

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO)
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.
Thursday
December 12, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT

Warren Nielsen, Chair
Ed Braddy
Mayor Tom Bussing
Mike Byerly
Chuck Chestnut IV
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Tony Domenech
Rodney Long
Ed Poppell
Lee Pinkoson
Aage Schroder

MEMBERS ABSENT

Penny Wheat

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Warren Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, asked the MTPO to approve the meeting agenda and consent agenda amended to include the extension of the Plan East Gainesville contract to April 30, 2003.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to approve the consent agenda amended to add approval of an extension of the Plan East Gainesville contract with the Renaissance Planning Group (RPG) through April 30, 2003. Commissioner Braddy seconded.

A member of the MTPO requested that CA.3 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments be placed on the meeting agenda.

SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the consent agenda amended to add approval of an extension of the Plan East Gainesville contract with the Renaissance Planning Group (RPG) until April 30, 2003 and to place consent agenda item CA. 3 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments on the meeting agenda after item XI. South Main Beautification. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to place discussion of agenda item VIII. Butler Plaza Transportation Issues after agenda item V. MPOAC Representatives. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson announced that Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, had resigned to take a position in the private sector.

Vice-Chair Nielsen presented Mr. Dedenbach a plaque and thanked him for his service.

Mr. Dedenbach thanked the MTPO.

II. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) VACANT POSITIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to fill seven vacant positions on its CAC. He said that one position has a term of office through December, 2003; one position has a term of office through December, 2004; and five positions have a term of office through December, 2005. He noted that MTPO staff received an application after the advertised deadline.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to:

- 1. appoint Jim Painter to the CAC for a term through December, 2003;**
- 2. appoint Phil Emmer to the CAC for a term through December, 2004;**
- 3. appoint Mandy Parks to the CAC for a term through December, 2005; and**
- 4. reappoint Richard Fletcher, Jan Frentzen, Cindy Smith and Joe Wilson to the CAC for a term through December, 2005.**

Commissioner Long seconded.

A member of the MTPO noted the lack of diversity on the CAC and suggested that there be a readvertisement for appointments to the CAC so that it is more representative of the community.

1st SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Commissioner Braddy moved to:

- 1. reappoint Richard Fletcher and Jan Frentzen to the CAC for a term through December, 2005; and**
- 2. appoint Phil Emmer and Mandy Parks to the CAC for a term through December, 2005.**

Commissioner Domenech seconded.

2nd SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut moved to:

- 1. fill four of the CAC vacancies for a term through December, 2005; and**
- 2. readvertise for the remaining three vacancies.**

Commissioner Chuck Chestnut seconded.

A member of the MTPO discussed his concerns regarding the voting procedures and requested an explanation.

Mr. Sanderson noted that there were no more candidates than there were vacancies and, therefore, the MTPO need only to appoint the candidates to particular terms of office.

Several members of the MTPO discussed tabling action on the CAC appointments.

Vice-Chair Nielsen stated that the MTPO needed to vote on the outstanding motions prior to considering tabling this agenda item until the next MTPO meeting.

2nd SUBSTITUTE ACTION RESTATED:

Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut moved to:

- 1. fill four of the CAC vacancies for a term through December, 2005; and**
- 2. readvertise for the remaining three vacancies.**

Commissioner Chuck Chestnut seconded; motion failed unanimously.

1st SUBSTITUTE ACTION RESTATED:

Commissioner Braddy moved to:

- 1. reappoint Richard Fletcher and Jan Frentzen to the CAC for a term through December, 2005; and**
- 2. appoint Phil Emmer and Mandy Parks to the CAC for a term through December, 2005.**

Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion failed 2 to 7.

ORIGINAL ACTION RESTATED:

Commissioner Byerly moved to:

- 1. appoint Jim Painter to the CAC for a term through December, 2003;**
- 2. appoint Phil Emmer to the CAC for a term through December, 2004;**
- 3. appoint Mandy Parks to the CAC for a term through December, 2005; and**
- 4. reappoint Richard Fletcher, Jan Frentzen, Cindy Smith and Joe Wilson to the CAC for a term through December, 2005.**

Commissioner Long seconded; motion failed 2 to 7.

Mr. Joe Wilson, CAC Chair, noted that the terms of the CAC Chair and Vice-Chair were expiring.

Mr. Jan Frentzen, CAC Vice-Chair, and Ms. Cindy Smith discussed the CAC selection process.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to table this agenda item and readvertise for the all CAC vacancies. Commissioner Chuck Chestnut seconded.

SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Mayor Bussing moved to:

- 1. reappoint Richard Fletcher, Jan Frentzen, Cindy Smith and Joe Wilson to the CAC for a term through December, 2005; and**
- 2. readvertize for the remaining three CAC vacancies.**

Commissioner Byerly seconded.

