

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
March 22, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anne Barkdoll
Richard Briggs
Richard Fletcher
James Foust
Jan Frentzen
Ray Haufler
Matthew Hurst
Doug Hornbeck
Warren Nielsen
Cindy Smith
Joe Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Byerly
Phyllis Saarinen
Sally Warrick

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Andrea Vogler

OTHERS PRESENT

Whit Blanton
Mindy Heath
Jennifer Morrell
Jonathan Paul
David Schwartz
John Sevell
David Welch
Colin Williams
Scott Wright

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Ms. Mindy Heath, Alachua County Public Works Department Senior Planner, announced upcoming workshops concerning the Alachua County comprehensive plan.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chairman Joe Wilson asked all those present to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Ms. Cindy Smith requested the addition of agenda items V.A.2., Elect Vice Chairperson and V.A.3., Elect CAC Representative to the MTPO Design Team.

Ms. Ann Barkdoll requested the addition of agenda item V.F.2. State Road (SR) 20/Hawthorne Road Landscape Plan.

It was a consensus of the CAC to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of agenda items V.A.2., Elect Vice Chairperson; V.A.3., Elect CAC Representative to the MTPO Design Team; and V.F.2., SR 20/Hawthorne Road Landscape Plan.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2000 and the next CAC meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2000.

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

A. ELECT CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Sanderson stated that Chair Len Buffington has resigned from the CAC. Therefore, he said, the CAC needs to elect a new chairperson.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to nominate Joe Wilson as Chairperson of the CAC. Anne Barkdoll seconded.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to close nominations.

It was a consensus of the CAC to elect Joe Wilson as Chairperson of the CAC.

A.2. ELECT VICE CHAIRPERSON

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to nominate Richard Briggs as Vice Chairperson of the CAC. Anne Barkdoll seconded.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to close nominations.

It was a consensus of the CAC to elect Richard Briggs as Chairperson of the CAC.

A.3. ELECT CAC REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MTPO DESIGN TEAM

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved nominate herself as CAC Representative to the MTPO Design Team. Warren Nielsen seconded.

It was a consensus of the CAC to elect Cindy Smith as the CAC representative to the MTPO Design Team.

B. SUNSHINE LAW AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its January 5 meeting, the CAC raised several concerns regarding the Government in the Sunshine Law and Conflict of Interest issues. He said that the CAC asked Staff to contact Mr. Dave Wagner to discuss these issues at an upcoming CAC meeting.

Mr. David Schwartz, Alachua County Assistant Attorney, discussed the Government in the Sunshine Law and Conflict of Interest issues and answered questions.

The Committee discussed the Government in the Sunshine Law and Conflict of Interest Issues.

It was a consensus of the Committee to request that staff prepare, and distribute to members of the CAC, a list of procedures to properly notice a meeting.

C. LONG RANGE PLAN- EVALUATION MEASURES

Mr. Sanderson stated that, in February, the CAC reviewed and discussed proposed evaluation measures for the long range plan. He said that the MTPO's consultant for this project, Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group Vice President, is present to discuss this item.

Mr. Blanton discussed the proposed evaluation measures and answered questions.

The Committee reviewed the proposed evaluation measures and recommended the following changes:

1. Add to Goal #1 language to encourage transit between urban areas.
2. Add to the second-last evaluation measure "and/or habitation fragmentation."

It was a consensus of the Committee to request a study of the effects of the TCEA on the level of service of roadways outside of the TCEA.

ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to approve the proposed evaluation measures with the following changes:

1. Add language to encourage transit between urban areas to the first goal/objective; and
2. add "and/or habitation fragmentation" to the second-last evaluation measure.

Richard Briggs seconded; motion passed unanimously.

D. LONG RANGE PLAN- URBAN FORMS CONCEPTS TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at the January 19 Committee meetings, Mr. Blanton discussed the four urban form concept alternatives and their associated transportation projects. He said that, at this meeting, the Committees approved the proposed four urban form concepts for testing and evaluation, with the understanding that the transportation components associated with each urban form are examples only and will be modified and refined later. He added that, also on January 19, the TAC recommended that the MTPO:

1. change the name of the *Westward Growth* urban form concept to the *Continue Current Conditions* urban form concept; and
2. instruct the MTPO's consultant to include additional transit projects and fewer roadway widening projects in the *Westward Growth* urban form concept.

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its March 9 meeting, the MTPO discussed the urban forms concepts and decided not to change the name of the *Westward Growth* urban form concept to the *Continue Current Conditions* urban form concept. He said that, however, the MTPO did decide to change the name of the Activity Center urban form concept to the Village/Town Center urban form concept. He added that, in addition, the MTPO also did not agree with the TAC's recommendation to include additional transit projects and fewer roadway widening projects in the *Westward Growth* urban form concept.

