

MINUTES

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

Grace Knight Conference Room
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
August 24, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Welch, Chair
Jan Frentzen, Vice Chair
Gerald Bodoh
Rob Brinkman
Thomas Collett
Sheryl Conner
Sven Hanson
Sharon Hawkey
Chandler Otis
Robert Reller
Ruth Steiner
Ewen Thomson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gary Weed
[two vacancies]

OTHERS PRESENT

Doreen Joyner-Howard
Greg Sholar
Myrna Widmer

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Brian Waterman
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Welch called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Welch introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, introduced Mr. Brian Waterman, MTPO Senior Planner.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Welch asked if there were any changes for the meeting agenda.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested that discussion of agenda item V. East University Avenue Pedestrian Refuge Islands be deleted from the agenda. He requested that two agenda items be added, new V. SW 20th Avenue Design Project Steering Committee and IX_B. Year 2025 Needs Plan- Transit.

ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to delete V. East University Avenue Pedestrian Refuge Islands and add new V. SW 20th Avenue Design Project Steering Committee and IX_B. Year 2025 Needs Plan- Transit. Ewen Thomson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to approve the July 14, 2005 minutes. Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bob Reller read his conflict of interest declaration.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting has a Needs Plan public hearing scheduled for August 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He added that the regular business meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. He asked the CAC to reschedule its next meeting from September 21st to September 28th. He said that MTPO staff is scheduled for a FDOT workshop that conflicts with the earlier meeting date.

ACTION: Bob Reller moved to reschedule the next CAC meeting from September 21st to September 28th. Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. SW 20TH AVENUE DESIGN PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the SW 20th Avenue Design Project would be commencing soon. He asked the CAC to appoint a member to serve on a steering committee.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to appoint Sheryl Conner to the SW 20th Avenue Design Project Steering Committee. Jan Frentzen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. RESURFACING PROJECT- US 441 (WILLISTON ROAD SOUTH TO THE MARION COUNTY LINE)

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has submitted 60 percent design plans for the US 441 from Williston Road south to the Marion County Line Resurfacing Project.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Specialist, and Ms. Myrna Widmer, FDOT Project Manager, discussed the US 441 60 percent design plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the US 441 from Williston Road south to the Marion County Line Resurfacing Project 60 percent design plans. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. RESURFACING PROJECT- US 441/W. 13TH STREET (ARCHER ROAD NORTH TO NW 6TH STREET)

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has submitted scoping concepts for the US 441 from Archer Road north to NW 6th Street Resurfacing Project.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed the US 441 scoping concepts and answered questions.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the following FDOT scoping concepts for the resurfacing design plans for US 441 / SR 25 / W. 13th Street from SR 24 / Archer Road north to SR 20 / NW 6th Street:**
 - A. incorporate the MTPO-approved stamped/hued crosswalks at the signalized intersections;**
 - B. improve any sidewalk sections that are not in compliance with FDOT and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards; and**
 - C. examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc.) for potential safety and operational improvements;**
- 2. request that the Florida Department of Transportation install a raised median on the south side of the Inner Drive intersection; and**
- 3. seek additional local funding for this median, including from the University of Florida.**

Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. RESURFACING PROJECT- STATE ROAD 222/N. 39TH AVENUE (NW 24TH BOULEVARD EAST TO END OF THE FOUR-LANE)

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has submitted scoping concepts for the US 441 from Archer Road north to NW 6th Street Resurfacing Project.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed the SR 222 scoping concepts and answered questions.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the following FDOT scoping concepts for the resurfacing design plans for State Road 222/N. 39th Avenue from NW 24th Boulevard east to end of the four-lane:**

- A. **incorporate the MTPO-approved stamped/hued crosswalks at the signalized intersections;**
 - B. **improve any sidewalk sections that are not in compliance with FDOT and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards; and**
 - C. **examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc.) for potential safety and operational improvements; and**
2. **request that the Florida Department of Transportation consider installing raised medians between NW 24th Boulevard and NW 6th Street.**

Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. STREETPRINT REPLACEMENT

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT is testing several crosswalk treatments to address skid resistance concerns with previous treatments. He said that FDOT is submitting four treatments for the MTPO to consider for use within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. He added that all four of the products listed meet FDOT specifications and may be applied to crosswalk projects in this area.

Ms. Joyner-Howard and Mr. Greg Sholar, FDOT Bituminous Research Engineer, discussed the crosswalk treatments and answered questions.

ACTION: Bob Reller moved to recommend that the MTPO revise Section 5.2.3 of its Urban Design Policy Manual to read as follows:

- 5.2.3 **Hue- The preferred hue for crosswalks constructed with stamped asphalt is Streetprint, Inc.'s brick (high traffic formula) color red brick that is matched, as close as possible, to the color of the median's bricks with an increased emphasis on product durability.**

Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX_B. YEAR 2025 NEEDS PLAN- TRANSIT

Mr. Sanderson stated that MTPO and Regional Transit System (RTS) staffs have continued to evaluate long range transit needs. He discussed revised transit needs tables and answered questions.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Exhibit 1 Draft Year

2025 Transit Needs Plan- Enhanced Existing Routes and Exhibit 2 Draft Year 2025 Transit Needs Plan- New Routes, amended to include funding for maintenance facility expansion. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Date

David Welch, Chair

EXHIBIT 1

DRAFT YEAR 2025 TRANSIT NEEDS PLAN-ENHANCE EXISTING ROUTES

ROUTE	YEAR 2025 WEEKDAY		
	HEADWAYS [minutes]	HOURS OF OPERATION*	BUSES NEEDED
EXISTING FIXED ROUTE SYSTEM			ENHANCED SERVICE
1	15	74	2
2	15	74	6
5	15	74	2
7	15	74	6
8	15	74	3
10	15	74	3
11	15	74	3
15	15	74	4
24	15	74	3
43	15	74	6
75	15	74	3
21	10	111	2
34	10	111	2
36	10	111	3
9	5	222	3
12	5	222	10
13	5	222	8
16	5	222	2
20	5	222	12
35	5	222	5
SUBTOTAL			88
LATER GATOR ROUTES B & F			2
TOTAL			90

*Fixed-Route- Weekday, 5:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m.

EXHIBIT 2

DRAFT YEAR 2025 TRANSIT NEEDS PLAN- NEW ROUTES

ROUTE	YEAR 2025 WEEKDAY		
	HEADWAYS [minutes]	DAILY HOURS OF OPERATION*	BUSES NEEDED
PROPOSED ADDITIONAL BUS ROUTES			
23	15	74	8
25	15	74	6
39	15	74	12
44	15	74	12
46	15	74	12
62	15	74	4
SUBTOTAL			54
BRT- I-75 / SR 24 Route	15	74	2
BRT- I-75 / SR 20 Route	15	74	2
SUBTOTAL			4
PROPOSED PARK-N-RIDE - EXPRESS BUS			
High Springs - Gainesville ^a	15	8	8
Archer - Gainesville	15	8	4
Hawthorne - Gainesville	15	8	3
Newberry - Gainesville	15	8	8
Waldo - Gainesville	15	8	6
SUBTOTAL			29
TOTAL			87
Maintenance facility expansion to accommodate the bus fleet expansion			

*Park-N-Ride- Weekday, 5:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.

^a Extend express route to the University of Florida area.