Several members of the MTPO discussed the parliamentary process to follow.

A member of the MTPO noted that the substitute action was out of order and therefore withdrawn from consideration.

ACTION RESTATED:

Commissioner Long moved to table this agenda item and readvertise for the all CAC vacancies. Commissioner Chuck Chestnut seconded. Vice-Chair Nielsen requested a rollcall vote:

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Commissioner Braddy	No	
Mayor Bussing	No	
Commissioner Byerly		No
Commissioner Chestnut IV	No	
Commissioner Chestnut		No
Commissioner Domenech	No	
Commissioner Long		No
Commissioner Pinkoson		No
Commissioner Nielsen	Yes	

Motion failed 1 to 8.

Mr. Jim Painter discussed his candidacy for the CAC.

SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Commissioner Domenech moved to:

- 1. reappoint Jan Frentzen, Cindy Smith and Joe Wilson to the CAC for a term through December, 2005;**
- 2. appoint Phil Emmer and Mandy Parks to the CAC for a term through December, 2005; and**
- 3. appoint Jim Painter to the CAC for a term through December, 2004; and**
- 4. reappoint Richard Fletcher to the CAC for a term through December, 2003.**

Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed 7 to 2.

III. ELECTION OF MTPO OFFICERS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needed to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer for the coming year. He identified the current officers and noted that the MTPO Chair traditionally alternates between the City Commission and County Commission.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to appoint Commissioner Nielsen as the MTPO Chair, Commissioner Byerly as the MTPO Vice-Chair and Commissioner Chuck Chestnut as the MTPO Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. MTPO AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanderson requested that the MTPO appoint two members to an Audit Review Committee. He noted that the MTPO Secretary/Treasurer traditionally chairs this committee.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to appoint Commissioner Chuck Chestnut and Commissioner Wheat to the MTPO Audit Review Committee and to have Commissioner Chestnut serve as Committee Chair. Mayor Bussing seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (MPOAC) REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Sanderson asked the MTPO to appoint voting and alternate representatives to the Florida MPOAC for calendar year 2002.

ACTION: Commissioner Domenech moved to appoint Commissioner Braddy as the MTPO's voting representative and to appoint Commissioner Pinkoson as the MTPO's alternate representative. Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. BUTLER PLAZA TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Mr. Sanderson discussed the proposed Butler Plaza development, Butler Plaza Traffic Analysis dated July 13, 2001 and answered questions.

Mr. Wayne Bowers, City of Gainesville Manager, and Mr. Randall Reid, Alachua County Manager, discussed transportation concurrency exception area issues and answered questions.

Mr. Michael Fay, Alachua County Public Works Department Assistant Director, Lt. Don Dennis, Gainesville Police Department, and Assistant Chief Elmond Taylor, Gainesville Fire Rescue, discussed emergency vehicle access issues and answered questions.

Mr. Ed Poppell, University of Florida Vice President for Administrative Affairs, discussed the University's position to support four-lane facilities for SW 62nd Boulevard and SW 24th Avenue and answered questions.

The following persons spoke regarding this agenda item:

C.W. Banks	Jim Quincy	Kris Pagenkopf
Clark Butler	Howard Wallace	Whit Blanton

Mr. Fay discussed cost estimates of two-laning and four-laning SW 62nd Boulevard and SW 24th Avenue.

Mr. Robert Reller, Butler Enterprises Director of Development, and Mr. Robert Pergolizzi, Florida Design Consultants Vice President, discussed possible transportation system modifications and answered question.

Mr. Dedenbach noted that the MTPO may already have some of the traffic analysis information.

Mr. Whit Blanton, RPG Principal, discussed RPG's Butler Plaza Traffic Analysis prepared in 2000 and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson asked whether the MTPO would want traffic analyses of two-lane and four-lane alternatives with and without the proposed Butler Plaza development.

Mr. Reller stated that Butler Enterprises would pay for 50 percent of the cost of the traffic analysis.

ACTION: Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut moved to:

1. direct MTPO staff to:

A. schedule a public hearing to consider amending the long range transportation plan;

B. contract with Renaissance Planning Group to test alternative road networks both with and without the proposed Butler Plaza expansion that includes four-lane and two-lane alternatives for SW 62nd Boulevard and SW 24th Avenue; and

2. request that Alachua County Public Works Department staff develop cost estimates for the alternatives tested.

Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE STATUS REPORT

Mr. Blanton noted that there was limited time to discuss the status of the Plan East Gainesville project but that RPG would be making a presentation at the Plan East Gainesville Steering Committee meeting on Monday, December 16.

Mr. Sanderson noted that this meeting was the opportunity for the MTPO to comment on the preliminary report documents.

