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

NCFRPC
Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
May 10, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Anne Barkdoll	Ray Haufler	Marlie Sanderson	Rob Ayers
Richard Briggs		Gerry Dedenbach	Whit Blanton
Mike Byerly		Mike Escalante	Mindy Heath
Richard Fletcher			Beverly Hill
James Foust			Karen Kolinsky
Jan Frentzen			Chandler Otis
Matthew Hurst			Peter Rebmann
Doug Hornbeck			John Reiskind
Warren Nielsen			Tom Rider
Phyllis Saarinen			Dave Welch
Cindy Smith			Mike Wright
Joe Wilson			Susan Wright

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I.   INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Wilson asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

II.   APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda, as amended to change Agenda Item V.A. State Road 26A- West of W 34th Street to include discussion on the entire State Roads 26/26A Corridor Project. Richard Briggs seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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III.   APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 26 MINUTES

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the April 26 minutes as amended:

        1.   to include the attendance of Mr. Rob Ayers; and

        2.   to change the project limits on page 4, Agenda Item V.E., *SR26/26A from W 34th Street to ~~Main Street~~ North-South Drive* .

Richard Briggs seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV.   CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that the next MTPO meetings are scheduled for May 11 and June 8 and the next CAC meeting is scheduled for May 24.

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

    A.   STATE ROADS 26/26A CORRIDOR

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

    1.   request that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) stop working on the project development and environmental (PD&E) study for the one-way pair project because the MTPO will be updating its LRTP 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 38th Street east to Main Street and State Road 26A from NW 38th Street east to W University Avenue.

He said that, last September, the MTPO amended the LRTP 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 noted that, at its April 26 meeting, the CAC approved a motion to delay action on this issue until after the May 6, 2000 "Walk Around" in this corridor. He added that the CAC needs to develop MTPO recommendations concerning SR 26/26A west of W 34th Street.

Ms. Susan Wright discussed an alternative recommendation and answered questions.

ACTION: **Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO request FDOT reconstruct State Road 26A, from W 38th Street to W 34th Street, as a two lane section with instreet bikelanes, center turn lanes with landscaped medians. Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passes seven to five.**

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

        1.   **proper consideration be given to the shopping centers; and**

        2.   **FDOT consider the feasibility of construction of roundabouts at both ends of the project, as a separate project, in order not to delay the proposed State Roads 26/26A project.**

        Richard Briggs seconded; motion passed nine to three.

ACTION: **Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT implement Alternative 4B instead of Alternative 4D. Mike Byerly seconded; motion failed five to seven.**

ACTION: **Richard Briggs moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT reduce the number of lanes on State Road 121 (W 34th Street) from State Road 26A north to State Road 26, from seven lanes to five lanes, with landscaped medians and center turnlanes. Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passed ten to two.**

B.   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 noted that, included in the meeting materials, as Exhibits 1 and 2, is information that has been developed so far by RPG concerning this traffic analysis. He said that, on April 26, the CAC approved a motion to recommend that the sixth alternative to be tested in the traffic analysis identify strategies to enhance efficient transportation flow on alternative corridors on regional roadways in response to the results from the other five alternatives. He said that the

decision concerning what this sixth test will consist of will be made by the MTPO at its next meeting on May 11. He said that the CAC needs to review the enclosed material and develop MTPO recommendations. He added that Mr. Whit Blanton, RPG Vice President, is present to discuss this agenda item.

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

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

1. **approve the following as the 6th Alternative:**

   A. **modifications to a parallel roadway to divert traffic from a 2-lane University Avenue;**

   B. **reduce lanes on University Avenue from W 34th Street to North-South Drive only; and**

   C. **keep University Avenue as a 4-lane facility from North-South Drive to W 13th Street; and**

2. **request the combination of Alternative M1 with State Road 26 from W 34th Street to North-South Drive as a 2-lane facility for the following reasons:**

   A. **funding is already programmed for the Main Street and State Roads 26/26A projects; and**

   B. **the addition of Main Street from N 8th Avenue to N 16th Avenue is financially feasible; and**

3. **not take action on the State Roads 26/26A corridor project east of W 34th Street at its May 11 meeting since additional information is forthcoming.**

Richard Briggs seconded.

During discussion on the motion, Doug Hornbeck called the question; call passed eleven to one.

Motion passed unanimously.

C. LONG RANGE PLAN- URBAN FORMS CONCEPTS/TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that, included in the meeting materials is correspondence from Mr. Blanton concerning the long range transportation plan/draft urban form land use concepts.

Mr. Blanton discussed the urban forms concepts/transportation projects and answered questions.

ACTION: **Jan Frentzen moved to recommend that the consultant proceed with:**

1. **further distribution of socioeconomic (S/E) data;**

2. **revision of transportation projects; and**

3. **refinement of the urban form concepts.**

Richard Fletcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Date   Joseph N. Wilson, Chair

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