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

Gainesville Regional Utilities General Purpose Meeting Room
301 SE 4th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
October 29, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Robinson, Chair
Jonathan Paul, Vice Chair
Dekova Batey
Linda Dixon
Steve Dopp
Kathy Fanning
Ron Fuller
John Gifford
Michael Iguina
Stewart Pearson
Dean Mimms
Ha Nguyen
Karen Taulbee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Harrell Harrison

OTHERS PRESENT

Stephen Browning
Jordan Green
Onelia Lazzari
Milton Locklear
Terry Shaw
Jennifer Spagnoli
David Stroud
Emery Swearingen
Ryan Thompson

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Escalante
Jake Petrosky

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doug Robinson, Regional Transit System Chief Transit Planner, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Robinson introduced himself and the guests and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Robinson asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

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

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Robinson asked for approval of the September 3, 2008 TAC meeting minutes.

**ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the September 3, 2008 TAC meeting minutes.
Ron Fuller seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Senior Planner, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for November 13th at 3:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the TAC's next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd.

V. INTERSTATE 75 MASTER PLAN

Chair Robinson stated that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff was present to discuss the I-75 Master Plan update.

Mr. Jordan Green, FDOT District 2 Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer, and Mr. David Stroud, Reynolds, Smith & Hills Project Manager, discussed the I-75 Master Plan update and answered questions.

Mr. Jonathan Paul, Alachua County Concurrency Manager, requested a copy of the SYNCHRO files for the interchange ramps.

Mr. Stroud stated that the SYNCHRO files for the interchange ramps could be provide after FDOT has approved them..

VI. SIXTH STREET TAIL TRAIL PROJECT-SCOPING PLANS

Mr. Escalante stated that City of Gainesville staff has submitted scoping plans for the W 6th Street Rail/Trail project.

Mr. Emery Swearingen, City of Gainesville Public Works Manager, discussed the W 6th Street Rail/Trail project scoping plans and answered questions. He noted that the project was bifurcated into two phases, with Phase 1 from SE 4th Street to south of University Avenue and Phase 2 from south of University Avenue to NW 16th Avenue. He announced that the City would bring 60 percent plans to the TAC for its January meeting.

ACTION: John Gifford moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the W 6th Street Rail/Trail Project. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. SW 20TH AVENUE- SCOPING PLANS

Chair Robinson stated that FDOT staff has submitted scoping plans for SW 20th Avenue from SW 43rd Street to SW 34th Street.

Mr. Stephen Browning, FDOT Project Manager, discussed the SW 20th Avenue scoping plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve as Alternative 3 Cross-Section for the SW 20th Avenue Scoping Plans- 12-foot travel lanes, 5-foot bikelanes, 8-foot sidewalks; 3-foot minimum sidewalk buffer; two transit superstops; and appropriate accommodation of stormwater. Dean Mimms seconded; motion withdrawn.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Alternative 1 Cross-Section for the SW 20th Avenue Scoping Plans with modifications to:

- 1. provide additional width in the pedestrian space to accommodate tree plantings; and**
- 2. consider accommodating stormwater in median swales; and**

Ron Fuller seconded.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:

Dekova Batey requested that the typical section show 11-foot travel lanes, 1-foot separation and 5-foot bikelanes (similar to Millhopper Road) be added to the motion. Both Linda Dixon and Ron Fuller accepted the amendment.

ACTION AS AMENDED:

Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Alternative 1 Cross-Section for the SW 20th Avenue Scoping Plans with modifications to:

- 1. provide additional width in the pedestrian space to accommodate tree plantings;**
- 2. consider accommodating stormwater in median swales; and**
- 3. a typical section to show 11-foot travel lanes, 1-foot separation, and 5-foot bikelanes (similar to Millhopper Road).**

Ron Fuller seconded; motion passed 10 to 3.

VII. SW 62ND BOULEVARD CONNECTOR

Chair Robinson stated that the Alachua County consultant has submitted the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector alignment and cross-section alternatives.

Mr. Terry Shaw, HNTB Project Manager, discussed the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector alignment and cross-section alternatives and answered questions.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Corridor 4- Minimum Four Lane Alignment- 4B-2 (see Exhibit 1). Ron Fuller seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Four General Purpose Lane cross-section (see Exhibit 2). Ron Fuller seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. SW 62ND BOULEVARD- INTERIM PROJECTS

Mr. Escalante state that the Alachua County consultant has submitted the SW 62nd Boulevard Interim Projects scoping plans.

Mr. Shaw discussed the three SW 62nd Boulevard Interim Projects scoping plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the scoping plans for the three interim projects with the understanding that the mast arms will be painted black; and**
- 2. request that Alachua County execute a maintenance agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) if such an agreement is required by FDOT in order to have black mast arms.**

Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

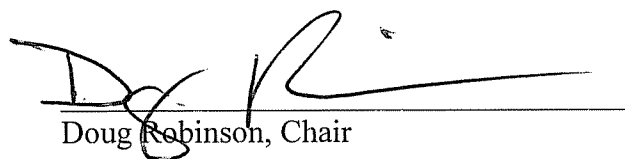
X. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

12/3/08
Date


Doug Robinson, Chair