

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  
May 19, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jan Frentzen, Vice Chair  
Sheryl Conner  
Sharon Hawkey  
Jim Painter  
Tony Porter  
John Skelly  
Cindy Smith  
Ruth Steiner  
James Stringfellow  
David Welch  
Mike Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joe Wilson, Chair  
Tom Collett  
[two vacancies]

OTHERS PRESENT

Martin Gold  
Doreen Joyner-Howard  
Bill Lecher  
Chuck Pigeon  
Suraya Teeple  
Myrna Widmer

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Thomas Hill  
Michael Escalante  
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CALL TO ORDER

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

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Frentzen asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Vice Chair Frentzen asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, requested two changes to the agenda, the deletion of Agenda Item V Archer Road/S 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Charrette since there are still revisions being made to this document and placing Item VI Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan after Item X Resurfacing Project- Williston Road (SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street South to US 441).

**ACTION: David Welch moved to approve the agenda amended the deletion of Item V. Archer Road/S 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Charrette since there are still revisions being made to this document and placing Item VI Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan after Item X Resurfacing Project- Williston Road (SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street South to US 441). Ruth Steiner seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IV. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the April 28, 2004 minutes. Tony Porter seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Sanderson, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for May 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for June 30.

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

Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has developed scoping concepts for the US 441 from the Marion County line to Williston Road Resurfacing Project. He noted that the Town of Micanopy has requested that FDOT extend the bicycle lanes south to the County Road 234 East intersection.

Ms. Joyner-Howard and Ms. Myrna Widmer, FDOT Project Manager, discussed the US 441 from the Marion County line to Williston Road Resurfacing Project and answered questions.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO:**

- 1. approve the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) project concepts to resurface and to examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc...) for potential safety and operational improvements; and**
- 2. request that FDOT, as part of this resurfacing project, extend the rumble strips and bikelanes from West County Road 234 (just north of the Town of Micanopy) to the Marion County line.**

**Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VIII. RESURFACING PROJECT- US 441  
(ARCHER ROAD SOUTH TO WILLISTON ROAD)

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT has completed 60 percent design plans for the US 441 from Williston Road to Archer Road Resurfacing Project.

Ms. Joyner-Howard, Ms. Widmer and Ms. Suraya Teeple, FDOT Regional Planning Administrator, discussed the US 441 from Williston Road to Archer Road Resurfacing Project 60 percent design plans and answered questions.

Mr. Martin Gold, University of Florida Associate Professor, asked whether driveway widths could be reduced.

**ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO approve US 441 from Williston Road to Archer Road Resurfacing Project 60 percent design plans. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IX. RESURFACING PROJECT- NW 39<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
(INTERSTATE 75 EAST TO NW 43<sup>RD</sup> STREET)

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT has developed scoping concepts for the NW 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Interstate 75 to NW 43<sup>rd</sup> Street Resurfacing Project.

Ms. Joyner-Howard and Ms. Teeple discussed the NW 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Interstate 75 to NW 43<sup>rd</sup> Street Resurfacing Project and answered questions.

A member of the CAC asked that FDOT look into relocating the Santa Fe Community College sign further east before left turnlane.

Ms. Joyner-Howard said that she would forward this request to FDOT Traffic Operations and report back to MTPO staff.

**ACTION: Tony Porter moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the following Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) project concepts since they are consistent with the MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual:**

- 1. incorporate the MTPO approved stamped/colored crosswalks at signalized intersections;**
- 2. improve any sidewalk sections that are not in compliance with FDOT and Federal ADA standards;**
- 3. examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc...) for potential safety and operational improvements (including closing unnecessary left turnlanes where they may not be needed or appropriate); and**
- 4. consider additional vegetation on the medians that are reconstructed.**

**Jim Painter seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

X. RESURFACING PROJECT- WILLISTON ROAD  
(SW 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH TO US 441)

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT has completed 60 percent design plans for the Williston Road from SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street to US 441 Resurfacing Project.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed the Williston Road from SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street to US 441 Resurfacing Project 60 percent design plans and answered questions.

**ACTION: Ruth Steiner moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Williston Road from SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street to US 441 Resurfacing Project 60 percent design plans with the following additional recommendations:**

- 1. extend the resurfacing project approximately 50 feet north along SW 23<sup>rd</sup> Terrace to abut the City of Gainesville resurfacing project limit;**
- 2. where traffic separators are reconstructed, the bullnoses of these separators shall be stamped brick pattern consistent with the MTPO-approved design; and**
- 3. request that FDOT conduct a traffic speed study.**

**Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VI. ALACHUA COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, authorized its staff to contract with the University of Florida (UF) School of Architecture to prepare the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Update. He said that the consultant has completed its work. He noted that the Technical Advisory Committee recommended that the document be called the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Addendum, since this document would not replace the Plan, but that it supplements the plan.

Professor Gold discussed the Plan Addendum and answered questions.

**ACTION: David Welch moved to recommend that the MTPO accept the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Addendum as a completed document. Tony Porter seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### XI. SW 24<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE DESIGN PLANS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue 90 Percent Design Plans are completed.

Mr. Chuck Pigeon, Berryman & Henigar, discussed the SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue 90 Percent Design Plans and answered questions.

**ACTION: David Welch moved to recommend that the Alachua County Commission approve the SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue 90 Percent Design Plans. Cindy Smith seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.**

#### XII. FISCAL YEARS 2004/2005 - 2008/2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Sanderson 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 \$28 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next three year period.

**ACTION: David Welch moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Fiscal Years 2004/2005 - 2008/2009 Transportation Improvement Program. Sharon Hawkey seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### XIII. UNFUNDED PROJECT PRIORITIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that, each year, the MTPO develops recommended transportation priorities for projects that are needed but not currently funded. He said that this information is used by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) each fall to develop its Tentative Five Year Work Program. He added that, by Florida Statute, the MTPO's "List of Priority Projects" must be submitted to FDOT by October 1, 2004. He noted that FDOT staff has asked for the MTPO's Fiscal Years 2005/2006 - 2009/2010 List of Priority Projects by July 1 so that it may begin development of its Tentative Five Year Work Program. He said that the draft Fiscal Years 2005/2006 - 2009/2010 List of Priority Projects includes the recommendations from the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team, Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, Regional Transit System staff, City of Gainesville and Alachua County Public Works Department staffs, the Gainesville Regional Airport Director and MTPO staff. He discussed the priority tables and answered questions.

**ACTION: Sheryl Conner moved to recommend that the MTPO to approve the Fiscal Years 2005/2006 - 2009/2010 List of Priority Projects. Sharon Hawkey seconded;**

**motioned passed unanimously.**

#### XIV. SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its January 28 meeting, recommended that the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team appoint three member to work with School Board of Alachua County staff to address the issues discussed in Sergeant Giles January 13 letter. He discussed the School Transportation Subcommittee Report and answered questions.

**ACTION: David Welch moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Sub-Committee recommendations and forward them on to the Gainesville City Commission, Alachua County Commission and the School Board of Alachua County for their consideration in budgeting the necessary resources to implement the recommendations and continue to work on modifications to the interlocal agreement. Cindy Smith seconded. Cindy Smith called the question; question call passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### XV. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Date

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Joseph N. Wilson, Chair