

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
March 27, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Jan Frentzen, Vice Chair	Joe Wilson, Chair	Dakova Batey	Marlie Sanderson
Anne Barkdoll	Scherwin Henry	Doreen Joyner-Howard	Gerry Dedenbach
Richard Fletcher	Roberta Lopez	Joe Montalto	Michael Escalante
James Foust		John Sabatella	
Vanessa Gordon		Karen Taulbee	
James Higman		Fred Wright	
Matthew Hurst			
Doug Hornbeck			
Tony Porter			
John Skelly			
Cindy Smith			

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Frentzen introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: James Higman moved to approve the February 27, 2002 minutes. Tony Porter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, requested approval of the agenda.

ACTION: James Higman moved to approve the meeting agenda. James Foust seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for April 11 at 1:30 p.m. He said that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for May 1. He also discussed the Plan East Gainesville charrette scheduled for April 5-8, with a pre-charrette meeting scheduled for April 4, and the City of Gainesville's West 6th Street charrette scheduled for April 9.

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

A. CITY OF GAINESVILLE PARKING GARAGE

Mr. Dedenbach reviewed the CAC's recommendations regarding its desire to have the City of Gainesville reverse the travel directions on the SW 1st Street and SW 2nd Street one-way pair. He reported that the City has reviewed the parking garage traffic analysis and has decided to keep its original traffic flow pattern.

ACTION: Doug Hornbeck moved to reconsider the February 27, 2002 minutes. James Higman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: James Higman moved to approve the February 27, 2002 minutes amended to include the obligations made by Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation Services Manager, regarding the downtown parking garage access. Tony Porter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to have MTPO staff email CAC members to inform them of its presentation on the parking garage access discussed at the CAC's February 27, 2002 to the Gainesville City Commission. Tony Porter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. STATE ROAD (SR) 26/26A LIGHTING ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its March 19 meeting, the Design Team discussed the SR 26/26A lighting alternatives analysis. He reported the Design Team's recommendations.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT Project Consultant Manager, discussed the SR 26/26A lighting alternatives analysis and answered questions.

Mr. Chris Simoneaux, Comprehensive Engineering Services President, discussed the SR 26/26A lighting alternatives analysis and answered questions.

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

- 1. install Lumec Renaissance Series (teardrop) luminaires on concrete poles with bracket arms to project lighting onto the roadway;**

2. design the lighting to:

- A. consider neighborhood ambiance;**
- B. illuminate the sidewalks (for pedestrian safety);**
- C. minimize light spillage into adjacent homes; and**
- D. minimize the number of poles within the corridor; and**

3. include acorn luminaires as needed to provide for bicycle and pedestrian safety as appropriate.

Cindy Smith seconded. Richard Fletcher called the question; question call passed unanimously. Motion passed 6 to 3.

C. STATE ROAD 26/26A- TRAFFIC ENGINEER REVIEW SCOPE OF WORK

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that the MTPO, at its March 14 meeting, discussed the State Road 26A reconstruction project. He said that during this discussion, the MTPO approved a motion to:

“direct staff to bring back to the MTPO a scope of work which includes the following:

- 1. review the FDOT’s design for State Road 26A west of SW 34th Street;*
- 2. compare the FDOT design to the staff design and the MTPO’s adopted Livable Community Reinvestment Plan; and*
- 3. provide a report back to the MTPO.”*

He discussed the March 19, 2002 letter from Mr. Aage Schroder, FDOT District 2 Secretary, to the Mr. Robert Hutchinson, MTPO Chair. He then discussed a revised scope of work and answered questions.

Mr. Wright discussed Secretary Schroder’s letter and answered questions.

ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the revised Traffic Engineer Review Scope of Work with shade tolerant deleted from item 5. Cindy Smith seconded. Cindy Smith called the question; question called passed unanimously. Motion passed 7 to 2.

D. STATE ROAD 26/26A- YEAR 2020 TRAFFIC VOLUMES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its March 14 meeting, discussed the State Road 26A roadway project. He said that the MTPO requested that staff report back with an estimate of the impact of the SW 62nd Boulevard-SW 24th Avenue corridor on the right turn movement activity from SW 2nd Avenue onto SW 34th Street. He reported staff’s review of the traffic volumes.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Planner, and Mr. Simoneaux discussed the model and traffic projections and answered questions.

E. CO-LOCATING FDOT SIGNS ON UTILITY POLES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its December 13 meeting, requested the co-location of traffic signage on Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) poles. He said that FDOT would co-locate its signs on GRU poles if it receives a letter of request from the City of Gainesville.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the City of Gainesville send a letter of request to FDOT for the co-location of traffic signage on GRU poles. Tony Porter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

F. TRANSPORTATION DESIGN FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (TDLC)

1. MTPO URBAN DESIGN POLICY MANUAL

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Design Team, at its March 19 meeting, discussed TDLC. He said that during this discussion, the Design Team recommended that the TDLC policy be incorporated into the MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed the TDLC policy and answered questions.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO amend its Urban Design Policy Manual to include FDOT's Transportation Design for Livable Communities (TDLC) policy. Anne Barkdoll seconded; motion passed 8 to 1.

2. STATE ROAD 26/26A DESIGNATION

Mr. Sanderson stated that during the Design Team's discussion on TDLC, at its March 19 meeting, it recommended that the SR 26/26A corridor be designated as a TDLC corridor.

ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO retroactively designate State Roads 26/26A from NW 38th Street to North-South Drive as a TDLC corridor. Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.

3. FUTURE DESIGNATIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that during the Design Team's discussion on TDLC, at its March 19 meeting, it recommended that the MTPO direct staff to work with City and County Planning Department staff to identify other Transportation Design for Livable Communities (TDLC) corridors."

ACTION: Anne Barkdoll moved to recommend that the MTPO direct staff to work with City and County Planning Department staff to identify other Transportation Design for Livable Communities (TDLC) corridors. Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.

H. CAC REPRESENTATIVE FOR PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE (PEG)

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its March 14 meeting, established the PEG Steering Committee. He said that this committee includes representation from the CAC. He asked the CAC to select a representative.

ACTION: James Higman moved to appoint Anne Barkdoll to the PEG Steering Committee. Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.

I. ALACHUA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PRIORITY LIST AND APPLICATIONS

Mr. Dedenbach, stated that the CAC, at its February 28 meeting, discussed transportation enhancement projects. He said that during this discussion, the CAC requested that County staff provide information on the current enhancement projects at the next CAC meeting.

Mr. John Sabatella, Alachua County Public Works Department Senior Planner, discussed enhancement projects within the County and answered questions.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Date

Joseph N. Wilson, Chair

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