

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

NCFRPC  
Conference Room  
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
April 26, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anne Barkdoll  
Richard Briggs  
Mike Byerly  
Richard Fletcher  
James Foust  
Jan Frentzen  
Ray Haufler  
Matthew Hurst  
Doug Hornbeck  
Warren Nielsen  
Phyllis Saarinen  
Cindy Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joe Wilson

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Andrea Vogler

OTHERS PRESENT

Rob Ayers  
Whit Blanton  
Tom Cavin  
Mindy Heath  
Karen Kalinski  
David Schwartz  
Ryan Solis-Rios  
Ruth Steiner  
Scott Woodman  
Susan Wright

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Richard Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Briggs asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that there are three revisions to the meeting agenda:

1. remove Item A., Elect Vice Chair because a Vice Chair was elected at the April 26 CAC meeting.
2. remove Item B., City of Gainesville Transportation Mobility Element; and
3. add Item K., Intersection Modifications at NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 8<sup>th</sup> and NW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

Mr. Rob Ayers requested that the Items D. and E. concerning State Roads 26/26A be discussed prior to Item C. University Avenue/Main Street Corridor Traffic Analysis.

**It was a consensus of the CAC to approve the meeting agenda with four revisions to delete Items A., Elect Vice Chair and B., City of Gainesville Transportation Mobility Element, add Item K., Intersection Modifications at NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 8<sup>th</sup> and NW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenues and moving Items D. and E. concerning State Roads 26/26A be discussed prior to Item C. University Avenue/Main Street Corridor Traffic Analysis.**

### III. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 22 MINUTES

Mr. Doug Hornbeck stated that page 5 of the minutes reflects a motion concerning Item F., Main Street- N. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to N. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He noted that it appears as though this motion was never seconded or voted upon.

Mr. Sanderson stated that staff will review the March 22 meeting tape and revise the minutes as appropriate.

**ACTION: Richard Fletcher moved to approve the March 22 minutes with the understanding that staff will review the March 22 meeting tape and revise the motion concerning Item F. Main Street- N 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to N 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue as appropriate. Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

### IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2000 and the next CAC meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2000. He said that this will be a special meeting concerning the long range transportation plan. He added that there will also be a follow up report concerning the University Avenue and Main Street traffic analysis.

Ms. Mindy Heath, Alachua County Public Works Department Senior Planner, stated that, included in the meeting materials, is an issue paper from the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan team. She briefly discussed the issue paper.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to request that the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan proposal be included on the May 24, 2000 CAC meeting agenda. Mike Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson stated that, according to Mr. David Schwartz, Alachua County Assistant Attorney, it is not necessary to tape record meetings where minutes are taken. He asked whether the CAC would like staff to continue taping the CAC meetings.

**It was a consensus of the CAC to request that staff continue to tape record meetings.**

V. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED LISTED IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

D. STATE ROAD 26/26A - WEST OF W. 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET

Mr. Sanderson stated that, on June 10, 1999, the MTPO amended the Long Range Transportation Plan to:

1. request that FDOT stop working on the project development and environmental study for the one-way pair project because the MTPO will be updating its long range transportation plan by February 2001 and the plan update will include developing a community's future vision for the transportation system in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, including the future function of State Roads 26/26A in the University and Downtown area; and
2. request that the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team (ACTST) develop recommendations for the MTPO concerning both short and long term modifications that should be made to improve traffic safety along State Road 26 from NW 38<sup>th</sup> Street east to Main Street and State Road 26A from NW 38<sup>th</sup> Street east to W. University Avenue.

He said that, last September, the MTPO amended the long range transportation plan to revise the State Roads 26/26A project to read "modifications to enhance the Westgate commercial area, including bicycle, pedestrian and transit projects, on State Roads 26/26A from W 38th Street to W 34th Street; and road, safety and landscape modifications for two-way traffic on State Roads 26/26A from W 38th Street to North-South Drive." He also said that, on October 20, the CAC and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) requested that FDOT District 2 staff provide additional information for State Road 26A, including existing and Year 2020 level of service for two-lane divided, three-lane divided and four-lane divided facilities. He said that CAC, TAC and Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (B/PAB) recommendations concerning this agenda item are listed in the meeting materials. He said that the CAC needs to develop MTPO recommendations concerning SR 26/26A west of W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mr. Ayers discussed the proposed SR 26/26A modifications west of W 34<sup>th</sup> Street and answered questions. He said that the FDOT will request a final recommendation from the MTPO in June.

