

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium  
Alachua County Administration Building  
Gainesville, Florida

1:30 p.m.  
Thursday  
October 12, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Barrow  
Charles Chestnut III  
Chuck Chestnut IV  
Mayor Paula DeLaney  
Pegeen Hanrahan  
Huey Hawkins  
Robert Hutchinson  
Warren Nielsen  
Dave Newport  
Ed Poppell  
Penny Wheat

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Clemons, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Gerry Dedenbach  
Andrea Vogler

CALL TO ORDER

MTPO Vice-Chair John Barrow called the meeting to order at 1:43 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

**ACTION: Commissioner Hanrahan moved to approve the meeting agenda and consent agenda. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

II. BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD (B/PAB) VACANT POSITIONS

Vice-Chair Barrow stated that the MTPO needs to fill two vacant positions on the B/PAB. He reported that there were seven applicants seeking appointment to the B/PAB. He asked if any of the B/PAB applicants would like to speak to the MTPO concerning their applications.

The following candidates spoke concerning their applications for the vacant B/PAB positions:

Chandler Otis                  George Edwards                  Kenneth Cline

**Vice-Chair Barrow requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:**

	<u>CITY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
<b>Commissioner Barrow</b>	<b>Edwards; Otis</b>	
<b>Commissioner Chestnut III</b>		<b>Brush; Otis</b>
<b>Commissioner Chestnut IV</b>	<b>Edwards; Otis</b>	
<b>Mayor DeLaney</b>	<b>Edwards; Otis</b>	
<b>Commissioner Hanrahan</b>	<b>Edwards; Otis</b>	
<b>Commissioner Hutchinson</b>		<b>Edwards; Otis</b>
<b>Commissioner Nielsen</b>	<b>Edwards; Otis</b>	
<b>Commissioner Newport</b>		<b>Cline; Otis</b>
<b>Commissioner Wheat</b>		<b>Edwards; Otis</b>

**ACTION:** Mayor DeLaney moved to appoint Mr. George Edwards and Mr. Chandler Otis to the B/PAB for a term through October, 2003. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

### III. YEAR 2020 LAND USE ALTERNATIVE AND NEEDS PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its last meeting, the MTPO conducted a public hearing on the Year 2020 Long Range Transportation Needs Plan. He said that the MTPO needs to adopt a Needs Plan so that they can complete the adoption of a Cost Feasible plan on December 14 and not jeopardize federal funds programmed for transportation projects in the urban area. He noted that, at its last meeting, the direction that the MTPO seemed to be headed in was to develop a fifth land use concept which is a hybrid of the Compact, Town/Village Center and Radial land-use concepts. He discussed a hybrid land use concept and the transportation projects associated with this alternative.

Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group (RPG) Vice President, discussed the hybrid land-use alternative and answered questions.

The MTPO discussed the transportation projects associated with the hybrid land-use alternative.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchinson moved to:

- 1. adopt the hybrid land use alternative; and**
- 2. name the hybrid land use alternative the “Livable Communities Reinvestment Plan”.**

**Commissioner Nielsen seconded;**

**AMENDMENT:** Commissioner Nielsen moved to amend the motion to include in the Livable Communities Reinvestment Plan:

1. increased travel choices including high quality walking, bicycling and transit;
2. maintenance of the character of existing towns, neighborhood villages and municipalities; and
3. preservation of agricultural lands, natural areas and open spaces outside of highly developed areas.

Commissioner Wheat seconded; amendment passed unanimously.

The following individuals spoke concerning the motion:

Anne Barkdoll  
Thomas Fay

Mike Byerly  
Robert Pearce

Luis Diaz  
Cindy Smith

**ACTION ON ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED:**

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to:

1. adopt the hybrid land use alternative;
2. name the hybrid land use alternative the “Livable Communities Reinvestment Plan”; and
3. include in the Livable Communities Reinvestment Plan:
  - a. increased travel choices including high quality walking, bicycling and transit;
  - b. maintenance of the character of existing towns, neighborhood villages and municipalities; and
  - c. preservation of agricultural lands, natural areas and open spaces outside of highly developed areas.

Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member of the MTPO requested that staff review the list of transportation projects associated with the Livable Communities Reinvestment Plan land use alternative.

The MTPO reviewed and discussed the list of transportation projects associated with the Livable Communities Reinvestment Plan land use alternative and the SE Community Enhancement Projects.

