

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  
January 5, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Hornbeck  
Matthew Hurst  
Warren Nielsen  
Phyllis Saarinen  
Cindy Smith  
Sally Warrick  
Joe Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Gerry Dedenbach  
Andrea Vogler

OTHERS PRESENT

Rob Ayers  
Dave Welch

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Len Buffington called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Buffington stated that introductions were not necessary.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Buffington asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

**ACTION: Mike Byerly moved to approve the meeting agenda. Richard Briggs seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 1, 1999 MINUTES

**ACTION: Richard Briggs moved to approve the December 1, 1999 minutes. Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2000 and the next CAC meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2000.

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

A. MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION

Mr. Dedenbach stated that there are two Design Team recommendations that have not been included in this project by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). He said they consisted of the use of concrete pavers at the Main Street/University Avenue intersection and the consideration of reversing the one-way direction of SE 4 Place. He added that the Design Team also recommends that a roundabout be constructed at the Main Street/Depot Avenue intersection.

Mr. Rob Ayers, FDOT District 2 Regional Planning Administrator, discussed the Main Street project and answered questions.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that MTPO support the FDOT Main Street Reconstruction and incorporate the following items into the project:**

- 1. provide an at-grade median opening for pedestrians/bicyclists at S 3 Ave./Sun Center with a curb-cut and ramp modifications on the east side of Main Street;**
- 2. provide an at-grade median opening for pedestrians/bicyclists at N 3 Ave.;**
- 3. support the provision of a westbound right-turn slip lane with a pedestrian refuge island and crosswalks at N 8 Ave.;**
- 4. use real bricks or pavers rather than Streetprint treatment throughout the corridor;**
- 5. have FDOT research decreasing the turn radii on the southeast corner of N 1 Ave., because right turns are already prohibited at this location; and**
- 6. contract some immediate short-term modeling of Main Street, to investigate the feasibility of reducing facility from four lanes to two lanes to allow permanent on-street parking.**

**Anne Barkdoll seconded.**

**ACTION: Joe Wilson moved a substitute motion containing the original motion and the following amendments:**

- 1. add marked crosswalks at at-grade median cuts;**
- 2. preserve three lanes on the east side of NW 2 Avenue;**
- 3. place the bulb-out on the north side of the road (if feasible) at NW 4 Avenue;**
- 4. add an additional pedestrian crosswalk to Lynch Park at S 5 Avenue;  
and**
- 5. use lighter, less heat retentive brick, matching the existing sidewalk type and color.**

**Jan Frentzen seconded. The vote to substitute passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: The vote on the substitute motion passed unanimously.**

**B. ALACHUA COUNTY BICYCLE MASTER PLAN**

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its December 9, 1999 meeting, the MTPO discussed the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (B/PAB) recommendation to include the proposed Bicycle Master Plan as a funded project in the FDOT's Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2000/2001 to 2004/2005. He said that Alachua County Public Works Department staff requested that the scope of the Bicycle Master Plan be expanded from the Gainesville Metropolitan Plan to include all of Alachua County. He added that Commissioner Hutchinson requested that Alachua County staff work with Mr. Bruce Landis, SCI Inc. Vice-President, to develop a cost estimate for the Bicycle Master Plan as a countywide project and bring the additional cost estimate to the Alachua County Commission. He reported that Mr. Landis has prepared a preliminary scope-of-services and cost estimate for the project.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO, County Commission, and City Commission support:**

- 1. the MTPO staff recommended draft scope-of-work;**
- 2. a funding strategy whereby FDOT will fund ½ of the project,**

**and the local agencies (City, County, MTPO) will each fund 1/6 of the project;**

- 3. a schedule whereby Tasks 1-4 are essentially completed by May 2000, and Tasks 5-6 are completed by Fall 2000; and**
- 4. including the small cities participation in the study.**

**Warren Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that it was time to elect a new CAC Chair and Vice-Chair. He said that, currently, Mr. Buffington is the Chair and Mr. Var Heyl was the Vice-Chair.

**ACTION: Warren Nielsen moved to nominate Len Buffington as Chair. Richard Fletcher seconded.**

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to nominate Joe Wilson as Vice-Chair. Anne Barkdoll seconded.**

**It was a consensus of the CAC to close the nominations and adopt the slate.**

#### D. FLORIDA'S SUNSHINE LAW

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the Sunshine Law and conflict of interest issues and answered Committee members' questions.

The Committee raised several concerns regarding the Sunshine Law and conflict of interest issues.

**It was a consensus of the Committee to request that Attorney David Wagner give a presentation concerning these issues at the February 23, 2000 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting.**

#### E. W. UNIVERSITY AVENUE TRAFFIC ANALYSIS- DRAFT SCOPE-OF-WORK

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its August 17, 1999 meeting, the MTPO referred the W. University

Avenue preferred alternative to the B/PAB, CAC, Technical Advisory Committee (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. He recommended that the CAC review the "Scope and Cost Estimate for the University Avenue Corridor Traffic Analysis" and be prepared to discuss this material with Mr. Blanton at the next meeting on January 19, 2000.

F. FDOT TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, each year, FDOT prepares and submits a Five Year Work Program to the State Legislature. He said that the MTPO, at its December meeting, requested that FDOT include the following projects in its Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2000/2001 to 2004/2005:

1. the proposed Bicycle Master Plan as a funded project and that this plan cover all of Alachua County; and
2. Traffic Operations Priority number one- W 13 Street, from SW 16 Avenue to NW 29 Road, access management, transportation system management (TSM) techniques, traffic separators, turnlanes.

Mr. Ayers discussed the draft Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2000/2001 to 2004/2005.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

**ACTION:** Cindy Smith moved to recommend that MTPO staff report at the January 8, 2000 County Public meeting, a recommendation that the MTPO and Alachua County Commission support policies in the Comprehensive Plan, that will:

1. control urban sprawl;
2. increase average densities to 6 to 8 units per acre within the urban services area to support transit and other transportation choices and establish walkable town centers and housing choices;
3. decrease planned density outside the urban reserve to protect farms

**and environmentally sensitive lands;**

- 4. support transit and other transportation choices including park and ride facilities, bicycling and walking;**
- 5. preserve farms, open space and environmentally sensitive lands; and**
- 6. preserve the area's quality of life and encourage a sense of place and community.**

**Mike Byerly seconded; motion passed 10 to 4.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Len Buffington, Chair

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