Ms. Cindy Smith discussed alternative options for modifying SR 26/26A. She noted that there is a large group of citizens who have been waiting to have input concerning this corridor. She asked when a SR 26/26A charrette will be held.

Mr. Ayers stated that funding for the SR 26/26A project will be reallocated if the MTPO does not make a recommendation in June. He noted that this project has already been delayed for year.

**ACTION: Richard Fletcher moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Four-Lane Option for State Road 26A west of 34<sup>th</sup> Street including the reconstruction of this roadway to include two through lanes in each direction. Ray Haufler seconded.**

The CAC discussed the SR 26/26A project.

Ms. Susan Wright stated that the public has been waiting for a SR 26/26A charrette. She said that several citizens have been meeting and discussing ideas for this corridor. She discussed some of the citizen's wishes for this corridor. She noted that she spoke with Commissioner Pegeen Hanrahan, who is working with Commissioner Penny Wheat to schedule a "Walk Around" meeting through this area on Saturday, May 6.

Ms. Anne Barkdoll asked whether the CAC could further discuss the SR 26/26A project at their May 10 meeting. She also requested that FDOT staff participate in the "Walk Around" on May 6.

**Cindy Smith called the question. Question call passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: Motion failed 8 to 3.**

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to delay action on State Roads 26/26A west of 34<sup>th</sup> Street until after the May 6, 2000 "Walk Around" meeting in this corridor and include this issue on the May 10 meeting agenda. Mike Byerly seconded.**

**Doug Hornbeck called question. Question call passed unanimously.**

**Motion passed 9 to 2.**

**E. SR 26/26A - W. 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO MAIN STREET**

Mr. Ayers reviewed and discussed the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team (ACTST) recommendations for SR 26/26A from west 34<sup>th</sup> Street to North-South Drive and answered questions.

**ACTION:** Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO consider:

1. a holistic design of State Roads 26/26A east of 34<sup>th</sup> Street;
2. the Community Task Force recommendation to add medians to University Avenue;
3. constructing a roundabout at the intersection of State Roads 26/26A; and
4. including, if appropriate, the recommendations of the ACTST (see Exhibit 1) to provide a better and safer roadway.

Warren Nielsen seconded; motion passed 8 to 4.

C. UNIVERSITY AVENUE/MAIN STREET CORRIDOR TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its meeting on March 9, the MTPO approved the University Avenue/Main Street Corridor Traffic Analysis contract with Renaissance Planning Group (RPG). He said that, included in the meeting materials, is information that has been developed by RPG concerning this traffic analysis. He said that the CAC needs to review the enclosed material and develop MTPO recommendations.

Mr. Whit Blanton, RPG Vice President, gave a presentation concerning the University Avenue/Main Street corridor traffic analysis and answered questions.

**ACTION:** Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the sixth alternative to be tested in the University Avenue/Main street traffic analysis identify strategies to enhance efficient transportation flow on alternative corridors of regional roadways in response to the results from the other five alternatives (see Exhibit 2). Jan Frentzen seconded.

Warren Nielsen called the question. Question call passed unanimously.

Motion passed unanimously.

F. TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

1. YEAR 2000 APPLICATIONS - ALACHUA COUNTY

Mr. Sanderson stated that, included in the meeting materials, is an April 13 letter from the Alachua County Public Works Department (ACPWD) Engineering and Transportation Division

requesting that FDOT TEA-21 enhancement applications and the Protection of Natural Systems, Part II of Protection of Natural and Rural Areas, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan issue paper be included on the meeting agenda. He said that a brief description of these items are included in the meeting materials.

Ms. Heath discussed the Alachua County transportation enhancement applications and answered questions.

