

MINUTES

GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO)
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

Grace Knight Conference Room
12 SE 1st Street
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
March 21, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jan Frentzen, Chair
Rob Brinkman, Vice Chair
Holly Blumenthal
E. J. Bulduc
Nelle Bullock
Mary Ann DeMatas
Melinda Koken
John Richter
James Samec
Ruth Steiner
Holly Shema
Ewen Thomson
Chris Towne

MEMBERS ABSENT

Blake Fletcher
Chandler Otis

OTHERS PRESENT

Mary Anderson
Dekova Batey
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Debbie Leistner
Karen Taulbee

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Rob Brinkman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Brinkman introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation asked for approval of the meeting agenda with consideration for the advancement of discussion of the Green bikelanes information item in order to accommodate Florida Department of Transportation staff.

MOTION: Ruth Steiner moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to discuss item IX.C Green Colored Bikelanes after item IV. Unified Planning Work Program. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chari Frentzen asked for approval of the CAC meeting minutes.

MOTION: Ruth Steiner moved to approve the November 30, 2011 CAC minutes. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the staff services agreement between the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville urbanized Area and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council requires submission of the budget to support the transportation planning staff. He said that MTPO staff is forwarding for its consideration the Unified Planning Work Program. He added that the UPWP outlines and describes planning efforts to be undertaken by participating agencies to maintain a comprehensive, cooperative and continuing transportation planning program in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area for a two-year period. He discussed the Fiscal Years 2012-13 -2014-15 UPWP and answered questions.

MOTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Fiscal Years 2012-13 – 2014-15 Unified Planning Work Program with the understanding that additional administrative revisions requested by state and federal review agencies will be made as necessary. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX.C GREEN COLORED BIKELANES

Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist, and Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Specialist, discussed and answered questions regarding the use of green colored bikelanes.

V. URBAN DESIGN POLICY MANUAL

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Technical Advisory Committee Working Group has reviewed the Urban Design Policy Manual and recommends sunsetting it.

MOTION: John Richter moved to recommend that the MTPO sunset the Urban Design Policy Manual. Nelle Bullock seconded.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Ruth Steiner moved to table the recommendation that the MTPO sunset the Urban Design Policy Manual pending further information regarding:

- 1. comparisons of the Alachua County, City of Gainesville and Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area design policies;**
- 2. what Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area design policies are not covered in the Alachua County and City of Gainesville policies by the sunsetting of the Urban Design Policy Manual; and**
- 3. what differences there would be if the Urban Design Policy Manual is “sunsetted.”**

Ewen Thompson seconded. After additional discussion, Melinda Koken called the question; question call passed 12 to 1. The motion passed 8 to 5.

VII. TOP TEN MOST DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area requested information on the top ten dangerous intersections within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

Ms. Debbie Leistner, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, discussed top ten dangerous intersections within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area and answered questions.

VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Sanderson stated that it was time to select a Chair and Vice Chair. He said that Jan Frentzen is the Chair and Rob Brinkman is the Vice Chair.

Ms. Ruth Steiner nominated Jan Frentzen for Chair.

Mr. Ewen Thomson nominated Rob Brinkman for Vice Chair.

It was a consensus of the Citizens Advisory Committee to elect Jan Frentzen as Chair and Rob Brinkman as Vice Chair.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Dekova Batey, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator, discussed grant applications for a bike map update and the Norton Elementary School Safe Route to School sidewalk project. He asked for a letter of support.

Ms. Steiner noted that a graduate student was working on a campus bicycle plan for her thesis.

Mr. Sanderson stated that he would work with Mr. Batey on the letter of support.

Mr. Thomson discussed his concerns for bicycle safety at several intersections.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

5/23/2012
Date

Rob Brinkman for
Jan Frentzen, Chair