

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

NCFRPC Conference Room  
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.  
November 20, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Dixon, Chair  
E. J. Bolduc  
George Edwards  
Brian Kanely  
Bill Lecher  
Ken McMurry  
Meg Niederhofer  
Melissa Norman  
Dom Nozzi  
Chandler Otis  
Suraya Teeple  
Fred Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jesus Gomez  
Gwendolyn Pra  
Reid Rivers  
Chris Roeder  
Cindy Smith  
Tim Strauser

OTHERS PRESENT

Doreen Joyner-Howard

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Gerry Dedenbach  
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Dixon, University of Florida Strategic Planner for Campus Master Planning, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

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

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, noted that a quorum was not present. He suggested that the Design Team begin with agenda item III which did not require action.

III. US 441- PAYNES PRAIRIE BICYCLE SAFETY STUDY STATUS REPORT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. staff was present to provides a status report of the US 441- Paynes Prairie Bicycle Safety Study.

Mr. Bruce Landis, Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. Vice President, discussed the status of the US 441 Paynes Prairie Bicycle Safety Study and answered questions. He also discussed various cross-section alternatives. He requested that the Design Team provide recommendations regarding the evaluation of the cross-section alternatives.

**ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend the evaluation of the following cross-section alternatives:**

1. separated sidepath;
2. wide outside shoulder; and
3. reduced median.

**Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: Suraya Teeple moved to have the following evaluation criteria prepared for the public workshop:**

1. accident reduction;
2. cost analyses;
3. scenic impacts;
4. operational effects;
5. motor vehicle safety;
6. bicycle safety;
7. parking concerns;
8. user group benefits;
9. corridor design speed; and
10. safety funding eligibility.

**E.J. Bolduc seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: Meg Niederhofer moved to reschedule the January Design Team meeting to Monday, January 7, at 1:00 p.m. and to recommend that the MTPO schedule the Task 2 Public Workshop for January 15, 2002. Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## **II. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Dedenbach requested that the Design Team approve the meeting agenda with the addition of discussion of the Archer Road "Trees for Our Veterans" project to agenda item VI.

**ACTION: Dom Nozzi moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to include discussion of the Archer Road "Trees for Our Veterans" project as part of agenda item VI. E.J. Bolduc seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. HULL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the MTPO referred the Hull Road right-of-way back to the Design Team. He said that the University of Florida has expressed concerns about the four-lane right-of-way.

Chair Dixon discussed the University's concerns about the four-lane right-of-way.

Mr. Fred Wright, Florida Department of Transportation Project Manager, discussed FDOT's efforts to date in accordance with the MTPO-approved cross-section for the Hull Road right-of-way.

**ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to recommend that the MTPO continue with the currently approved plans to acquire 150 feet of right-of-way. Suraya Teeple seconded; motion passed 8 to 1.**

#### V. STATE ROAD 121 RESURFACING

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the MTPO referred the SR 121 resurfacing project back to the design team. He said that the MTPO requested the inclusion of bikelanes on SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street, from Archer Road north to West University Avenue and minimal disturbance to existing landscaped medians. He discussed new FDOT design plans that include the bikelanes and notation for the protection of existing landscaped medians.

**ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the State Road 121 resurfacing plans. E.J. Bolduc seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### VI. OLD ARCHER ROAD MULTI-USE TRAIL

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the status of the Archer Road "Trees for Our Veterans" Project. He stated that the MTPO had referred this issue back to the Design Team for coordination with the Long Range Transportation projects along Archer Road and private development in the corridor. He reported that staff, and the City Arborist contacted Mr. Jim McCawley, Trees for Our Heros Representative and spoke with him regarding the referral. Mr. McCawley stated that his organization had already received approval from the FDOT and that the trees would be planted within the week. Staff and the City Arborist reviewed the material provided by Mr. McCawley and based on the FDOT approval, and timing of the Long Range Plan, determined that there were no present or future conflicts. He stated that the Alachua County Public Works Department staff would also be reporting on the western portion of the proposed planting area.

Mr. Bill Lecher, Alachua County Public Works Department Civil Engineer II, discussed the Old Archer Road Multi-Use Trail and answered questions. He discussed the addition of trees to the corridor near the sidewalk. He also discussed the Cobble Field planned unit development project. He noted that the County is requiring a sidewalk that is consistent with the Tower Road/SW 24<sup>th</sup>

Avenue Charrette criteria. He summarized by stating that the County, aware of the MTPO's charrettes and plans, tries to secure as many enhancements, during the development review process, as possible.

## VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chair Dixon noted that the next Design Team meeting is scheduled for December 13 and that the January meeting was rescheduled for January 7.

Ms. Suraya Teeple, FDOT Regional Planning Administrator, noted there were some conflicts with FDOT Executive Board and MTPO meetings that have been scheduled for next year.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.