

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
January 26, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gerald Bodoh
Cindy Smith (excused)
[one vacancy]

OTHERS PRESENT

Clay Collins
Rick Crider
Chris Dougherty
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Ron Murphy
Jim Stringfellow
Fred Wright

STAFF PRESENT

Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jan Frentzen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Frentzen asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that MTPO Staff received a request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He suggested placing this topic after agenda item VII. Gainesville Regional Airport Master Plan.

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

ACTION: David Welch moved to amend the meeting agenda to add agenda item VII_B. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: David Welch moved to approve the meeting agenda as amended. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to approve the December 1, 2004 minutes. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vice Chair Frentzen announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for February 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for March 2.

V. STATE ROAD 26A PEDESTRIAN SCALE LIGHTING PLANS

Mr. Hill stated that the MTPO referred reconsideration of the selection of domus pedestrian scale lighting to its advisory boards. He, Mr. Fred Wright, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Project Consultant Manager, and Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Specialist, discussed the lighting features along W. University Avenue and SW 2nd Avenue.

ACTION: Sheryl Connor moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the Florida Department of Transportation revise the State Road 26A Lighting Plans to replace the domus pedestrian scale lighting along State Road 26/26A corridor with acorn pedestrian scale lighting. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. STATE ROAD 26 (NEWBERRY ROAD) RESURFACING PROJECT

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT submitted 60 percent design plan for the SR 26 Resurfacing Project for review and recommendation. He discussed the plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Sharon Hawkey moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Florida Department of Transportation 60 percent resurfacing design plans for State Road 26 (Newberry Road) from NW 109th Drive to NW 80th Boulevard. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Mr. Rick Crider, Gainesville Regional Airport Director, discussed the airport master plan and answered questions.

VII.B. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

Mr. Hill stated that MTPO staff received notification from FDOT regarding amendment to the TIP to add two Section 5309 earmark projects.

Mr. Crider discussed the Airport Multimodal facility project and answered questions.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2004/2005-2008/2009 Transportation Improvement Program to add:

- 1. Gainesville RTS - Purchase buses and facilities improvements- Toll revenue credits. Federal (80%) \$971,779 FTA Soft Match (20%) LF \$242,945 Total project cost - \$1,214,724 Fiscal year 04/05, Grant Type 5309 Work Mix 8064 PGM 16 [FM - 406847-2] to Table 14 Transit-Regional Transit System Projects; and**
- 2. Gainesville Regional Airport - Multimodal Facility - Toll revenue credits. Federal (80%) \$291,534 FTA Soft Match (20%) LF \$72,884 Total project cost - \$364,418 Fiscal year 04/05, Grant Type 5309, Work Mix 8064 PGM 16[FM - 406847-3] to Table 5 Airport Projects.**

Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ARCHER ROAD AND SW 34TH STREET INTERSECTION FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A NEW INTERCHANGE

Mr. Hill stated that MTPO staff has received a request from the City of Gainesville to use \$15,000 of charrette funds to hire and manage a consultant for the Archer Road and SW 34th Street Intersection Feasibility Study for a New Interchange. He discussed the proposed study and answered questions.

ACTION: David Welch moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the City of Gainesville using \$15,000 of charrette funds to hire and manage a consultant for the Archer Road and SW 34th Street Intersection Feasibility Study for a New Interchange with the caveat that the study also investigate SW 24th Avenue as a 4-lane or 2-lane facility and the extension of Hull Road to SW 38th Terrace. Sheryl Conner seconded.

SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Ewen Thomson moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the City of Gainesville using \$15,000 of charrette funds to hire and manage a consultant for the Archer Road and SW 34th Street Intersection Feasibility Study for a New Interchange. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed 11 to 1.

IX. YEAR 2025 TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

A. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mr. Hill discussed the Year 2025 Transportation Plan update schedule and answered questions.

B. REVISED HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

Mr. Hill stated that the MTPO, at its December meeting, requested some revisions to the Year 2025 Transportation Plan update household survey. He discussed the revised household survey revisions and answered questions.

ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the revised Year 2025 Transportation Plan update household survey. Tom Collett seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. REVISED EVALUATION FACTORS

Mr. Hill stated that the MTPO, at its December meeting, requested some revisions to the Year 2025 Transportation Plan update evaluation factors. He discussed the revised evaluation factors revisions and answered questions.

ACTION: Robert Reller moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the revised Year 2025 Transportation Plan update evaluation factors. Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

D. SIGNIFICANT PLAN UPDATE ISSUES

Mr. Hill stated that the MTPO's Year 2025 Transportation Plan update consultant will have completed model validation soon. He said that it was time for the MTPO to identify specific transportation issues and projects. He discussed the MTPO staff recommendations for projects to be considered in the model testing and evaluation. He asked the CAC members if they had any additional issues to consider.

CAC member suggestions included:

1. four-lane SW 20th Avenue from SW 62nd Boulevard to SW 43rd Street;
2. construct an exit-only ramp from Interstate 75 at NW 23rd Avenue;
3. four-lane Parker Road from Archer Road to Newberry Road;
4. extend Parker Road from Archer Road south to Williston Road;
5. extend Parker Road from Newberry Road north to NW 39th Avenue;
6. four-lane of Tower Road from Archer Road to SW 8th Avenue; and
7. reconstruct SW 24th Avenue from Parker Road to Tower Road as two-lane divided facility.

F. MODEL VALIDATION MEETING

Mr. Hill stated that the MTPO's Year 2025 Transportation Plan update consultant will have completed model validation soon. He announced that there will be a meeting with the consultant to review technical information related to the model validation process on February 18th at 1:00 p.m. in the NCFRPC conference room. He invited committee members to attend.

X. ELECT OFFICERS

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

Sharon Hawkey nominated Jan Frentzen for CAC Chair.

Ruth Steiner nominated David Welch for CAC Chair.

Vice Chair Frentzen conducted a vote. David Welch won 6 to 5.

David Welch nominated Jan Frentzen for CAC Vice Chair. There were no other nominations.

It was a consensus of the CAC to appoint Jan Frentzen for CAC Vice Chair.

XI. ORIENTATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Hill stated that each CAC member was provided with CAC Orientation Materials. He said that MTPO staff would provide a presentation on the MTPO transportation process at the next CAC meeting.

It was a consensus of the CAC to have the orientation include discussion of conflict of interest.

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