

MINUTES

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

Grace Knight Conference Room  
12 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
April 20, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Jan Frentzen, Chair  
Rob Brinkman, Vice Chair  
Holly Blumenthal  
Nelle Bullock  
Blake Fletcher  
Roderick Gonzalez  
Chandler Otis  
John Richter  
James Samec  
Holly Shema  
Ruth Steiner  
Ewen Thomson  
Chris Towne

Harvey Budd  
Mary Ann DeMatas

Dekova Batey  
Jesus Gomez  
Doreen Joyner-Howard  
Wesley Macleod  
Doug Robinson  
Karen Taulbee  
Brad Weitekamp

Marlie Sanderson  
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jan Frentzen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Frentzen introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Frentzen asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, recommended approval of the agenda.

**MOTION: Ruth Steiner moved to approve the meeting agenda. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Frentzen asked for approval of the CAC meeting minutes.

**MOTION: Ruth Steiner moved to approve the December 1, 2010 CAC minutes. James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for May 2nd at 5:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the CAC's next meeting, if needed, is scheduled for May 18th. He noted that the CAC does not meet as often as in the past. He added that it is still important to have the CAC members' participation. He discussed the CAC advisory status to the City Commission and the County Commission. He also discussed the NW 16 Avenue resurfacing project and said he would contact County staff on the project's status.

#### V. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AMENDMENT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested that the MTPO amend its UPWP to include a task for the Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis study. He said that Regional Transit System (RTS) staff has prepared a task draft. He discussed the amendment and answered questions.

Mr. Doug Robinson, RTS Chief Transit Planner, discussed Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis study task and answered questions.

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO amend its UPWP to include Task 3.9 Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis Project. Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### VI. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested amendments to the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 - 2014/2015 TIP. He said that the projects included in this amendment include:

1. moving the NE 19 Place Sidewalk Project's design funding to fiscal year 2011/2012;
2. adding Archer Braid Trail design funding to fiscal year 2011/2012; and
3. revising the Archer Road Rail/Trail limits to be from the City of Archer to SW 91 Street.

Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist, discussed the amendments and answered questions.

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO amend its Fiscal Years 2010/2011-2014/2015 Transportation Improvement Program to include the following revisions:**

- 1. moving the NE 19 Place Sidewalk Project's design funding to fiscal year 2011/2012;**
- 2. adding Archer Braid Trail design funding to fiscal year 2011/2012; and**
- 3. revising the Archer Road Rail/Trail limits to be from the City of Archer to SW 91 Street.**

**James Samec seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## VII. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TIP is the most important document that is approved annually by the MTPO. He said that the TIP is a staged implementation program of transportation projects consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with adopted comprehensive plans of Alachua County and the City of Gainesville. He added that, in order for Federal transportation funds to be spent in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, they must be approved by the MTPO and included in this report. He noted that this year's document authorizes about \$20.4 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next fiscal year.

Ms. Holly Blumenthal declared a conflict of interest.

Mr. Jesus Gomez, RTS Director, and Mr. Robinson discussed the status of the maintenance facility expansion and transit service.

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Fiscal Years 2011/2012-2015/2016 Transportation Improvement Program with corrections provided by review agencies. Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed 12 to 0 with one abstention.**

## VIII. UNFUNDED PROJECT PRIORITIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that, each year, the MTPO develops priorities for unfunded projects. He said that these priorities are used by the Florida Department of Transportation to develop its Tentative Work Program. He added that this year's draft List of Priority Projects includes projects from the recently adopted Year 2035 Livable Community Reinvestment Plan and from local agency recommendations. In order to accommodate RTS staff, he asked the CAC to consider the public transportation priorities first.

Mr. Robinson discussed Table 6- Public Transportation Priorities and answered questions.

Ms. Blumenthal declared a conflict of interest.

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 6 Public Transportation Priorities. Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed 12 to 0 with one abstention.**

Mr. Sanderson and Ms. Taulbee discussed and answered questions regarding:

- Table 1A- Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities- Enhancement Funds;
- Table 1B- Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities- Alachua County-Maintained Facilities; and
- Table 1C- Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities- City of Gainesville-Maintained Facilities.
- Table 2A- Capacity/Multimodal Priorities- State Highway System;
- Table 2B- Capacity/Multimodal Priorities- Alachua County-Maintained Facilities;
- Table 2C- Capacity/Multimodal Priorities- City of Gainesville-Maintained Facilities;
- Table 3- Intelligent Transportation System Priorities; and
- Table 4- Landscaping Priorities.

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to send Table 4 Landscaping Priorities to the City Beautification Board so the Board could consider nonstate-funded landscaping on the State Highway System. James Samec seconded; motion passed 11 to 1 with one abstention.**

Mr. Sanderson and Ms. Taulbee continued discussion and answered questions regarding:

- Table 5A- Project, Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Priorities;
- Table 5B- PD&E Study Priorities- Alachua County-Maintained Facilities;
- Table 5C- PD&E Study Priorities- City of Gainesville-Maintained Facilities
- Table 7A- Right-Of-Way (ROW) Priorities- State Highway System;
- Table 7B- ROW Priorities- Alachua County-Maintained Facilities;
- Table 7C- ROW Priorities- City of Gainesville-Maintained Facilities;
- Table 8- Safe Routes to School Priorities;
- Table 9- Safety Priorities;
- Table 10- Strategic Intermodal System Priorities; and
- Table 11- Surface Transportation Program (STP) Fund Priorities;
- Table 12A- Traffic Operations Priorities- State Highway System;
- Table 12B- Traffic Operations Priorities- Local Facilities; and
- Table 13- Transit Corridor Development Priorities.