The CAC discussed whether or not to request that any new Alachua County transportation enhancement applications be submitted.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to include on the May 24 meeting agenda, the feasibility of painting, striping and marking bicycle lanes on repaving projects, especially U.S. 441. Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passed 6 to 1.**

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the Alachua County Commission not submit any new transportation enhancement applications this year. Phyllis Saarinen seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## 2. YEAR 2000 APPLICATIONS - MTPO

Mr. Sanderson stated that, included in the meeting materials, is a March 21 letter from FDOT discussing this year's procedure relating to transportation enhancement projects. He said that the CAC needs to decide if the MTPO should submit any new applications this year. He said that, according to this letter, the steps in this year's process are:

1. MTPO applications should be submitted to FDOT by June 15;
2. by September 1, FDOT will provide notification determining eligibility; and
3. by October 1, the MTPO will submit its final priority ranking of enhancement projects.

The CAC discussed the MTPO submitting new enhancement applications.

**ACTION: Jan Frentzen moved to recommend that the MTPO not prepare additional transportation enhancement applications unless the FDOT determines that the application for the construction of sidewalks on SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue is not valid. Matthew Hurst seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sanderson requested that the CAC discuss Item J. Archer Road and SW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Pedestrian Safety Issues at this time.

**It was a consensus of the CAC to discuss Item J. Archer Road and SW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Pedestrian Safety Issues prior to discussing Items G. through I.**

**J. ARCHER ROAD AND SW 16<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES**

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its November meeting, the MTPO discussed bicycle and pedestrian safety issues on Archer Road near SW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He said that, at this meeting, the MTPO referred the issue of crosswalks at bus stop locations along this portion of Archer Road and the 1993 Archer Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Study to the MTPO Advisory Committees. He reviewed the history of recommendations and actions taken by the TAC and CAC concerning this issue. He added that the CAC needs to develop MTPO recommendations concerning this issue.

Ms. Linda Dixon, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Analyst, discussed the proposed safety improvements on Archer Road near SW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and answered questions.

The CAC discussed the proposed safety improvements.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the proposed Archer Road and SW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue project description (see Exhibit 3) including retaining a right-turn only onto Archer Road from SW 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Phyllis Saarinen seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**G. FISCAL YEAR 2000/2001 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

Mr. Sanderson stated that the staff services agreement between the MTPO and the Regional Planning Council requires the annual submission of the budget for the support of the transportation planning staff. He said that, therefore, we are forwarding for your consideration the UPWP. 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 Urbanized Area. He said that staff recommends that the CAC approve the UPWP.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2000/2001 UPWP. Anne Barkdoll seconded.**

**Jan Frentzen called the question. Question call passed unanimously.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

#### H. SR 20 LANDSCAPE PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its meeting in April, the MTPO discussed FDOT maintenance issues on SR 20/Hawthorne Road near Prairie Creek. He said that, during discussion of this agenda item, the MTPO approved a motion to request that FDOT change the level of maintenance on this portion of SR 20 from rural to urban and to request that the Design Team complete its review of this project at its next meeting on April 25 and forward its recommendations to the MTPO Advisory Committees. He briefly reviewed the April 25 Design Team recommendations. He said that this agenda item is for information only and that no action is required.

The CAC discussed the proposed SR 20 landscape plan.

**It was a consensus of the CAC to request that the April 25 Design Team recommendations concerning the SR 20 Landscape Plan be included in the May 24 CAC meeting packet.**

#### I. U.S. 441 AT GAINESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - ACCESS MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its March meeting, the Design Team reviewed the enclosed design plans for access modifications on U.S. 441 at Gainesville High School between NW 16<sup>th</sup> and NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue. He said that, during this review, the Design Team approved a motion to recommend that the MTPO approve FDOT's proposed design plans. He said that this agenda item is for information only and that no action is required.

The CAC reviewed and discussed the FDOT proposed U.S. 441 at Gainesville High School access modifications.

#### K. NW 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET INTERSECTION MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Sanderson discussed the proposed NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street at NW 8<sup>th</sup> and NW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection modifications. He said that, at its April 25 meeting, the 25 Design Team approved a motion to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT upgrade the traffic signals and install pedestrian crosswalks in accordance with MTPO policies and maintain the current intersection geometry. He said that this agenda item is for information only and that no action is required.

The CAC discussed the proposed intersection modifications.

#### VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.



ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 p.m.

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Joseph N. Wilson, Chair

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