

MINUTES

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

Conference Room
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
April 19, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jan Frentzen, Vice Chair
Rob Brinkman
Sheryl Conner
Sven Hanson
Sharon Hawkey
Chandler Otis
Tom Reilly
Robert Reller
Ruth Steiner
Ewen Thomson
Larry Vettel
Gary Weed

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brooke Bass
Thomas Collett
1 Vacancy

OTHERS PRESENT

Carlos Cruz
Martin Gold
Carol Gordon
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Teresa Russin
Karen Taulbee

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Brian Waterman
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jan Frentzen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were done at the request of Vice Chair Frentzen.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Vice Chair Frentzen asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

A member of the CAC requested discussion of outreach and education regarding roundabouts at the end of the meeting.

ACTION: Bob Reller moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to add item XIII.G. Outreach and Education Regarding Roundabouts. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to approve the November 30, 2005 minutes. Bob Reller seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Brian Waterman, MTPO Senior Planner, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for May 2nd at 2:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the CAC's next meeting is scheduled for May 31st.

V. PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLANDS ALONG EAST UNIVERSITY AVENUE

Mr. Waterman stated that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff has submitted design option plans for pedestrian refuge islands along East University Avenue that would be constructed in conjunction with the East University Avenue resurfacing project.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Specialist, and Mr. Waterman discussed the pedestrian refuge islands along East University Avenue and answered questions.

ACTION: Bob Reller moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve Option 6A;**
- 2 request that the Design Team review the E. University Avenue Resurfacing Project Scope; and**
- 3. request that FDOT discuss right-in/right-out turns into Kirby Smith from E. University Avenue.**

Sven Hanson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. STATE ROAD (SR) 329 (MAIN STREET) MEDIAN CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Mr. Waterman stated that FDOT has submitted SR 329 60 percent design plans for the installation of medians on S Main Street between S 16th Avenue and Depot Avenue. He noted that construction a pedestrian island at the Main Street and S. 16th Avenue intersection would result in the elimination of the existing southbound right turnlane on Main Street.

Ms. Joyner-Howard and Mr. Waterman discussed the State Road 329 Median Construction 60 percent design plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Sven Hanson moved to recommend that:

1. City and County staff discuss:

A. traffic operations issues, with preference towards the construction of the pedestrian island, separating northbound and southbound traffic, at the intersection of Main Street (SR 329) and S. 16th Avenue (SR 226); and

B. landscaping and maintenance.

2. request that the City plant 10 shade trees in the medians, provided the issue of maintenance is addressed.

Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed 8 to 3.

VII. STATE ROAD (SR) 26 RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING PLANS

Mr. Waterman stated that FDOT has submitted 90 percent design plans for the reconstruction and resurfacing of State Road 26 between SR 222 and County Road 234.

Ms. Joyner-Howard and Mr. Waterman discussed the State Road 26 reconstruction and resurfacing 90 percent design plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the State Road 26 reconstruction and resurfacing 90 percent design plans with the following changes such that FDOT:

- 1. consider a raised median separating SR 222 right turn movement from the through movement; and**
- 2. install a flashing beacon on the stop sign at SR 26.**

Bob Reller seconded; motion passed 10 to 1.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that the TIP is the most important document that is approved annually by the MTPO. He said that the TIP is a staged implementation program of transportation projects consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with adopted comprehensive plans of Alachua County and the City of Gainesville. He added that, in order for Federal transportation funds to be spent in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, they must be approved by the MTPO and included in this report. He noted that this year's document authorizes about \$11.8 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next fiscal year.

ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Fiscal Years 2006/2007 - 2010/2011 Transportation Improvement Program with any necessary administrative changes. Sven Hanson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. URBAN VILLAGE: SW 20TH AVENUE TRANSPORTATION DESIGN PROPOSAL

Mr. Sanderson stated that the SW 20th Avenue Transportation Design Proposal has been submitted for review and recommendation to the MTPO.

Mr. Martin Gold, University of Florida Assistant Professor, discussed the SW 20th Avenue Transportation Design Proposal and answered questions.

Ms. Ruth Steiner declared a conflict of interest (Exhibit 1).

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. accept the Urban Village: SW 20th Avenue Transportation Design Proposal as a completed planning document; and**
- 2. request that Alachua County, the City of Gainesville and the University of Florida use this document as a guide for corridor studies, and any future land use and transportation plans.**

Sven Hanson seconded; motion passed 9 to 2 with one abstention.

X. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that the staff services agreement between the MTPO and the Regional Planning Council (RPC) requires the annual submission of the budget for the support of the transportation planning staff. He said that MTPO staff is forwarding for its consideration the UPWP. He added that the UPWP outlines and describes planning efforts to be undertaken by participating agencies to maintain a comprehensive, cooperative and continuing transportation planning program in the Gainesville Urbanized Area. He discussed the proposed FY 2006/2007 UPWP planning program and budget and answered questions.

ACTION: Bob Reller moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the Unified Planning Work Program, with the understanding that administrative revisions requested by state and federal review agencies will be made as received by MTPO staff;**
- 2. authorize the MTPO Chair to enter into the Section 5303 Joint Participation Agreement;**

3. **authorize the MTPO to financially participate in the Section 5303 agreement including the \$13,806 contribution of MTPO funds; and**
4. **authorize the MTPO Chair to sign the Section 5303 Joint Participation Agreement.**

Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. COMMITTEE OFFICER ELECTIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that it was time to select a Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to appoint Jan Frentzen as CAC Chair. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Sven Hanson moved to appoint Rob Brinkman as CAC Vice Chair. Ewen Thomson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

G. OUTREACH AND EDUCATION REGARDING ROUNDABOUTS

A member of the CAC discussed his concern regarding the role of the CAC as an advisory group to the County Commission, especially in regard to the issue of outreach and education regarding roundabouts.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Date

Jan Frentzen, Chair