

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
September 20, 2006

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Dean Mimms, Vice Chair Dekova Batey Michelle Danisofzky Linda Dixon Ron Fuller Jesus Gomez Stephen Hofstetter Brian Kanely Kristen Nowicki John Sabatela Karen Taulbee	John Gifford Steve Githens Charles Justice	Barney Bennette Kali Blount Doreen Joyner-Howard Bob Law Reid Rivers Doug Robinson Bob Smith	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: Jesus Gomes moved to approve the meeting agenda. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mr. Sanderson asked for approval of the July 26, 2006 TAC meeting minutes.

**ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to approve the July 26, 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 October 5th at 1:30 p.m. and October 12th at 5:p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the TAC's next meeting is scheduled for October 18th.

V. MAIN STREET COST ESTIMATES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) updating its cost estimates for the Main Street Reconstruction Project from N. 8th Avenue south to Depot Avenue. He said that FDOT staff requested an opportunity to discuss the status of the Main Street Reconstruction Project. He discussed three options (Exhibit 1) for recommendation to the MTPO.

Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist, and Mr. Sanderson discussed the status of the Main Street Reconstruction Project and answered questions.

Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation Services Manager, discussed City staff's meeting with FDOT regarding the Main Street Reconstruction Project.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO request that Florida Department of Transportation:

- 1. construct the Main Street Reconstruction Project Option 2 (Exhibit 1), and if local funds are available:
 - A. the first priority should be the construction of the roundabout at Depot Avenue; and**
 - B. the second priority should be the construction of bus bays; and****
- 2. reallocate Hull Road Extension Project (FN #2113352) Surface Transportation Program (STP) Any Area-programmed funds to the Main Street Reconstruction Project (FN #2077851).**

Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS)- MAIN STREET

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has submitted a proposal to amend the SIS connection to the new Greyhound Bus station location on State Road (SR)120 (NW 23rd Avenue). He said that FDOT proposed two options:

- A. connecting to SR 331 (Williston Road) via SR 24 (Waldo Road) from SR 26 (E University Avenue) north to SR 120, then west along SR 120 to the bus station; or
- B. connecting to SR 222 (NW 39th Avenue) via SR 20 (NW 6th Street) from SR 222 south to SR 120, then east along SR 120 to the bus station.

Ms. Taulbee and Mr. Barney Bennette, FDOT District 2 Transportation Statistics Administrator, discussed the SIS and answered questions.

ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to recommend that the MTPO select Option A (Exhibit 2) as the Greyhound Bus station SIS connector. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. LANDSCAPING PRIORITIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has reviewed the MTPO List of Priority Projects Table 2 Landscaping Priorities. He said that FDOT recommends that the MTPO replace the Priority #1 NW 8th Avenue Overpass Project with a Williston Road (SR 331) from SR 121 to SR 26. He added that FDOT also recommends that the Priority #2 E University Avenue Project be amended to extend further east to County Road 329B. He reported that the staff recommendation is to request as Priority #1, the E University Avenue Project and Priority #2, the Williston Road Project. He noted that the landscaping E University would support Plan East Gainesville.

Ms. Taulbee discussed FDOT’s landscaping priority recommendations and answered questions.

ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to recommend that the MTPO amend its MTPO List of Priority Projects Table 2 Landscaping Priorities as follows:

TABLE 2
FISCAL YEARS 2007/2008 - 2011/2012
LANDSCAPING 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
1	E University Avenue [SR 26]	FROM: Waldo Road [SR 24] TO: County Road 329B	Landscaping
2	Williston Road [SR 331]	FROM: SW 34 th Street [SR 121] TO: E University Avenue [SR 26]	Landscaping

Karen Taulbee seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. FDOT DISTRICT 2 WORK PROGRAM EXPENDITURES- FISCAL YEARS 2007 TO 2011

Mr. Sanderson discussed the FDOT District 2 Work Program expenditures for fiscal years 2007 to 2011 and answered questions.

IX. ALACHUA COUNTY FUTURE TRANSPORTATION CIRCULATION MAP PROJECT

Mr. Brian Waterman, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that Alachua County has contracted with a consultant to address future county traffic needs. He said that as part of its review process, the consultant analyzed and critiqued the Alachua County model. He discussed the consultant's report and answered questions.

Ms. Linda Dixon, University of Florida Planning Office Manager suggested that the TAC Subcommittee be involved if socioeconomic data changes are involved.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Date

Bill Lecher, Chair

EXHIBIT 1

**MAIN STREET PROJECT OPTIONS
(North 8th Avenue South to Depot Avenue)
FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009**

OPTION 1- RESURFACE AND FIX STORMWATER DRAINAGE

Estimated Cost \$10.7 million (all funded by FDOT)

- Keep the existing four-lane road
- Resurface from North 8th Avenue south to Depot Avenue
- Replace storm drainage system from University Avenue south to Depot Avenue
- FDOT retains ownership

OPTION 2- ORIGINAL PROJECT MINUS THE ROUNDABOUT AND BRICK PAVERS

Estimated Cost \$12.7 million (all funded by FDOT)

- Current four lane section will be converted to a two lane with center turn lane, bicycle lanes and on-street parking
- *Project does not include the roundabout at Depot Avenue or installing brick pavers*
- Construct mast arm replacements, *some limited* sidewalk reconstruction and bulb-outs at intersections (*note- the physical curb line will remain except in the area of the bulb-outs*)
- Replace storm drainage system from University Avenue south to Depot Avenue
- Ownership transfers to Alachua County from University Avenue south to Williston Road
- City of Gainesville agreements with Alachua County to maintain Main Street from University Avenue south to Depot Avenue and with FDOT to maintain Main Street from N 8th Avenue south to University Avenue

OPTION 3- ORIGINAL PROJECT

Estimated Cost \$16.9 million (FDOT will pay \$12.7 million of this cost)

- Current four lane section will be converted to a two lane with center turn lane, bicycle lanes and on-street parking
- *Construct roundabout at Depot Avenue and install brick pavers*
- Construct mast arm replacements, bulb-outs at intersections and sidewalk reconstruction
- Replace storm drainage system from University Avenue south to Depot Avenue
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