

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
December 4, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Wilson, Chair
Jan Frentzen, Vice Chair
Richard Fletcher
James Foust
James Higman
Doug Hornbeck
Tony Porter
Robert Reller
John Skelly
Cindy Smith
Mike Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Darcelle Covert

OTHERS PRESENT

Dakova Batey
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Whit Blanton

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Wilson asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Wilson requested that the meeting agenda be approved.

A member of the CAC requested discussion of Federal Aid eligible roadways within the City.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, noted that the Technical Advisory Committee discussed the MTPO boundary and appointed a working group.

ACTION: Richard Fletcher moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to add a discussion of federal aid eligible roadways within the City after item X. James Higman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Robert Reller moved to approve the August 28, 2002 minutes. Anthony Porter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for January 29.

V. PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE- FINAL REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Plan East Gainesville Community Profile and Preliminary Recommendations Report documents were ready for review.

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Planner, and Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group Principal, discussed the Plan East Gainesville Community Profile and Preliminary Recommendations Report documents and answered questions.

Chair Wilson stated that CAC members should forward their comments to MTPO staff.

VI. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested comments concerning the Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2003/2004 to 2007/2008. He said that the CAC needs to recommend whether the MTPO should request changes to existing or proposed projects or request that new projects to be added to, or existing projects to be deleted from, this document.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Planner, discussed the Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2003/2004 to 2007/2008 and answered questions.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT remove the State Road 26 project on page two, to add left turnlanes at three locations between NW 43rd Street and NW 39th Road (2076991), and substitute in its place another traffic operations project on the MTPO's priority list because FDOT has not provided adequate information to justify why this project is needed. James Higman seconded; motion passed 8 to 3.

ACTION: James Higman moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT use safety funds to add a project to fund sidewalks on SW 20th Avenue from Sugarfoot Village to SW 62nd Boulevard consistent with the Tower Road/SW 24th Avenue Charrette Project. Anthony Porter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the Work Program with the addition that FDOT fund a design study for SW 20th Avenue to determine the remaining priorities in Charrette Phase 1B; and**
- 2. request that FDOT implement as many of the SW 13th Street Charrette strategies as possible into the US 441 resurfacing project (2078497) on page seven.**

Richard Fletcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested that three projects in the TIP be amended. He said that FDOT is requesting the:

1. removal of the Hogtown Creek Landscaping project (2078213), since FDOT could not obtain a maintenance agreement with the City of Gainesville;
2. addition of a US 441 and NW 43rd Street intersection Traffic Signal Update project (2073503), wherein the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team requested a signal warrant review; and
3. addition of an Interstate-75 Landscaping project (4046277) at the State Road 26 interchange, which is part of a I-75 Corridor Council statewide project.

ACTION: Richard Fletcher moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the TIP amendments requested by FDOT. Anthony Porter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII B/PAB, CAC AND TAC ENHANCEMENT WORKING GROUP

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its August 8th meeting, the MTPO discussed its transportation enhancement priority projects. During this discussion, the MTPO passed a motion to:

“approve the formation of a working group of interested MTPO Advisory Committee members to work over the coming year to identify specific projects from the Countywide Bicycle Master Plan to recommend as enhancement priorities for next year’s List of Priority Projects.”

It was a consensus of the CAC to appoint James Higman to the MTPO Enhancement Working Group.

IX. NEXT MTPO CHARRETTE

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its August 8th meeting, the MTPO discussed its List of Priority Projects. He said the MTPO referred to its Advisory Committees the creation of a matrix of future charrettes and for staff to make a presentation to the MTPO concerning previous charrettes.”

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO select as the next charrette the Archer Road/SW 16th Avenue area because of its link to the Plan East Gainesville Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, with the understanding that this charrette will be coordinated with the SW 13th Street Charrette. Anthony Porter seconded; motion passed 10 to 1.

It was a consensus of the CAC to have MTPO staff contact the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regarding conducting a pilot MPO training course.

X. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO adopted the Public Involvement Plan in 1994. He said that, each year, this Plan is reviewed and revised, if necessary, in order to ensure that the MTPO’s planning program provides for a proactive public involvement process.

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Principal Planner, discussed the changes to the Plan.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to defer discussion on the MTPO Public Involvement Plan until its next meeting. James Higman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X₂. FEDERAL AID ELIGIBLE ROADWAYS WITHIN THE CITY

Ms. Cindy Smith discussed the federal aid roadways within the City.

ACTION: Anthony Porter moved to have the MTPO Citizens Advisory Committee Chair send a letter to the City of Gainesville requesting that the Citizens Advisory Committee be able to review the City's capital improvement program before presentation to the City Commission, consistent with the issues stated in the letter from Mayor Thomas Bussing dated November 6, 2002. James Higman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chair Wilson requested that MTPO staff provide CAC members with a copy of the federal aid eligible roadway map.

XI. DR. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD

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 by the MTPO to someone selected by the CAC in recognition for their contribution to the area's planning process. He reviewed the past recipients of the award. He asked the CAC to select someone for the award.

Chair Wilson opened the floor for nominations.

Cindy Smith nominated Gerry Dedenbach; James Higman seconded; John Skelly nominated Jeff Logan; Cindy Smith seconded; and James Higman nominated Linda Crider; Mike Wright seconded.

The CAC conducted a vote on the nominees.

It was a consensus of the CAC to request that the MTPO award the Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award for 2002 to Mr. Gerry Dedenbach.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Date

Joseph N. Wilson, Chair

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