

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

NCFRPC Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
June 19, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Linda Dixon, Chair E. J. Bolduc Jesus Gomez Doreen Joyner-Howard Meg Niederhofer Dom Nozzi Reid Rivers Tim Strauser	Marty Humphries Brian Kanely Robert Norton Mehul Parekh Chris Roeder Cindy Smith	Bob Alderman Matt Dube Robin Hallbourg Carol Higman James Higman Stu Pearson Alice Rankeilor Chris Simoneaux Art Shipley Belinda Sikes Karen Taulbe	Gerry Dedenbach Steven Dopp

I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Linda Dixon, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Analyst, called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and asked for introductions.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, requested that the Design Team add the following two items to its agenda:

- VIII. REVIEW OF RETENTION BASINS FOR FLORA AND FAUNA; and
- IX. SW 34th STREET RESURFACING PROJECT FROM SR 24 TO SR 26

ACTION: E. J. Bolduc moved to approve the meeting agenda as amended. Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. HOGTOWN CREEK SEDIMENT PROJECT

Mr. Bob Alderman, Earthtech Consulting, Inc. Project Engineer, presented the project and answered questions.

Mr. Stu Pearson, City of Gainesville Public Works Department Engineer, discussed the City's concerns regarding the project.

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

1. follow a more ecological approach in its design for the project with regards to stream restoration; and
2. design the project to solve flood-related problems associated with storm events of greater than five years.

E. J. Bolduc seconded; motion passed 6 to 2.

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

1. install less visible fencing than the standard steel chain link;
2. provide naturalistic landscaping to shield the project;
3. remove right-of-way encroachments and transform these area into green space;
4. provide public access to the creek at both SR 26 and SR 121 through existing development driveways and right-of-way; and
5. submit the revised landscape plan for review by the Design Team.

E. J. Bolduc seconded; motion passed 5 to 3.

ACTION: Dom Nozzi moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the City of Gainesville seek additional funding for amenities such as observation areas and walkways for the project. Meg Niederhofer seconded; motion passed 6 to 2.

ACTION: Meg Niederhofer moved to recommend that the MTPO request that the FDOT delay final project approval until negotiations with the City of Gainesville, regarding the transfer of maintenance responsibilities, are concluded. Tim Strauser seconded; motion passed 7 to 1.

IV. NW 6TH STREET SAFETY PROJECT

Mr. Art Shipley, Comprehensive Engineering Services, Inc. Project Engineer, discussed the NW 6th Street Safety Project plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Reid Rivers moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. accept the FDOT proposed design, provided that West 5th Terrace alignment ties back into the existing roadway; and**
- 2. request FDOT explore modifications to proposed north- and south-bound tapers, on West 6th Street, for possible landscape medians.**

Jesus Gomez seconded; motion passed 5 to 3.

V. CITY OF GAINESVILLE- DOWNTOWN TO DEPOT AVENUE REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the City of Gainesville has requested an opportunity to discuss the Downtown to Depot Avenue Revitalization Project plans. Mr. Matt Dube', City of Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency Project Manager, gave an overview of the project and answered questions.

The Design Team provided Mr. Dube' with a request to further develop Depot Avenue Alternative alignments 1 and 2 and that he return to the next design team meeting before receiving a final recommendation concerning this project.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Dedenbach announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for July 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium and the next Design Team meeting is scheduled for July 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the NCFRPC conference room.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

VIII. REVIEW OF RETENTION BASINS FOR FLORA AND FAUNA

Mr. Dedenbach noted that the MTPO has requested that persons with expertise in flora and fauna review retention and detention basins as part of the normal design review process. Mr. Dedenbach recommended that the Design Team review retention and detention basins on behalf of the MTPO. He asked if additional persons with expertise in flora and/or fauna should be added to the Design Team.

It was a consensus of the Design Team to establish a standing retention/detention review subcommittee with team members Neiderhofer, Bolduc, Norman, Gable and Weimer. It was also decided that this subcommittee will meet briefly following the next Design Team meeting.

IX. SW 34th STREET RESURFACING PROJECT FROM SR 24 TO SR 26

Mr. Dedenbach stated FDOT has responded to the MTPOs recommendations regarding the requests for the project. Mr. Dedenbach indicated FDOT:

1. will not reconfigure the plans for SW 34th Street to allow for bike lanes and landscaped medians;
2. will not restripe the southbound lane between SR 26 and SR 26A in the same manner as the northbound lane; and
3. will include mast arm traffic signals at SR 26 and SR 26A as recommended by the MTPO.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Linda Dixon, Chair

date