Mr. Larry Kendrick spoke concerning this agenda item.

VI. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT)
TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2003/04 - 2007/08

Mr. Sanderson stated that, each year, FDOT submits a Five Year Work Program to the State Legislature. He compared projects proposed in the Work Program to the MTPO's List of Priority Projects and answered questions. He reported the MTPO Advisory Committees and staff recommendations.

Mr. Jeff Logan, Regional Transit System (RTS) Director, discussed transit program funding in the draft Work Program and answered questions.

Mr. Aage Schroder, FDOT District 2 Secretary, discussed the US 441 safety project and answered questions.

Mr. Schroder and Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT District 2 Transportation Planner, discussed the tentative Five Year Tentative Work Program for Fiscal Years 2003/04 - 2007/08 and answered questions.

Mr. Kali Blount and Mr. Frentzen spoke concerning this agenda item.

ACTION: Commissioner Domenech moved to request that FDOT:

- 1. add one additional project to fund a design study for SW 20th Avenue to determine the remaining priorities in Charrette Phase 1B;**
- 2. implement as many of the SW 13th Street Charrette strategies as possible into the US 441 resurfacing project;**
- 3. construct sidewalks on SW 20th Avenue from Sugarfoot Village east to SW 62nd Boulevard consistent with the Tower Road/SW 24th Avenue Charrette with enhancement funds; and**
- 4. provide the MTPO with sufficient information to justify why the State Road 26 left turn lanes at three locations between NW 43rd Street and NW 39th Street are needed.**

Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

CA .3 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT needed MTPO action on the TIP amendment agenda item before a quorum was lost. He said that FDOT has requested that three projects in the TIP be amended. He reported that FDOT is requesting the:

1. removal of the Hogtown Creek Landscaping project (2078213), since FDOT could not obtain a maintenance agreement with the City of Gainesville;
2. addition of a US 441 and NW 43rd Street intersection Traffic Signal Update project (2073503), which is the outcome of an Alachua County Traffic Safety Team request for a signal warrant review; and
3. addition of an Interstate-75 Landscaping project (4046277) at the State Road 26 interchange, which is part of a I-75 Corridor Council statewide project.

Ms. Joyner-Howard and Mr. Pat Byrne, City of Gainesville Parks Manager, discussed the Hogtown Creek landscaping project and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Domenech moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the TIP amendments requested by FDOT. Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. STATE ROAD 26/26A FUNDING ISSUES

Mr. Sanderson stated that City of Gainesville staff requested an opportunity to discuss State Road 26/26A Funding Issues.

Mr. Wayne Bowers, City of Gainesville Manager, discussed the status of the State Road 26/26A enhancement funding and the use of University of Florida Campus Development Agreement (CDA) funds and answered questions. He noted that the City and County Commissions would need to take independent actions regarding changes to the CDA for the reallocation of funds from the State Road 26/26A projects to other projects.

X. TRUCK ROUTING THROUGH THE GAINESVILLE AREA

Mr. Sanderson stated the MTPO had recommended that the City and County Commissions appoint a working group to meet and discuss enforcement of a truck route system.

Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Department Director, reported on the multi-agency meeting to discuss truck routing through the City and answered questions.

XI. SOUTH MAIN BEAUTIFICATION

Mr. Byrne discussed the status of the South Main Street beautification project and answered questions.

The following persons spoke regarding this agenda item:

Tom Daniel

Tom Cunilio

Noel Lake

Aage Schroder

XII. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for February 13th at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium.

VIII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

A member of the MTPO discussed his concern with the speed limit posted on Interstate 75 within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area (GMA).

Mr. Schroder noted that a rural cross-section of Interstate 75 passes through the GMA and therefore has the 70 mile per hour speed limit.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nielsen adjourned the meeting at 11:42 p.m.

Date

Chuck Chestnut, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT 1

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>
C.W. Banks	James Driggers	Michael Fay	Dakova Batey
Whit Blanton	Doreen Joyner-Howard	Randall Reid	Wayne Bowers
Kali Blount	Larry Parks		Pat Byrne
La Twania Brown	Karen Taulbee		Don Dennis
Clark Butler	Fred Wright		Jeff Logan
Tom Cunilio			Shenley Neely
Tom Daniel			Teresa Scott
Jennifer Dodd			Elmond Taylor
Phil Emmer			
Rick Evans			
Richard Fletcher			
Jan Frentzen			
Dink Henderson			
Louis Kalivoda			
Larry Kendrick			
Noel Lake			
Chandler Otis			
Dexter O'Steen			
Kris Pagenkopf*			
Jim Painter			
Mandy Parks			
Robert Pergolizzi			
Jim Quincy			
Robert Reller			
Alan Rezaei			
Cindy Smith			
Howard Wallace			

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