April 5, 2007

TO: Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO)

FROM: Craig Lowe, Chair

SUBJECT: Meeting Announcement

The MTPO for the Gainesville Urbanized Area will meet on **Thursday, April 12th at 3:00 p.m.** This meeting will be held in the **Jack Durrance Auditorium, Alachua County Administration Building**, Gainesville, Florida.

Enclosed are copies of the meeting agenda. Please bring the materials enclosed with the agenda to the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Marlie Sanderson, AICP, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, at 955-2200, extension 103.

Enclosures
AGENDA
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

Thursday, 3:00 p.m.
April 12, 2007

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #3   I. Approval of the Meeting Agenda
and Consent Agenda

APPROVE BOTH AGENDAS

The MTPO needs to approve both agendas

Page #127   II. US 441 Transit Corridor Program-
MTPO Status Report

RECEIVE CITY OF ALACHUA STATUS REPORT

The MTPO has requested that the City of Alachua give the MTPO a status report on this project

III. Transportation Disadvantaged Program-

Page #131   A. Overview

NO ACTION REQUIRED

This agenda item will overview the TD program

Page #133   B. Meeting with Commission Chair

RECEIVE REPORT

Coordinating Board Chair Paula DeLaney will give a report concerning her meeting with the Chair of the TD Commission

Page #137   C. MV Performance Evaluation

NO ACTION REQUIRED

In December, the MTPO requested that MTPO staff prepare a report concerning the performance of MV service according to adopted standards
D. Alachua County Referrals

In December, the MTPO forwarded two referrals to Alachua County.

E. Community Transportation Coordinator

The Coordinating Board and MTPO staff both recommend that Alachua County replace MV Transportation Inc. as the Coordinator.

IV. SW 20th Avenue & 43rd Street Conceptual APPROVE STAFF Intersection Design Project RECOMMENDATION

This project is needed to determine how the proposed Hull Road Extension will connect to SW 20th Avenue at SW 43rd Street.

V. Transportation Regional Incentive Program- NO ACTION REQUIRED Executive Committee Status Report

This Committee met on February 1st and approved the Regional Plan and the grant application for the traffic management system.

VI. Next MTPO Meeting AGREE TO MEET ON MAY 31ST

The next MTPO meeting is currently scheduled for May 31st at 1:30 p.m.

VII. MTPO Meeting Time* DECIDE PREFERRED TIME TO MEET

The MTPO should discuss whether daytime meetings should begin at 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m.

VIII. Comments

A. MTPO Members*
B. Citizens
C. Chair’s Report (if necessary)*

Please bring the enclosed materials to the meeting. If you have any questions regarding the agenda items or enclosed materials, please contact Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, at 955-2200, Extension 103.

*No handout included with the enclosed agenda material.
CONSENT AGENDA
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Page 9 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- December 14, 2006 APPROVE MINUTES
This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page 25 CA. 2 MTPO Fiscal Year 2006 Audit Review APPROVE COMMITTEE REPORT
Committee Meeting
The MTPO Audit Review Committee will meet on May 11th and its report will be sent to City and County Offices later that day

Page 27 CA. 3 MTPO Audit APPOINT COMMISSIONER BRYANT
In the past, the MTPO’s Secretary-Treasurer has been appointed to work with the Regional Planning Council in the auditor selection process

Page 29 CA. 4 Joint Certification Statement AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN
The Florida Department of Transportation is recommending that the MTPO planning process be certified

Page 31 CA. 5 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS
This document is the MTPO staff budget for Fiscal Year 2007/2008
Section 5303 Resolution  
APPROVE RESOLUTION

This Resolution is required in order for the MTPO to receive Section 5303 transit planning funds.

Enhancement Applications- 2007  
APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS

May 1st is the deadline for Enhancement project applications to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Enhancement Project- Cost Increases  
NO ACTION REQUIRED

In 1995, the MTPO adopted a policy to have staff notify the MTPO when there are significant increases in the cost of enhancement projects.

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Feasibility Study- Draft Scope of Services  
APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The MTPO has requested Advisory Committee comments on this scope.

MTPO List of Priority Projects- Revisions for Transit Grant Application  
APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Regional Transit System wants to apply for federal funds to retrofit 26 buses with wheelchair restraints.

Audit Administrative Change  
AUTHORIZED CHAIR TO SIGN

FDOT is requesting that the MTPO add additional language to an existing agreement.

SW 20th Avenue- FDOT Corridor Study  
APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation is that this Study be postponed until after the MTPO Village Subcommittee completes its work.
An amendment is needed to this agreement to extend the expiration date to September 30, 2007.

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Alachua County is assisting the MTPO in obtaining full reimbursement from FDOT for MTPO expenses purchasing trips for rural County residents.

This application is for state funds to support the MTPO’s Transportation Disadvantaged Program.

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program.

Each year, MTPO staff provides the MTPO with annual transit ridership information.

Funds are being requested to develop a plan to make ITS modifications along the I-75 corridor in Alachua and Marion Counties.
Page 97  CA. 20  Progress Report on Urban Village Project  NO ACTION REQUIRED
Enclosed with this meeting packet is a report prepared by Alachua County staff discussing the current status of this project.

Page 99  CA. 21  MPOAC 2007 Legislative Policy Positions  NO ACTION REQUIRED
Enclosed with this meeting packet is the 2007 MPOAC Legislative Policy Positions.

Page 103  CA. 22  MPOAC Weekend Institute  NO ACTION REQUIRED
Enclosed are materials describing this upcoming event.

Page 107  CA. 23  FDOT Work Program Letter  NO ACTION REQUIRED
Enclosed is a letter from FDOT responding to the December MTPO review comments concerning FDOT’s Tentative Work Program.

Page 109  CA. 24  West Sixth Rail Trail Corridor  NO ACTION REQUIRED
Enclosed is a letter from FDOT stating the funding for this project has been delayed from Fiscal Year 2009/2010 to Fiscal Year 2010/2011.

Page 111  CA. 25  Traffic Management System Letter  NO ACTION REQUIRED
Enclosed is a letter of support sent to Representative Corrine Brown for the county-wide traffic management system.

Page 113  CA. 26  State Road 26 Median Opening  NO ACTION REQUIRED
Enclosed is information about a request to have a median opening constructed on East University Avenue.