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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
October 24, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Mimms, Chair
Doug Robinson, Vice Chair
Dekova Batey
Steve Dopp
John Gifford
Ha Kurz
Debbie Leistner
Jonathan Paul
Karen Taulbee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Bird
Michelle Danisovzky
Linda Dixon
Ron Fuller
Ed Gable

OTHERS PRESENT

Gaelan Bishop
Rachel Humphrey
Martin Gold
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Samir Parab
Bob Reller
Jennifer Spagnoli

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante
Jake Petrosky

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dean Mimms City of Gainesville Chief of Comprehensive Planning, called the meeting to order at 2:06 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. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Mimms asked for approval of the June 27, 2007 TAC meeting minutes.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the June 27, 2007 TAC meeting minutes. Doug Robinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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 November 28th.

V. AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD

Mr. Sanderson stated that Airport Access Road Conceptual Design Plans have been submitted to the Design Team for review and comment.

Ms. Rachel Humphrey, RW Armstrong Senior Engineer, discussed the Airport Access Road Conceptual Design Plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Jonathan Paul moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Gainesville Regional Airport Entrance Road Conceptual Design Plan with the following additional comments:

- 1. include bicycle and pedestrian facilities along the entire airport access road;**
- 2. minimize wetlands impact to the maximum extent feasible; and**
- 3. coordinate with Florida Department of Transportation and City of Gainesville Public Works Department to provide Traffic Management System-compatible infrastructure.**

Doug Robinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. MAIN STREET 60 PERCENT DESIGN PLAN- N 8TH AVENUE TO N 23RD AVENUE

Mr. Sanderson stated that Alachua County Public Works Department requested that the MTPO Advisory Committees review and comment on the Main Street 60 Percent Design Plans.

Ms. Jennifer Spagnoli, Alachua County Traffic Engineer, discussed the Main Street 60 Percent Design Plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Dekova Batey moved to recommend that the Alachua County Commission approve the Main Street 60 Percent Design Plans with the following additional comments to:

- 1. relocate the post office entrance to align with N 14th Avenue;**
- 2. reaffirm desire for hardscape behind the sidewalk on the east side of Main Street between N 8th Avenue to the north Good Year lot line;**

3. **explore the cost of incorporating tree wells (unit cost per tree well) within the proposed hardscaped area; and**
4. **install a push-button activated pedestrian signal for the crossing in front of the Gainesville Shopping Center.**

Debbie Leistner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. SW 62ND BOULEVARD CONNECTOR STUDY

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Alachua County consultant for the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector Study project has submitted 4-lane corridor alignments for review and comment.

Mr. Terri Shaw, HNTB Project Manager, discussed the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector Study alignment alternatives and evaluation criteria and answered questions.

ACTION: Jonathan Paul moved to recommend that the MTPO approve for testing as two general purpose lanes, four general purpose lanes and two general purpose lanes plus two dedicated transit lanes;

A. the four 4-lane alignment alternatives;

B. and a fifth alternative consisting of Alternative 3 with SW 62nd Boulevard extended south to SW 24th Avenue; SW 24th Avenue extended west to the SW 62nd extension and SW 40th Boulevard extended north to connect to SW 62nd Boulevard extension at the SW 24th Avenue extension.

C. that testing include the SW 40th Boulevard extension south of Archer Road.

Karen Taulbee seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the evaluation criteria with the addition of transit load factors and historical/archeological data. Jonathan Paul seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ARCHER BRAID BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR DESIGN STUDY

Mr. Sanderson stated that Professor Martin Gold, Florida Community Design Center Executive Director, has completed the Archer Braid Bicycle/Pedestrian Corridor Design Study.

Professor Gold discussed the Archer Braid Bicycle/Pedestrian Corridor Design Study and answered questions.

ACTION: Jonathan Paul moved to recommend that the MTPO accept the Archer Braid Bicycle/Pedestrian Corridor Design Study as a completed planning. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. INTERSTATE TRAVELER HYDROGEN SUPERHIGHWAY

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TAC need to decide whether to receive a presentation on this project. He reported that there were two possible meeting dates, November 5th and December 1st.

It was a consensus of the TAC to not see the presentation.

X. YEAR 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) UPDATE-
VISIONING/FUTURE LAND USE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO referred Year 2035 LRTP update alternative scenarios to MTPO, City and County staffs. He discussed the LRTP process and reported the MTPO staff recommendation.

ACTION: John Gifford moved to:

- 1. appoint a working group that includes staff representatives from City Planning & Development Services (Dean Mimms), County Growth Management (Jonathan Paul), City Public Works (Debbie Leistner) and Regional Transit System (Doug Robinson); and**
- 2. appoint as TAC Working Group Chair- Jonathan Paul; and**

Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Date

Dean Mimms, Chair