December 10, 2018

TO: Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area

FROM: Ken Cornell, Chair

SUBJECT: Meeting Announcement

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area will meet on December 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in the John R. “Jack” Durrance Auditorium, Alachua County Administration Building, Gainesville, Florida.

Attached are copies of the meeting agenda.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Scott Koons, AICP, Executive Director, at 352.955.2200, extension 101.

Attachments
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AGENDA
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

John R. “Jack” Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

5:00 p.m.
December 17, 2018

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #3 I. Approval of Meeting Agenda and Consent Agenda Items
APPROVE BOTH AGENDAS
The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to approve the meeting agenda and the consent agenda items.

Page #111 II. Citizens Advisory Committee- Vacant Positions
FILL VACANT POSITIONS
The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to fill seven vacant positions.

Page #131 III. Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board- Vacant Positions
FILL VACANT POSITIONS
The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to fill two vacant positions.

Page #141 IV. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment - Safety Lighting Projects
APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION
The Florida Department of Transportation has requested amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program to add four safety lighting projects.

Page #145 V. Florida Department of Transportation Tentative Five-Year Work Program 2019-20 to 2023-24
APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION
The Florida Department of Transportation has submitted its Tentative Work Program for review and comment.

Page #153 VI. State Highway System Roundabout - State Road 121 (NW 34th Street) at NW 53rd Avenue - Florida Department of Transportation Response
APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION
The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization referred the Florida Department of Transportation State Road 121 (NW 34th Street) at NW 53rd Avenue intersection roundabout evaluation report to its advisory committees.

Dedicated to improving the quality of life of the Region’s citizens, by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.
VII. State Road 222 (NE 39th Avenue) Crosswalk Update

APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION

The Florida Department of Transportation Central Office has notified Florida Department of Transportation District 2 of a conditional approval concerning the variance request for this midblock crossing.

VIII. Federal Highway Administration

RECEIVE PRESENTATION

Innovative Highway Project Grant Award - Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Project

The Federal Highway Administration has awarded a $1,000,000 grant to the City of Gainesville, Florida Department of Transportation and the University of Florida to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety by improving access to real-time traffic information and enhancing the City’s SmartTraffic system.

IX. Election of Officers

ELECT OFFICERS

In April 2018, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization elected Ken Cornell as Chair, David Arreola as Vice-Chair and Charles Chestnut IV as Secretary/Treasurer.

X. Audit Review Committee

APPOINT MEMBERS

Each year, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization appoints the Secretary/Treasurer and one other member to the Audit Review Committee.

XI. Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council

APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES

Currently, Commissioner David Arreola serves as the voting representative and Commissioners Robert Hutchinson and Harvey Ward serve as alternate representatives.

XII. Next Meeting

NO ACTION REQUIRED

The next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

XIII. Comments

A. Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Members*
B. Citizens Comments*
C. Chair’s Report*

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*No backup material included with the attached agenda material.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #7 CA. 1 Minutes - October 22, 2018
APPROVE MINUTES

This set of Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization minutes is ready for review.

Page #17 CA. 2 2019 Meeting Schedule
APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization 2019 Meeting Schedule needs to be approved.

Page #21 CA. 3 List of Priority Projects for Fiscal Years 2019-20 to 2023-24
APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATION

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to amend its List of Priority Projects to include projects that the City of Gainesville and Alachua County anticipate submitting Transportation Alternatives Program applications to the Florida Department of Transportation.

Page #29 CA. 4 Transportation Alternatives Program - 2019 Applications
APPROVE APPLICATIONS

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to approve the submission of Transportation Alternatives Program applications prior to the January 25, 2019 application deadline.

Page #51 CA. 5 Safe Routes to School Program - 2019 Applications
APPROVE APPLICATIONS

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to support the submission of Safe Routes to School applications prior to the December 30, 2018 application deadline.
The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to set safety performance measures and targets.

The Florida Department of Transportation has responded to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization request for coordination among the Department, Alachua County and Florida Park Service for a linear park along Paynes Prairie.

The Florida Department of Transportation has selected Michael Escalante, Senior Planner, to serve as Chair of the Statewide Model Task Force Transit Committee.

The Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council has announced meeting dates for its Weekend Institute and provided application forms.

The Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council has adopted a series of legislative priorities and policy positions for the 2019 Florida Legislative Session.

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged awarded Edward Griffin, MV Transportation, Inc. General Manager, the William G. and Budd Bell Lifetime Achievement Award and James East, Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Board Citizen Advocate, the Volunteer of the Year Award.

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization has requested regular status reports concerning this program.