

MINUTES

GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 NW 67th Place
Gainesville, Florida

November 20, 2019
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Brashier
Alyssa Brown
Nelle Bullock
Jan Frentzen
Gilbert Levy
Chandler Otis, Vice-Chair
John Pickett
James Samec
Ruth Steiner, Chair
Joshua Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Bolduc
Mary Ann DeMatas
Luke Tia
Chris Towne

OTHERS PRESENT

McKenna Brown

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Escalante
Scott Koons

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ruth Steiner called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Steiner introduced herself and asked member to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Steiner asked for approval of the agenda.

Michael Escalante, Senior Planner, requested that the agenda be amended to delete item VI. State Road 121 (NW 34th Boulevard) Safety Concern. He said that the Technical Advisory Committee deferred this item.

MOTION: Joshua Williams moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to delete item VI. State Road 121 (NW 34th Boulevard) Safety Concern. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Steiner asked for approval of the October 2, 2019 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION: Gil Levy moved to approve the October 2, 2019 Citizens Advisory Committee minutes. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. YEAR 2045 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Michael Escalante, Senior Planner, stated that the consultant for the Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan update has prepared a Public Participation Plan. He said that this plan is consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Public Involvement Plan. He discussed the plan and answered questions.

MOTION: Alyssa Brown moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Public Participation Plan. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS

Mr. Escalante stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to set Safety Targets for fatalities and serious injuries annually to meet federal legislation requirements. He discussed the safety measures and targets and answered questions.

MOTION: Craig Brashier moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization set safety performance targets consistent with the Florida Department of Transportation targets (see Exhibit 1). Alyssa Brown seconded; motion passed 7 to 1.

VI. *STATE ROAD 121 (NW 34TH BOULEVARD) SAFETY CONCERN [Deleted]*

VII. DR. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD - 2019

Mr. Escalante stated that it was time to select a recipient for the Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award. He said that University of Florida Vice President Charles Lane was the recipient for 2018.

MOTION: James Samec moved to select Penny Wheat as the recipient for the 2019 Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award. Craig Brashier seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Mr. Escalante stated that it was time to select a Chair and Vice-Chair. He said that currently Ruth Steiner is the Chair and Chandler Otis is the Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Nelle Bullock moved to select Ruth Steiner as Chair and Chandler Otis as Vice-Chair. Gil Levy seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN - STATUS REPORT

Mr. Escalante stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has accepted the Regional Transit System Transit Development Plan. He said that the Transit Development Plan projects will be incorporated into the List of Priority Projects and the Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan.

A consensus of the Citizens Advisory Committee requested that the Regional Transit System staff make a presentation to the Committee concerning the Transit Development Plan and mobility hubs.

X. STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Escalante stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has informed the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization that there have been modifications to the Strategic Intermodal System. He said that the State Road 24 (Waldo Road) and State Road 120 (NE 23rd Avenue) connectors to the bus station have been removed from the Strategic Intermodal System. He noted that the connector to the Gainesville Regional Airport was modified to access the State Road 24 (Waldo Road) entrance to the airport.

XI. MULTI-USE CORRIDORS OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE

Mr. Escalante stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization, at its meeting on October 28, 2019, discussed the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance Suncoast Connector. He said that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization sent a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation Secretary that expressed the following concerns related to the Suncoast Connector:

- Lack of representation by Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area on the Suncoast Connector Task Force;
- Impacts to economic development outside the Suncoast Connector study area, including impact to the Florida Department of Transportation Work Program; and
- Impacts to the natural environment.

He reported that information concerning the October 23, 2019 Suncoast Connector Task Force meeting was included in the meeting packet.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no comments on the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

10/18/20
Date


Ruth Steiner, Chair

EXHIBIT 1

Safety Performance Targets Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area

Performance Measure	Target	Performance Measure Rate Target
Fatalities	Zero	Zero per 100 million vehicle miles travelled
Serious Injuries	Zero	Zero per 100 million vehicle miles travelled
Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	Zero	N/A

Note - The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization set Safety Performance Targets consistent with the Florida Department of Transportation Targets.