The following individuals spoke concerning the motion:

Anne Barkdoll	Becky Cato	Thomas Fay	Paul Hoffheim
Jim Konish	Rodney Long	Robert Pearce	Anthony Porter
Cindy Smith	Vam York	Jeff Ziecheck	

**ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to adopt the Year 2020 Livable Communities Reinvestment Needs Plan shown in Exhibit 2. Commissioner Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS (LOPP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that, each year, the MTPO develops recommended transportation priorities for projects that are needed but not currently funded. He discussed the MTPO Advisory Committees' and staff LOPP recommendations.

A member of the MTPO requested adding a project to construct off-road bicycle/pedestrian trails on Archer Road from SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street to Depot Avenue and SW 23<sup>rd</sup> Terrace from Williston Road to Archer Road to Table 2 as priority number six.

**ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the List of Priority Projects consensus Tables 2, 3, 4 and 6 with the following changes to Table 2:**

- 1. add a project to construct off-road bicycle/pedestrian trails on Archer Road from SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street to Depot Avenue and SW 23<sup>rd</sup> Terrace from Williston Road to Archer Road as priority number six;**
- 2. change the description of priority number 7 to read "construct pedestrian refuge islands and landscaped medians";**
- 3. change priority number 2 to 2a; and**
- 4. change priority number 10 to 2b.**

**Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the MTPO staff recommended Table 5 with the following changes:

1. change the description of priority number 9 to read “Evaluate operation of the intersection, including consideration of a roundabout, and modify as needed”; and
2. add a new priority number 7 to consider construction of a roundabout in the W. University Avenue/SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue/NW 38<sup>th</sup> Street area and at the University of Florida President’s residence.

Commissioner Hanrahan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Newport moved to:

1. change the description in Priority Number 4 in Table 1 to read “purchase right-of-way to construct the MTPO-approved typical four-lane cross-section and build a bicycle/pedestrian trail;”
2. approve the staff-recommended Table 1; and
3. capitalize the phrase “if needed” in the phase three description of the SW 20th Avenue/Hull Road Charrette Plan.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Newport moved to approve the construction of lower priority projects in the SW 20th Avenue/Hull Road Charrette Plan ahead of higher priority projects, if funding for lower priority projects becomes available before funding for higher priority projects. Commissioner Chuck Chestnut seconded.

Cindy Smith spoke concerning the motion.

The MTPO continued to discuss the motion.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Charles Chestnut called the question. Question call passed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Newport moved to approve the construction of lower priority projects in the SW 20th Avenue/Hull Road Charrette Plan ahead of higher priority projects, if funding for lower priority projects becomes available before funding for higher priority projects. Commissioner Chuck Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The following agenda items were deferred to the next meeting.

- V. MAIN STREET JURISDICTIONAL CHANGES
- VI. URBAN DESIGN POLICIES
- VII. ROUNDABOUT AT SR 24 (ARCHER ROAD) AND SW 91<sup>ST</sup> STREET
- VIII. AUGUST 25 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA/CITY/COUNTY MEETING

IX. SPECIAL ANALYSIS FOR SW GAINESVILLE CONNECTOR ROAD

Mr. Blanton informed the MTPO that his firm, Renaissance Planning Group, has been contacted by private sector interests to prepare a study concerning the extension of SW 91<sup>st</sup> Street to Williston Road.

X. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is currently scheduled for November 9 at 1:30 p.m.

X. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

There were no MTPO member comments.

B. CITIZENS

Ms. Cindy Smith requested that the MTPO ask the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to provide information about the transportation grants process and how communities can become more involved.

**It was a consensus of the MTPO that this information be discussed at a future MTPO meeting.**

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's report.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Barrow adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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Date

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Robert Hutchinson  
Secretary/Treasurer

## EXHIBIT 1

### OTHERS PRESENT

Anne Barkdoll  
Whit Blanton  
Wayne Bowers  
Patrice Boyes  
Joye Brown  
Mike Byerly  
Becky Cato  
Kenneth Cline  
Laura Dedenbach  
Luis Diaz  
Sally Dickinson  
George Edwards

Thomas Fay  
Richard Fletcher  
Paul Hoffheim  
Rick Howe  
Chuck Keister  
Jim Konish  
Bill Lecher  
Jeff Logan  
Rodney Long  
Lori McGriff  
Meg Neiderhofer  
Chandler Otis

John McPherson  
Robert Pearce  
Anthony Porter  
Randy Reid  
Jeanne Rochford  
Paul Ruppert  
Maria Savoia  
Eugenia Scharf  
Cindy Smith  
Maggie Taylor  
Vam York  
Jeff Ziecheck