message sign. He noted that FDOT staff said that any sign changes need to be approved by FDOT and that the City would have to pay for the change.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Specialist, reported that the mast arms would support the variable message sign and that the FDOT would fund the purchase of the signs, but that the City would have to install and maintain the signs.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the use of a lighted "No Turn On Red" variable message sign that would come on during the hours when there is considerable pedestrian activity, with the understanding that FDOT would fund the purchase of the signs and the City would have to install and maintain the signs. Kristen Nowicki seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson asked if Agenda Item XI could be discussed next.

Chair Lecher stated that Agenda Item XI would be discussed next.

XI. SW 2ND AVENUE BIKELANES

Mr. Sanderson stated that MTPO staff has received an email regarding bicycle safety concerns on the SW Avenue bikelanes between SW 13th Street and Main Street. He reported the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board recommendations.

It was a consensus of the TAC to defer this agenda item until its next meeting.

X. YEAR 2025 TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE-
EVALUATION FACTORS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the consultant for the Year 2025 Transportation Plan Update has requested that the committee members complete the evaluation factor forms.

Committee members completed the forms and gave them to MTPO staff.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Dekova Batey, City of Gainesville Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Assistant, announced the Kermit Sigmon Trail dedication and invited TAC members to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Date

Bill Lecher, Chair

EXHIBIT 1

TABLE 6

**FISCAL YEARS 2005/2006 - 2009/2010
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS PRIORITIES
(within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area)**

(Note: Projects in italic text are partially funded, as identified in the Transportation Improvement Program.)

NUMBER	PROJECT	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
<i>1</i> <i>Partially Funded</i>	<i>Traffic Signal System</i>	<i>Systemwide</i>	<i>Implement Gainesville traffic signal master plan</i>
<i>2</i> <i>Partially Funded</i>	<i>Traffic Signal System</i>	<i>Systemwide</i>	<i>Implement annual corridor signal retiming study</i>
3	<i>Archer Road</i>	<i>AT: SW 16th Avenue</i>	<i>Conduct the State Roads 24/226 Intersection/Relocation and Other Impacted Intersections Study in first year of FDOT Work Program</i>
4	<i>Archer Road</i>	<i>AT: SW 13th Street</i>	<i>Conduct an intersection study without the sliplane</i>
5	Main Street N 16 th Avenue	FM: NW 8 th Avenue TO: NW 16 th Avenue AT: NW 10 th Avenue AT: Main Street	Corridor capacity enhancement strategies- consistent with the Alachua County North Main Street three-lane reconstruction design plans Reconstruct traffic signals with MTPO-approved mast-armed design Reconstruct intersection and install MTPO-approved mast-arm design traffic signals
6	NE 16 th Avenue	FM: Main Street TO: NE 2 nd Street	Install continuous left turnlane
7	NW 55 th Street	AT: NW 23 rd Avenue	Add northbound right turnlane
8	S 2 nd Avenue	FM: SW 13 th Street TO: SE 7 th Street	Add medians; traffic signal upgrade; and restripe with onstreet parking and bikelanes
9	E University Avenue	FM: Downtown Library TO: E 9 th Street	Pedestrian refuge islands

TABLE 6 (Continued)
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NUMBER	PROJECT	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
10	Waldo Road	AT: E University Avenue	Pedestrian refuge islands and other modifications to improve bicycle/ pedestrian crossings
11	SW 34 th Street	AT: SW 20 th Avenue AT: Radio Road	Install mast-armed traffic signals ¹
12	NW 8 th Avenue	AT: NW 22 nd Street	Upgrade traffic signals
13	SW 23 rd Terrace	AT: SW 35 th Place	Construct roundabout ²
14	NW 13 th Street	FM: 2100 block TO: 2200 block	Access management and pedestrian refuge islands
15	NW 8 th Avenue	AT: NW 18 th Terrace	Traffic signal reconstruction using MTPO-approved mast-arm design and with interconnectivity to traffic signal at NW 8 th Avenue and NW 22 nd Street

¹ FDOT will be replacing all signal heads and controllers and adding fiber-optic interconnect in conjunction with the SW 34th Street resurfacing project.

² Project identified as locally funded if funds become available.