

MEETING SUMMARY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO)
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

1:30 p.m.
Thursday
February 3, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Barrow
Bruce Delaney
Paula DeLaney
Robert Hutchinson
Dave Newport
Gerald Schaffer

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Clemons, Chair
Charles Chestnut
Ed Jennings
Penny Wheat

OTHERS PRESENT

Trevor Bicking
Whit Blanton
Ruth Brown
Susan Carter
Kristi Denba
Liz Fetty
Richard Fletcher
Matthew Hurst
R. Sans Lassiter
Marion Mark
Debbie Martinez
Carol Massey
Anthony Porter
Bob Rohlack

OTHERS PRESENT

Henry L. Sapp
A.G. Schrodor
Teresa Scott
Ernie Taylor
Tim Vaughan

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Michael Escalante
Lynn Franson-Godfrey
Andrea Vogler

CALL TO ORDER

MTPO Vice Chair John Barrow stated that a quorum was not present. He said the MTPO could discuss the agenda items but not take action.

It was a consensus of the MTPO members present to discuss the “For Information Only” agenda items until a quorum was present.

VIII. PERSPECTIVES ON POVERTY REPORT

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that, at its January meeting, the MTPO discussed the report entitled Perspectives on Poverty, Alachua County Poverty Project, dated October 1999. He said that the MTPO deferred this report to the February MTPO meeting agenda.

Members of the MTPO reviewed and discussed the Perspectives on Poverty report.

A member of the MTPO asked what steps the Regional Transit System (RTS) had taken concerning transportation provision for low-income individuals.

Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Department Director, stated that RTS has given two transportation proposals to the Alachua County Work and Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency (WAGES) Coalition. She stated that the WAGES Coalition has not responded.

A member of the MTPO requested that Staff find out when is the next meeting of the Poverty Summit Working Group.

IX. AUDITING SERVICES

Mr. Sanderon stated that, at its meeting in December, the MTPO discussed the City of Gainesville Audit Report entitled Review of Demand Responsive Transportation Issues for RTS and CTS. He said that, during this meeting, the MTPO mentioned the possibility of having similar audits conducted for the MTPO in the future as the need arises. He said that, during this discussion, the MTPO approved a motion to request information from the City of Gainesville Auditor and the Alachua County Clerk of the Circuit Court concerning the type of auditing services their office could provide to the MTPO and an estimated cost for provided auditing services to the MTPO. He said that enclosed are response letters from Mr. Alan Ash, city of Gainesville Auditor, and Mr. Steven Carr, Alachua County Assistant Clerk.

Members of the MTPO discussed whether to have the City of Gainesville Auditor's Office conduct audits for the MTPO as future need arises.

VII. TRAFFIC SIGNAL DESIGN - ARCHER ROAD AT SW 34TH STREET

Mr. Sanderson stated that, included with the meeting materials, is a letter from Ghyabi Lassiter & Associates, Inc. requesting the opportunity to discuss the traffic signal design for Archer Road at SW 34th Street at this meeting. He said that this letter also states that they are under a considerable time constraint to meet the project's plans production schedule.

Mr. Sanderson stated that information about this project was not received by MTPO staff in time to develop CAC and TAC recommendations for consideration at this meeting. He said that staff recommends that the MTPO receive a presentation from Ghyabi Lassiter & Associates, Inc. at this meeting and decide if enough information was provided to make a decision on the design options or if the options need to be referred to the CAC and TAC.

Mr. Sanderson stated that Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation Services Manager, has informed us that MTPO members should contact him if they have questions about this issue.

Mr. R. Sans Lassiter, Ghyabi Lassiter & Associates, Inc. Vice President, gave a presentation concerning the traffic signal design at Archer Road and SW 34th Street and answered questions.

Members of the MTPO discussed the traffic signal options.

It was a consensus of the MTPO members present to recommend that Ghyabi Lassiter & Associates, Inc. proceed with the more cost-effective spanwire traffic signal.

II. MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at the January 20 meeting, the MTPO received a presentation from Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 staff concerning the reconstruction of Main Street. During discussion of this agenda item, the MTPO approved a motion to defer action on this agenda item until this meeting. He said that staff recommends that the MTPO defer action on this reconstruction plan until a decision is made whether portions of Main Street will be reduced to two travel lanes with on-street parking.

Ms. Scott stated that the City of Gainesville is prepared to give a presentation concerning the Main Street reconstruction project.

Ms. Linda Dixon, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Analyst, gave a presentation concerning the Main Street reconstruction project and answered questions.

The following individuals spoke concerning this agenda item:

Rob Ayers	Tony Porter	Teresa Scott	Bob Rolak
Brian Kanely	Thea Vankovich	Sam Goforth	James Bennett
Don Ahrens	Ruth Steiner	Linda McGurn	Liz Fetty
Whit Blanton	Debbie Martinez		

A member of the MTPO suggested that the the two-lane option be tested from Depot Avenue to N 8th Avenue.

Mr. Rob Ayers, FDOT District 2 Regional Planning Administrator, noted that there are safety issues involved in this project because the water system under Main Street has collapsed.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

No action was taken.

III. W. UNIVERSITY AVENUE/MAIN STREET TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

IV. LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE - URBAN FORM CONCEPTS

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

V. TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY SYSTEM PRESERVATION GRANT -
SUBCONSULTANT AGREEMENTS

A. RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

B. FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY - MARKETING INSTITUTE

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

VI. EXTENSION FOR EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT BASED
AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

X. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for March 9th at 1:30 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium.

XI. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

Commissioner Newport stated that a public hearing concerning the Hawthorne Road study will be held on February 16 at Kanapaha Middle School. He also stated that the League of Cities approved an initiative to add another County Commissioner to the MTPO and to consider establishing a county-wide MTPO.

Members of the MTPO discussed this issue and requested that Staff give a presentation concerning a county-wide MTPO to Alachua County municipalities and the League of Cities.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Governor is required to review the membership of the MTPO every five years. He said that this will happen prior to the year 2002. He noted that Commissioner Clemons requested that Staff send to Alachua County municipalities an invitation to attend MTPO meetings.

B. CITIZENS

Mr. Ayers noted that the Comprehensive Plan will need to be amended if the MTPO decides to pursue to the Main Street two-lane option. He said that the MTPO may want to hold a public hearing to discuss this issue.

Mr. Sanderson stated that Staff will schedule and advertise a public hearing concerning the Main Street Reconstruction Project.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Date

Robert Hutchinson
Secretary/Treasurer