

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

NCFRPC Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
March 16, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

Meg Niederhofer Vice Chair
E. J. Bolduc
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Kristen Nowicki
Dom Nozzi
Julia Reiskind
Reid Rivers
John Sabatella

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Dixon, Chair
Jennifer Auger
Ron Barlow
Jesus Gomez
Kathy Fanning
Brian Kanely
Gwendolyn Pra
Cindy Smith

OTHERS PRESENT

Charles Kelly
Kathleen Pagan
Karen Taulbee
Myrna Widmer

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Meg Niederhofer, City of Gainesville Arborist, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. She noted that a quorum was not present

I. INTRODUCTIONS

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

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice Chair Niederhofer requested that the Design Team proceed with the meeting agenda.

III. STATE ROAD (SR) 222 (NW 39TH AVENUE) RESURFACING

Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that FDOT submitted the NW 39th Avenue Resurfacing Project scoping concept plans.

Mr. Myrna Widmer, FDOT District 2 Project Manager, and Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT District 2 Transportation Specialist, discussed the NW 39th Avenue from NW 43rd Street to NW 24th Boulevard Resurfacing Project [2075452] scoping concept plans and answered questions.

It was a consensus of the Design Team members present to recommend that the MTPO approve the NW 39th Avenue from NW 43rd Street to NW 24th Boulevard Resurfacing Project [2075452] scoping concept plans since they are consistent with the MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual criteria:

- **incorporate the MTPO approved stamped/colored crosswalks at signalized intersections;**
- **improve any sidewalk sections that are not in compliance with FDOT and Federal ADA standards; and**
- **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).**

Mr. John Sabatella, Alachua County Senior Planner, asked about the sag on NW 39th Avenue near the church.

Ms. Widmer said that the current NW 39th Avenue Drainage Project would address that sag in the road.

IV. SR 25/US 441 RESURFACING

Mr. Hill stated that FDOT has requested comments to address the scoping conceptual design phase of the SR 25 (US 441) Resurfacing Project [2078496]. He said that this project extends from SR 331 (Williston Road) to the Marion County line and is constructed as a four-lane divided facility. He added that the existing conditions on SR 25 include 12 foot travel lanes with rural drainage design (ditch and swell) and a paved shoulder that may be used as a bike lane. He noted that, in June 2003, the MTPO approved FDOT's design plans to incorporate a five foot bike lane with a two foot rumble strip that will extend from Williston Road to County Road 234. He also noted that the Town of Micanopy has requested that the rumble strips be extended south to CR 234 East.

It was a consensus of the Design Team members present to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the Florida Department of Transportation's scoping project concepts to resurface the roadway and to examine existing access (driveway connections, median openings, etc.) for potential safety and operational improvements of the SR 25 (US 441) Resurfacing Project [2078496]; and**
- 2. request that the Florida Department of Transportation, as part of this resurfacing project, extend the rumble strips and bikelanes from West County Road 234 to the Marion County line.**

Ms. Kathleen Pagan, Alachua County Senior Planner, discussed the Florida Scenic Highway Program and answered questions. She reported that the US 441 Scenic Corridor Management Council has requested that the rumble strips be extended south to CR 234 East.

Mr. Charles Kelly, Town of Micanopy Administrator, discussed the US 441 bikelane project.

V. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Vice Chair Niederhofer announced that the next MTPO meeting is June 3 and the next Design Team meeting is scheduled for April 20.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Reid River, Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU), discussed GRU operations yard relocation project and answered questions. He noted that this relocation may possibly be in east Gainesville, as part of the Plan East Gainesville development effort.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.