

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  
November 29, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Wilson, Chair  
Anne Barkdoll  
Richard Briggs  
Richard Fletcher  
James Foust  
Jan Frentzen  
Nancy Gildersleeve  
Doug Hornbeck  
Matthew Hurst  
Jonathan Reiskind  
Phyllis Saarinen  
Cindy Smith  
Mike Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

[2 vacancies]

OTHERS PRESENT

Whit Blanton  
Sally Dickenson  
Rae Marie Gilbert  
James Higman

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Gerry Dedenbach  
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Richard Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 2000 MINUTES

**ACTION:** Cindy Smith moved to approve the November 15, 2000 minutes, amending Agenda Item V.B. to read as:

*“Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO not amend the Transportation Improvement Program to add the construction of SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue (from SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue to SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street).”*

**Richard Briggs seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 14. He noted that the MTPO's regular business meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. and the public hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. He said that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2001. He discussed the CAC Attendance Policy and the MTPO and its Advisory Committee's year 2000 meeting schedule.

**ACTION: Jon Reiskind moved to schedule the CAC meeting for the MTPO's March meeting for February 21, 2001. Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed 12-1.**

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

##### A. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (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 noted that the reason that this is on the agenda is to give the MTPO the opportunity to request changes to existing or proposed projects and to hear requests for new projects to be added or existing projects to be deleted from the Work Program. He said that MTPO staff compared the current status of projects programmed for implementation during the next five years of FDOT's Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2001/2002 - 2005/2006 to those identified in the TIP. He reported that the results of this review indicate that all of the projects in the TIP are included in the Work Program. He added that MTPO staff also compared the current status of projects programmed for implementation during the next five years of the Work Program to those identified in the List of Priority Projects (LOPP). He reported the results of this review indicate that FDOT programmed funds for several projects contained in the LOPP. He discussed the projects that received funding. He discussed the Work Program and answered questions.

**ACTION: Anne Barkdoll move to recommend that the Alachua County Commission request that FDOT:**

1. delete Project 2076701 (Preliminary Engineering for SR 24/Archer Road 4-laning from SR 45 to Parker Road) since this road is not forecasted to be deficient through the year 2020;
2. construct Florida Intrastate Highway System (FIHS) Project 2077141 (SR20/Hawthorne Road 4-laning from CR 325 to US 301) as a rural 2-lane divided facility using FDOT rural cross-section; and

3. delete FIHS Project 2078181 (SR 20/Hawthorne Road from US 301 to Putnam County Line project, development and environment (PD&E) study).

Richard Briggs seconded. Jan Frentzen called the question; call passed 12-1.  
Motion failed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Jan Frentzen moved to recommend that the Alachua County Commission request that FDOT construct FIHS Projects 2077141 and 2078181 (SR 20 / Hawthorne Road) to the minimum AASHTO standards regarding the number of lanes and median width. Jon Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Cindy Smith move to recommend that the Alachua County Commission request that FDOT delete Project 2076701 (Preliminary Engineering for SR 24 / Archer Road 4-laning from SR 45 to Parker Road) since this road is not forecasted to be deficient through the year 2020. Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passed 10-3.

**ACTION:** Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the Alachua County Commission request that FDOT leave FIHS Project 2077141 (SR 20 / Hawthorne Road) as a 2-lane facility. Richard Briggs seconded; motion failed 2-11.

**ACTION:** Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT:

1. designate funding for the purchase of right-of-way for the Hull Road extension bicycle/pedestrian trail;
2. delete the SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard / SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue extension; and
3. construct the SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street grade-separated crossing.

Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed 11-2.

**ACTION:** Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO and the Alachua County Commission accept the FDOT Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2001/2002 to 2005/2006, as amended. Phyllis Saarinen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**B. HULL ROAD EXTENSION MEDIAN WIDTH**

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its June meeting, the MTPO approved the typical cross section for the Hull Road Extension from SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Boulevard east to SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street. He said that FDOT reports that the only remaining item in question, to complete the typical section, is the width of the proposed median that the MTPO would approve and that a minimum twenty two (22) foot median provides an adequate left turn and storage lane which meets current FDOT standards.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO specify that the Hull Road extension typical cross-section be 150 feet wide, including a median that is 30 feet wide, as shown in Exhibit 1. Phyllis Saarinen seconded, motion passed unanimously.**

**C. HAWTHORNE ROAD- CR 325 TO US 301**

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its April 8, 1999 meeting, the MTPO discussed FDOT's proposed SR 20 / Hawthorne Road construction project. During this discussion, the MTPO approved a motion to have the existing Design Team, plus a representative from the City of Hawthorne, review this project from County Road 325 east to the Alachua County line. He said that the Design Team reviewed the draft roadway design at its November 21 meeting.

**ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the Alachua County Commission request that FDOT:**

- 1. ask its Environmental Management Office to contact appropriate agencies, such as Mr. Jim Weimer of Paynes Prairie State Park, Mr. Steve Humphries of the University of Florida and appropriate Water Management District and Alachua County Department of Environmental Protection staff persons to design and construct dryland underpasses for wildlife;**
- 2. landscape along the perimeter of the Hawthorne High School football field parking lot with canopy trees; and**
- 3. plant trees, as well as other plant material, for a vegetative buffer for the residences along Hawthorne Road in Grove Park.**

**Nancy Gildersleeve seconded; motion passed 11-2.**

E. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)-  
COST FEASIBLE PLAN PRIORITIES

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning, stated that, at its October meeting, the MTPO adopted the hybrid land-use alternative, which they named the “Livable Communities Reinvestment Plan,” and a list of needed projects. He reported that the MTPO must adopt the LRTP at its December 14 meeting. He said that the TAC need to complete its work in assigning priorities to “Liveable Communities Reinvestment Needs Plan” projects.

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the cost feasible plan staff recommendation and answered questions.

Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group, Inc. Vice President, discussed RPG’s cost feasible plan recommendations and answered questions.

**ACTION: Richard Fletcher moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 1-TAC Recommendations for the “Year 2020 Liveable Communities Reinvestment Cost Feasible Plan.” Cindy Smith seconded.**

**AMENDMENT: Doug Hornbeck moved to advance priority 11 to Priority 3. Cindy Smith seconded; amendment passed 7-6.**

AMENDMENT: Phyllis Saarinen moved to advance Priority 6 to Priority 1. Jan Frentzen seconded; Jon Reiskind called the question; call passed unanimously. Amendment failed 6-7 .

**AMENDMENT: Doug Hornbeck moved to advance Priority 6 to Priority 2. Jan Frentzen seconded; amendment passed 12-1 .**

AMENDMENT: Anne Barkdoll moved to split Priority 3 to leave the SE 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue capacity enhancements as Priority 3 and to have as a new Priority 9, the SE 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue extension. Nancy Gildersleeve seconded; amendment failed 5-8.

AMENDMENT: Nancy Gildersleeve moved to drop Priority 3 to Priority 9. Anne Barkdoll seconded; amendment failed 4-9.

AMENDMENT: Anne Barkdoll moved to advance Priority 15a to Priority 5. Nancy Gildersleeve seconded; amendment failed 2-11.

**ACTION AS AMENDED:**

**Richard Fletcher moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 3- TAC Recommendations for the “Year 2020 Liveable Communities Reinvestment Cost Feasible Plan.” as amended to advance:**

- 1. Priority 11 to Priority 3; and**
- 2. Priority 6 to Priority 2 (Exhibit 1).**

**Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed 11-2.**

**F. DR. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD PROCESS**

Mr. Sanderson stated that, in 1997, the MTPO approved the annual Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award. He said that this award will be presented each year at an MTPO meeting to someone selected by the CAC to be recognized for their contribution to the area’s transportation planning process. He asked the CAC to select someone for the award.

**Ms. Phyllis Saarinen nominated Ms. Cindy Smith. Jon Reiskind seconded.**

**ACTION: Doug Hornbeck moved to close nominations. Richard Briggs seconded; motion passed 11-1.**

Mr. Richard Fletcher asked the committee to reconsider other nominations.

**ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to reopen nominations. Richard Briggs seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Fletcher nominated Mr. Var Heyl. James Foust seconded.**

**Ms. Saarinen nominated Mr. Chandler Otis. Anne Barkdoll seconded.**

**ACTION: Richard Briggs moved to close nominations. Jon Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

The Committee voted to select the award recipient.

**It was a consensus of the Committee that the recipients of the Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award for 2000 be Ms. Cindy Smith and Mr. Var Heyl.**

**F<sub>2</sub>. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN VISION STATEMENT**

Mr. Sanderson asked the CAC to reconsider its vision statement recommendation.

A<sub>2</sub>. FDOT TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

**ACTION:** Anne Barkdoll recommended that the Alachua County Commission request that FDOT investigate retaining a 2-lane undivided section for FIHS Projects 2077141 and 2078181 (SR 20 / Hawthorne Road) with the possibility of using intermittent passing zones as necessary. Matthew Hurst seconded; motion passed 6-5.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

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Joseph N. Wilson, Chair

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