

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

NCFRPC Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
April 25, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Dixon, Chair
Rob Ayers, Vice Chair
Nelson Bedenbaugh
E. J. Bolduc
Jesus Gomez
Bill Lecher
Bruce Morgan
Meg Niederhofer
Robert Norton
Dom Nozzi
Reid Rivers
Cindy Smith
Tim Strauser
Tim Vaughan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brian Kanely
David Mayo
Reid Rivers
Teresa Scott

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Carter
Monica Carter
Carlo Diaz
Kim Gabel
Mitch Glazer
John Martin
Jimmy Merritt
Matt Price
Ladd Roberts
Jim Weimer
Tim Whitley
Carol Worsham

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Mike Escalante

I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. He stated that, at the Design Team's last meeting, the Chair requested a Vice Chair be elected at its next meeting.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to nominate Rob Ayers as the Design Team Vice Chair. Tim Strauser seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to close nominations. Tim Strauser seconded; motion passed unanimously.

It was a consensus of the Design Team to appoint Rob Ayers as its Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Rob Ayers, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Regional Planning administrator, asked for introductions.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Bill Lecher, Alachua County Public Works Department Assistant Director, requested that Agenda Item VII be deleted.

ACTION: Cindy Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda, as amended, to delete Agenda Item VII. Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. STATE ROAD (SR) 20/HAWTHORNE ROAD - LANDSCAPE PLAN

1. LATEST REVISED LANDSCAPE PLAN

Vice Chair Ayers discussed the latest draft State Road 20 Landscape Plans and answered questions. He noted that the plans represent what FDOT was willing to maintain.

The following persons spoke on the draft State Road 20 Landscape Plans:

Mike Carter	Jimmy Merritt	Jim Weimer
Monica Carter	Matt Price	Tim Whitley
John Martin	Ladd Roberts	Carol Worsham

ACTION: Meg Niederhofer moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT include in the State Road 20 Landscape Plans:

1. evergreen buffers by the rail-trail (sheet L10 and east);
2. use of native shade trees:
 - A. where there are no overhead powerlines- Live Oak, Basket Oak, American Ash, Bald Cypress, Basswood, Red Maple, and Southern Magnolia; and
 - B. where overhead powerlines constrain tree size- use smaller trees like River Birch, Chickasaw Plums, Hollies, Red Bud and Fringe Trees;
3. particular attention should be paid to the landscaping at Prairie Creek bridge, under the bridge as well as on top of the bridge at road grade. These plantings should provide screening for wildlife and discourage their exit from the wildlife corridor- perhaps Yucca and Needle Palm on the outside edge, grading in three denser cover provided by Saltbush, Oakleaf Hydrangea and Yaupon;

4. **native plant material should be used as much as possible, except where Crepe Myrtles are desired for color and a more formal transition to the clearly urban area;**
5. **use of mixed and varied species to avoid monocultures, except in areas where monocultures are desired to achieve a natural looking state; and**
6. **placing as much vegetation, as possible, at the wildlife crossing, so long as it does not impede water flow.**

Robert Norton seconded; motion passed 12-2.

ACTION: Meg Niederhofer moved to recommend to the MTPO that:

1. **that FDOT is intended to be the maintaining agency of the State Road 20 landscape design; and**
2. **in areas where FDOT maintenance requirements conflict with the Design Team recommendations, FDOT and the MTPO should negotiate a resolution.**

Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed 13-1.

ACTION: Meg Niederhofer moved to recommend that the MTPO accept the proposed plans with the following conditions:

1. **full specifications will be included on the final plans:**
 - A. **including species, numbers and sizes;**
 - B. **planting procedures, Florida grade #1; and**
 - C. **recommendations for mowing and disturbance regimes for wildflowers; and**
2. **recommendations made hereinafter by the Design Team Subcommittee (Nelson Bedenbaugh, E.J Bolduc, Kim Gabel and Meg Niederhofer).**

Tim Strauser seconded; motion passed unanimously.

2. STREETLIGHTING

Mr. Sanderson discussed a Hawthorne Road streetlighting issue that was referred by the MTPO.

Mr. Ayers discussed streetlighting along Hawthorne Road.

IV. NW 34TH STREET INTERSECTION MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Sanderson discussed NW 34th Street modifications at the NW 8th Avenue and NW 16th Avenue intersections. He noted the comments made at the April 6 MTPO meeting

ACTION: Meg Niederhofer moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT upgrade the traffic signals and install pedestrian crosswalks in accordance with MTPO policies and maintain the current intersection geometry. E. J. Bolduc seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. HULL ROAD EXTENSION- PROPOSED CROSS SECTION

Mr. Ayers discussed the FDOT 2-lane undivided typical cross section.

Mr. Lecher discussed a 2-lane undivided alternative typical cross section.

Mr. Strauser suggested a 2-lane divided alternative typical cross section.

It was a consensus of the Design Team that Mr. Lecher bring alternative typical cross sections to the next Design Team meeting.

VI. LANDSCAPE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Mr. Sanderson stated that a member of the Design Team has requested that members be polled to see if any desire to be notified regarding MTPO Landscape Subcommittee meetings.

E. J. Bolduc, Linda Dixon, Kim Gabel, Meg Niederhofer, Robert Norton, Cindy Smith, and Tim Strauser requested to be notified regarding MTPO Landscape Subcommittee meetings.

VIII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO regular business meeting is scheduled for May 11 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium and the next Design Team meeting is scheduled for May 15 in the NCFRPC conference room.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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