Mr. Blanton discussed the urban forms concepts and answered questions. He said that he is looking for direction from the CAC concerning incorporate the smaller Alachua County municipalities into the urban form concepts.

It was a consensus of the Committee to request that analysis of the smaller Alachua County municipalities be included with each urban form concept except "Westward Growth."

Ms. Barkdoll noted that there are significant differences between smaller municipalities such as Jonesville and Newberry. She stated that these differences should be considered when analyzing the urban form concepts.

E. YEAR 2020 REVENUE FORECASTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that, included in the meeting materials, is a report prepared by FDOT entitled Gainesville Metropolitan Area Draft 2020 Revenue Forecast dated January, 2000. He said that this report contains the forecast for future federal and state revenues that is forecasted to be available to fund projects in the MTPO's updated long range transportation plan. He also stated that a summary of the enclosed report is that between the years 2006 and 2020 about \$69.7 million is available to fund transportation projects in the MTPO's Cost Feasible Plan. He said

that, of this \$69.7 million, at least \$24.5 million must be spent on transit projects and no more than \$5.8 million can be spent on federal-aid eligible roads that are not on the State Highway System. He said that the pie chart on the cover memo presents information from this report concerning forecasts of revenues for the capacity program by type of category. He added that, at today's TAC meeting, Mr. Rob Ayers, FDOT District 2 Regional Planning Administrator, noted that the revenue forecast covers a fifteen, rather than twenty year period.

The Committee discussed the Year 2020 revenue forecasts.

F. MAIN STREET- N 8TH AVENUE TO N 16TH AVENUE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Alachua County Public Works Department (ACPWD) has requested that the Committees review and discuss the feasibility of reducing N. Main Street, from N. 8th Avenue to N. 16th Avenue, to two travel lanes with a center turn lane. He said that this request is being made because there are no left turn lanes within this corridor; it is not feasible to widen this corridor to four travel lanes with a center turn lane because there isn't sufficient right-of-way; and the travel lanes within this corridor are narrow. He noted that Mr. Blanton is present to discuss whether it is possible to address this issue in the enclosed Scope of Services for the University Avenue/Main Street Corridor Traffic Analysis.

Mr. Blanton discussed the University Avenue/Main Street Corridor Traffic Analysis.

The Committee discussed the University Avenue/Main Street Corridor Traffic Analysis.

ACTION: Doug Hornbeck moved to request that Mr. Blanton include the following corridors in the University Avenue/Main Street Corridor Traffic Analysis:

1. Main Street from SW 4th Avenue to NW 4th Avenue;
2. Main Street from Depot Avenue to NW 16th Avenue;
3. University Avenue from W. 34th Street to Waldo Road;
4. University Avenue from W. 13th Street to Waldo Road;
5. University Avenue from W 38th Street to Waldo Road and Main Street from Depot Avenue to NW 16th Avenue; and
6. An additional corridor to be determined during the modeling.

Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.

F.2. SR 20/HAWTHORNE ROAD LANDSCAPE PLAN

Ms. Barkdoll discussed the SR 20/Hawthorne Road Project landscape plan. She said that the proposed landscape plan appears to use several plants not recommended by the MTPO Design Team or the City of Gainesville Arborist.

Ms. Smith noted that the Design Team met Tuesday, March 21. She said that the Design Team requested that the landscape plan be revised to reflect the MTPO Design Team recommendations. She suggested that comments be addressed to the City Arborist concerning this issue.

It was a consensus of the Committee to request that Cindy Smith state, at the next Design Team meeting, that the Citizens Advisory Committee would not support the FDOT Consultant's planting plan for the SR 20/Hawthorne Road project as it was presented at the March 21 Design Team meeting.

G. MTPO URBAN DESIGN AND STREETScape POLICIES

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that, at its September 23 meeting, the MTPO Landscape Subcommittee approved a motion to have the Design Team develop a draft MTPO Landscape Policy. He said that the policy should include, but not be limited to: tree banking; optimized landscaping; xeriscaping; use of native species; special features such as tree clustering; and community gateways; and that the City, County and FDOT include landscaping as a part of major road construction and resurfacing projects. He said that the Design Team has met over the last few months and discussed several issues which could be incorporated into a comprehensive policy document. He said that, at the January Design Team meeting, MTPO staff agreed to prepare a comprehensive document outlining the MTPO's adopted Urban Design and Streetscape Policies. He noted that, included in the meeting materials, is a preliminary draft table of contents, with associated adopted policies for review and comment. He also noted that the Design Team and MTPO Landscape Subcommittee met on March 21. He reviewed the Committees' recommended changes to the draft policies.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Urban Design and Streetscape Policies.

