

MINUTES

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

Conference Room
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
September 20, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jan Frentzen, Chair
Rob Brinkman, Vice Chair
Sheryl Conner
Sven Hanson
Chandler Otis
Tom Reilly
Robert Reller
Ruth Steiner
Ewen Thomson
Larry Vettel

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brooke Bass
Thomas Collett
Sharon Hawkey
Gary Weed
1 Vacancy

OTHERS PRESENT

Doreen Joyner-Howard
Greg Sholar
Karen Taulbee

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Brian Waterman
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jan Frentzen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were done at the request of Chair Frentzen.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Frentzen asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

ACTION: Sven Hanson moved to approve the meeting agenda. Bob Reller seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Sven Hanson moved to approve the July 26, 2006 minutes. Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for October 5th at 1:30 p.m. and for October 12th at 5:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the CAC's next meeting is scheduled for October 18th.

V. MAIN STREET COST ESTIMATES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) updating its cost estimates for the Main Street Reconstruction Project from N. 8th Avenue south to Depot Avenue. He said that FDOT staff requested an opportunity to discuss the status of the Main Street Reconstruction Project. He discussed three options (Exhibit 1) for recommendation to the MTPO.

Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist, and Mr Sanderson discussed the status of the Main Street Reconstruction Project and answered questions.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to recommend that the MTPO request that Florida Department of Transportation construct Main Street Reconstruction Project Option 4 (Option 3 without the brick pavers). Chandler Otis seconded.

SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Ruth Steiner moved to recommend the MTPO request that Florida Department of Transportation:

- 1. construct the Main Street Reconstruction Project Option 3 (Exhibit 1); and**
- 2. reallocate Hull Road Extension Project (FN #2113352) Surface Transportation Program (STP) Any Area-programmed funds to the Main Street Reconstruction Project (FN #2077851).**

Sheryl Conner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS)- MAIN STREET

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has submitted a proposal to amend the SIS connection to the new Greyhound Bus station location on State Road (SR)120 (NW 23rd Avenue). He said that FDOT proposed two options:

- A. connecting to SR 331 (Williston Road) via SR 24 (Waldo Road) from SR 26 (E University Avenue) north to SR 120, then west along SR 120 to the bus station; or

B. connecting to SR 222 (NW 39th Avenue) via SR 20 (NW 6th Street) from SR 222 south to SR 120, then east along SR 120 to the bus station.

ACTION: Bob Reller moved to recommend that the MTPO select Option A as the Greyhound Bus station SIS connector. Rob Brinkman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. LANDSCAPING PRIORITIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has reviewed the MTPO List of Priority Projects Table 2 Landscaping Priorities. He said that FDOT recommends that the MTPO replace the Priority #1 NW 8th Avenue Overpass Project with a Williston Road (SR 331) from SR 121 to SR 26. He added that FDOT also recommends that the Priority #2 E University Avenue Project be amended to extend further east to County Road 329B.

ACTION: Rob Brinkman moved to recommend that the MTPO amend its MTPO List of Priority Projects Table 2 Landscaping Priorities as follows:

TABLE 2
FISCAL YEARS 2007/2008 - 2011/2012
LANDSCAPING PRIORITIES
(within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area)

(Note: Projects in italic text are partially funded, as identified in the Transportation Improvement Program.)

NUMBER	PROJECT	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
1	E University Avenue [SR 26]	FROM: Waldo Road [SR 24] TO: County Road 329B	Landscaping
2	Williston Road [SR 331]	FROM: SW 34 th Street [SR 121] TO: E University Avenue [SR 26]	Landscaping

Larry Vettel seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Sanderson noted that this was Ms. Steiner's last meeting.

Ms. Steiner stated that she was on sabbatical and would be spending a year in Seattle.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Date

Jan Frentzen, Chair

EXHIBIT 1

MAIN STREET PROJECT OPTIONS (North 8th Avenue South to Depot Avenue) FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009

OPTION 1- RESURFACE AND FIX STORMWATER DRAINAGE

Estimated Cost \$10.7 million (all funded by FDOT)

- Keep the existing four-lane road
- Resurface from North 8th Avenue south to Depot Avenue
- Replace storm drainage system from University Avenue south to Depot Avenue
- FDOT retains ownership

OPTION 2- ORIGINAL PROJECT MINUS THE ROUNDABOUT AND BRICK PAVERS

Estimated Cost \$12.7 million (all funded by FDOT)

- Current four lane section will be converted to a two lane with center turn lane, bicycle lanes and on-street parking
- *Project does not include the roundabout at Depot Avenue or installing brick pavers*
- Construct mast arm replacements, *some limited* sidewalk reconstruction and bulb-outs at intersections (*note- the physical curb line will remain except in the area of the bulb-outs*)
- Replace storm drainage system from University Avenue south to Depot Avenue
- Ownership transfers to Alachua County from University Avenue south to Williston Road
- City of Gainesville agreements with Alachua County to maintain Main Street from University Avenue south to Depot Avenue and with FDOT to maintain Main Street from N 8th Avenue south to University Avenue

OPTION 3- ORIGINAL PROJECT

Estimated Cost \$16.9 million (FDOT will pay \$12.7 million of this cost)

- Current four lane section will be converted to a two lane with center turn lane, bicycle lanes and on-street parking
- *Construct roundabout at Depot Avenue and install brick pavers*
- Construct mast arm replacements, bulb-outs at intersections and sidewalk reconstruction
- Replace storm drainage system from University Avenue south to Depot Avenue
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