Mr. Sanderson continued his presentation regarding:

- Table 14- Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund;
- Table 15- Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Capital Funding/Equipment Program;
- Table 16- Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Programs;
- Table 17- Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program;
- Table 18- Transportation Disadvantaged Priorities- Federal Transit Administration Section 5317 New Freedom Program; and
- Table 19- Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priorities.

Mr. Blake Fletcher declared a conflict of interest. He noted that one of the right-of-way priorities included property that he owned.

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the List of Priority Projects, Except Table 9- Safety Priorities. Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed 10 to 1 with two abstentions.**

#### IX. DEPOT AVENUE TRAIL AND WALDO ROAD TRAIL CONNECTION

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO referred the Depot Avenue Rail/Trail-Waldo Road Rail/Trail connection to its advisory committees.

Mr. Wesley Macleod and Mr. Brad Weitekamp, University of Florida graduate students discussed their study and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson presented the MTPO staff recommendations.

Mr. Ewen Thomson discussed his recommendation and answered questions.

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO:**

- 1. approve the jointly recommended bicycle/pedestrian safety modifications in Exhibit 2 and include them in the document entitled List of Project Priorities as priority #2 in Table 9- Safety Priorities;**
- 2. forward the crossing concepts in Exhibit 3 and cases 1, 2 and 3 in Exhibit 5 to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting review comments.**

**Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

X. COMMITTEE OFFICER ELECTIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that it was time to elect new CAC officers. He said that currently Jan Frentzen was the Chair and Rob Brinkman was the Vice Chair.

**ACTION: Ewen Thomson moved to nominate Jan Frentzen as Chair. Ruth Steiner moved to close the nominations.**

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to elect Jan Frentzen as Chair. Blake Fletcher seconded; motion passed 12 to 1.**

**ACTION: Ewen Thomson moved to nominate Rob Brinkman as Vice Chair. Nelle Bullock moved to close the nominations.**

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to elect Rob Brinkman as Vice Chair. Blake Fletcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

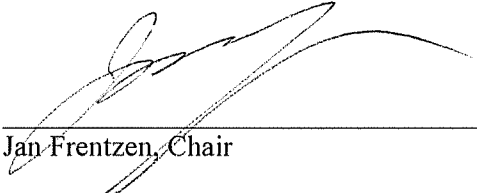
XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

7/20/2011  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jan Frentzen, Chair



10 Mike Escalante  
(352) 955-2209

From Holly Blumenthal

FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS	
LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME Blumenthal Holly Anne	NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE CAC to MTPD
MAILING ADDRESS 9127 SW 84th St	THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF: <input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY
CITY Gainesville	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: MTPD
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED 4/20/2011	MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE
COUNTY Alachua	

### WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies equally to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing the reverse side and filing the form.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which inures to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also is prohibited from knowingly voting on a measure which inures to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

#### ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

**PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN** by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

**WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS** by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

#### APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you otherwise may participate in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

**IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:**

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on other side)

**APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)**

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

**IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:**

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

**DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST**

I, Holly Blumenthal, hereby disclose that on 4/20/2011, 20 11.

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, \_\_\_\_\_;
- inured to the special gain or loss of Santa Fe Health Care, Newberry Village, PREIT, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, which is the parent organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

The measure was a vote on the List of Priority Projects. I work for C. David Coffey PA, who is retained as Counsel for Santa Fe Health Care, the Pennsylvania Real Estate Trust and the owners of Newberry Village. There is arguably special gain for them by approval of the BET projects to receive funding since they are ~~developing~~ moving forward w/ development plans that will rely on availability of BET. He most likely the gain is too remote + speculative

Date Filled 4/26/2011

Signature Holly Blumenthal

**NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.**





**APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)**

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

**DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST**

I, Holly Blumenthal, hereby disclose that on 4/20, 2011:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, \_\_\_\_\_;
- inured to the special gain or loss of Santa Fe HealthCare, Newberry Village, PREIT by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_ which is the parent organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

The measure was a vote on the Transportation Improvement Program. I work for C-David Coffey P.A. who is retained by the above named client. There is arguably a special gain for them by approval of the BRT projects to receive funding b/c they are moving forward w/ development plans that will rely on availability of BRT.

4/24/2011  
Date Filed

Holly Blumenthal  
Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.



**APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)**

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

**DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST**

I, G.W. Blake Fletcher, hereby disclose that on April 20, 20 11:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, George & Gloria Fletcher \_\_\_\_\_;
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, which is the parent organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

*I'm a minority owner, along with other family members) on a piece of property at SW 52<sup>nd</sup> & SW 20<sup>th</sup> Ave.*

4/20/11  
Date Filed

Blake Fletcher  
Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.