H. STATE ROADS (SR) 26/26A PROJECT- WEST OF W 34TH STREET

Mr. Sanderson stated 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 said that, since this action was taken in September, the MTPO Advisory Committees have been working to develop specific recommendations concerning the number of lanes on State Road 26A west of SW 34th Street. He said that, on October 20, the MTPO Advisory Committees 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 Staff has recently been informed by FDOT District 2 staff that they will not provide any additional information concerning this project. He noted that, currently, the MTPO's consultant, Renaissance Planning Group, is working on a future traffic analysis that will provide information for State Road 26A west of SW 34th Street. He said that as soon as this information is available,

this issue will be placed on the Advisory Committee agenda to develop final MTPO recommendations. He added that, at today's TAC meeting, Mr. Ayers stated that the TAC, at their next meeting, the TAC should have enough information to make a recommendation. He said that, last year, the MTPO referred SR 26/26A to the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team (ACTST). He said that this analysis is almost complete. He noted that, once this data is provided, there will be no further analysis from FDOT.

I. SIGNING AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON SW 20TH AVENUE

Mr. Sanderson stated that, included in the meeting materials, is a letter from FDOT concerning the signing and pavement markings on the SW 20th Avenue bridge over Interstate 75 and the paved shoulder approaches. He said that, at its March 9 meeting, the MTPO discussed the pavement markings on this bridge and approved a motion to:

1. mark a bicycle lane on the approach to the SW 20th Avenue bridge over Interstate 75;
2. mark bicycle and pedestrian lanes on the deck of the bridge;
3. not use any signage, other than painted pavement, to indicate the bicycle and pedestrian lanes; and
4. separate the bicycle/pedestrian lanes from the vehicle travel lanes with double painted lines and reflective markers.

The Committee discussed the signing and pavement markings on SW 20th Avenue.

J. ARCHER ROAD AND SW 91ST STREET ROUNDABOUT

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its January meeting, the MTPO discussed the intersection of Archer Road and SW 91st Street and approved a motion to refer the feasibility of constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Archer Road and SW 91st Street to the TAC, Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) and ACPWD. He said that, at its February meeting, the TAC discussed this issue and approved a motion to request the following information for the next meeting in order to address safety concerns:

1. information from other jurisdictions that have located roundabouts in rural areas where traffic approaching the roundabout is traveling at high speeds in order to find out what techniques they used to slow traffic down as it enters the roundabout; and
2. MTPO staff request that FDOT provide a written position on the proposed intersection modifications.

Mr. Sanderson noted that Mr. David Coffey has indicated that materials are forthcoming and may be handed out at today's meeting. He said that, included in the meeting materials, is FDOT correspondence stating its position concerning this proposed roundabout.

The Committee discussed the roundabout at Archer Road and SW 91st Avenue.

It was a consensus of the CAC to defer this agenda item to the April 26 meeting.

K. ARCHER ROAD WEST OF SW 16TH AVENUE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its November meeting, the MTPO discussed a letter from Ms. Jennifer Gordon concerning bicycle and pedestrian safety on Archer Road. He said that 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.

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at their February meetings, the CAC and TAC approved motions to:

1. request that FDOT conduct a traffic signal warrant analysis at the intersection of Archer Road and SW 23rd Drive;
2. approve the City of Gainesville preferred design contingent on the proposal meeting traffic signal warrants;
3. have this project included in the List of Priority Projects this fall; and
4. request that the City look into siting a pedestrian facility near the Brandywine apartment complex.

The Committee discussed the Archer Road west of SW 16th Avenue pedestrian safety issues.

L. SOCIOECONOMIC DATA

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

M. PARKING POLICIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that a member of the CAC requested a discussion of the City of Gainesville (City) and University of Florida (UF) parking policies. He said that, included in the meeting materials are the UF Campus Master Plan - portions of transportation/parking related elements; and the Campus Development Agreement - transportation related sections. He said that staff has requested, but not yet received, materials from the City concerning their parking policies.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the parking policies.

Mr. Richard Briggs requested that a discussion concerning the addition of parking at the University of Florida and its impact on transit be included on a future meeting agenda.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to send a letter to the MTPO asking that the MTPO request permission from the University of Florida for the MTPO, and its subcommittees to review the University of Florida Master Plan and hear a presentation concerning the master plan. Richard Briggs seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Date

Joseph M. Wilson, Chair

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