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

San Felasco Meeting Room  
Best Western Hotel  
Gainesville, Florida

6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
January 19, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Len Buffington, Chair  
Anne Barkdoll  
Richard Briggs  
Mike Byerly  
Richard Fletcher  
Jan Frentzen  
James Foust

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ray Haufler  
Doug Hornbeck  
Matthew Hurst  
Warren Nielsen  
Phyllis Saarinen  
Cindy Smith  
Joe Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sally Warrick

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Gerry Dedenbach  
Andrea Vogler

OTHERS PRESENT

Rob Ayers  
Dave Welch

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Director of Transportation Planning, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

**ACTION: Joe Wilson moved to approve the meeting agenda. Phyllis Saarinen seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 5, 2000 MINUTES

**ACTION: Phyllis Saarinen moved to approve the January 5, 2000 minutes. Joe Wilson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meetings are scheduled for January 20, 2000 and February 3, 2000. He said that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2000.

Mr. Sanderson stated that Mr. Rob Ayers, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Regional Planning Administrator, noted at the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting that FDOT is working to upgrade the traffic signal at the intersection of Archer Road and SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street. He said that mastarms are not feasible because the intersection is too large. He said that FDOT is exploring other options such as truss/monotubes and spanwire signals.

Ms. Cindy Smith asked if right-turn slip lanes would be feasible. She asked whether mastarms could be installed if sliplanes were constructed.

Mr. Sanderson stated that Mr. Ayers would be able to provide further information concerning this issue.

**Chair Len Buffington requested that this issue be included on the next meeting agenda.**

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

##### A. ALACHUA COUNTY NEEDS PLAN

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Senior Planner, stated that the CAC began its review of the Alachua County Draft Needs Plan in July 1999. He said that the CAC also reviewed this material in December and asked Ms. Mindy Heath, Alachua County Public Works Department Senior Planner, to return in January for a final recommendation.

Mr. Dedenbach also stated that, Mr. Michael Warren, AMJ Construction President, has sent a letter to the CAC, MTPO and Alachua County Commission encouraging the inclusion of bicycle facilities wherever possible. He said that the CAC needs to develop final recommendations concerning the Draft Needs Plan at tonight's meeting.

The Committee discussed their recommendations concerning the Draft Needs Plan.

**ACTION: Mike Byerly moved to recommend that the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners direct the Department of Public Works to revise its Long-Range Transportation Needs Plan to reflect the Board's commitment to curbing urban sprawl and promoting a genuinely multi-modal transportation system.**

**The revisions to the draft needs plan should include, but not be limited to:**

- 1. sharply increase the funding share for mass transit and pedestrian projects and give them priority over New Road and Capacity Enhancement projects;**
- 2. adopt Level of Service (LOS) standards for mass transit, bicycle and pedestrian routes, then revise the Draft Needs Plan to include those projects necessary to bring those modes up to an acceptable LOS;**
- 3. once the Alachua County Bicycle Master Plan is completed, include the County's share of this plan as a single, funded project, rather than recreational cycling opportunities;**
- 4. delete all new road projects outside the existing urban services boundaries of the County's municipalities; and**
- 5. evaluate the potential for roundabouts as an alternative solution to all Transportation System Management and Capacity Enhancement projects.**

**Warren Nielsen seconded;**

**ACTION: Joe Wilson moved to amend the original motion and accept the Alachua County Transportation Needs Plan as a completed planning document and ask that its implementation de-emphasize enhancements that rely on the addition of traffic lanes and it support and improve multi-modal facilities. Cindy Smith seconded;**

**ACTION: Richard Fletcher called the question to vote on the amended motion. Question call failed 11 to 4.**

**ACTION: Richard Fletcher called the question to vote on the original motion. Question call failed 9 to 5.**

Mr. Sanderson stated that the CAC invited the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (B/PAB) to today's meeting at 7:00 p.m. He suggested that the CAC defer discussion of this agenda item to allow for discussion of the agenda items which concern the B/PAB.

**Chair Buffington stated that the CAC will defer, until later in the evening, discussion of the Alachua County Needs Plan.**

**B. W. UNIVERSITY AVE./MAIN ST. ANALYSIS - DRAFT SCOPE-OF-WORK**

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its August 17, 1999 meeting, the MTPO referred the W. University Avenue preferred alternative to the B/PAB, CAC, TAC, FDOT District 2 and Ms. Melanie Carr, FDOT Management Systems Coordinator, for review and comment. He said that the MTPO requested that a recommendation be developed concerning whether the boundaries of the project should go farther east and west and for a review of the year 2020 transportation model assumptions. He discussed the Advisory Committees' and FDOT's comments and recommendations.

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at their January 5, 2000 meetings, the CAC and TAC recommended that the MTPO conduct a Main Street traffic analysis to investigate the feasibility of reducing this road from four lanes to two lanes to allow permanent on-street parking. He said that the Design Team is recommending that the MTPO pursue the two-lane road, even before the modeling.

Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group Vice President, briefly discussed the W. University Avenue preferred alternative and answered questions.

**ACTION: Warren Nielsen moved to support the Design Team's recommendation that the MTPO pursue to two-lane road even before the modeling. Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**C. DRAFT URBAN FORMS CONCEPTS**

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at the January 5 CAC meeting, Mr. Blanton conducted a work session concerning the urban form concept alternatives. He said that the CAC asked several questions and commented on the urban forms concept alternatives.

Mr. Blanton gave a presentation concerning the urban form concepts and answered questions.

**ACTION: Jan Frentzen moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the four land-use concepts for subsequent modification and refinement with the understanding that the transportation components are examples. Richard Fletcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**A. ALACHUA COUNTY NEEDS PLAN**

The CAC continued to discuss their recommendations concerning the Alachua County Needs Plan.

**ACTION:** Mike Byerly moved to recommend that the Alachua County Board of County Commissioner direct the Alachua County Public Works Department to:

1. revise its Long-Range Transportation Needs Plan to reflect the Board's vision of controlling urban sprawl and promoting a genuinely multi-modal transportation system;
2. continue to give top priority to the preservation of existing transportation infrastructure;
3. increase the funding share for mass transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities; and
4. establish Level of Service standards for mass transit, bicycle and pedestrian routes and revise the Draft Needs Plan to monitor compliance with these standards.

Cindy Smith seconded;

**ACTION:** Phyllis Saarinen called the question. Question call passed unanimously.

Original motion passed 10 to 3.

Mr. Dedenbach stated that Ms. Heath requested that the CAC recommend that Alachua County request an extension from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to allow coordination between the Long-Range Transportation Plan update and the update of the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan.

**ACTION:** Doug Hornbeck moved to recommend that Alachua County request an extension from the DCA to allow coordination between the Long-Range Transportation Plan update and the update of the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan. Mike Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

It was a consensus of the CAC to:

1. include on the next meeting agenda discussion concerning establishing a county-wide MTPD;
2. request that a representative of the Regional Transit System give a presentation concerning ridership and average bus-loading statistics at the next meeting; and
3. request that representatives of environmental interests be invited to a future Long-Range Transportation Plan workshop.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Len Buffington, Chair

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