

MEETING SUMMARY
GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO)
DESIGN TEAM

NCFRPC Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
October 19, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

Meg Niederhofer, Chair
Dom Nozzi, Vice Chair
Linda Dixon
Ron Barlow
E. J. Bolduc
Jesus Gomez
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Robert Norton
Julia Reiskind
Reid Rivers
Cindy Smith
Fred Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Auger
Dave Cerlanek
Brian Kanely
Melissa Norman
Gwendolyn Pra

OTHERS PRESENT

Karen Taulbee

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Meg Niederhofer, City of Gainesville Arborist, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Niederhofer introduced herself and asked those present to introduce themselves.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Niederhofer requested action on the meeting agenda.

ACTION: Dom Nozzi moved to approve the meeting agenda. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. STATE ROAD 26A LANDSCAPING PLANS

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is requesting comments and approval of the State Road 26A Landscaping Plans.

Ms. Linda Dixon noted that the plans do not incorporate all of the comments contained in a letter from the University of Florida Vice President for Finance and Administration to FDOT.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Specialist, Mr. Reid Rivers, Gainesville Regional Utilities Energy Delivery Manager, and Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT Consultant Project Manager, discussed the State Road 26A Landscaping Plans and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson noted that the Design Team recommendations would be taken to the MTPO Advisory Committees Tuesday evening and Wednesday.

Mr. E.J. Bolduc declared a conflict of interest.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the State Road 26A Landscaping Plans with changes to align the south sidewalks with the two intersection corners as shown in Exhibit 1 and with corresponding modifications to the landscape plans. Reid Rivers seconded; motion passed 11 to 0, with one abstention.

Ms. Joyner-Howard noted that FDOT is funding the SR 26/26A gateway pond.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to recommend that the MTPO authorize its Chair to send a letter to the FDOT District 2 Secretary thanking the District for funding the SR 26/26A gateway pond. Julia Reiskind seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Ms Sanderson announced that the MTPO meets on November 4 at 1:30 p.m.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Julia Reiskind moved to adjourn the meeting. Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.