

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  
May 10, 2001

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Barrow, Chair  
Mike Byerly  
Chuck Chestnut IV  
Pegeen Hanrahan  
Robert Hutchinson  
Rodney Long  
Dave Newport  
Warren Nielsen  
Ed Poppell  
Aage Schroder

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mayor Paula DeLaney  
Penny Wheat

**OTHERS PRESENT**

See Exhibit 1

**STAFF PRESENT**

Gerry Dedenbach  
Mike Escalante  
Andrea Vogler

**CALL TO ORDER**

MTPO Chair John Barrow called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

**I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**II. SW 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET RESURFACING- FROM ARCHER ROAD TO W UNIVERSITY AVENUE**

Mr. Dedenbach gave a presentation concerning the SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street resurfacing project. He discussed the MTPO Advisory Committee recommendations concerning this project and answered questions.

Mr. Marty Humphries, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District II Project Design Engineer, gave a presentation concerning this project and answered questions.

Ms. Michelle Smith and Ms. Sarah Poll telephoned their support of bikelanes through the project corridor.

Mr. Aage Schroder, FDOT District 2 Secretary, discussed FDOT minimum standards for throughlane and bikelane widths.

A member of the MTPO asked if there was a special exception process to get the narrower lanes.

Mr. Humphries said that there was a design exception process that must be initiated by the project design engineer. He added that he doesn't feel it is advisable to narrow the travel lanes. He noted that the project's design conforms to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to authorize the Chair to send a letter to FDOT requesting an exception to ASHTO standards to stripe a three-foot bikelane on SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street from Archer Road to W University Avenue. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded.**

Mr. Humphries continued his presentation regarding the proposed FDOT 30 percent resurfacing plans for SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street.

A member of the MTPO requested that FDOT research the feasibility of landscaping the medians on SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street from SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to W University Avenue.

Mr. Humphries said that he would research the feasibility of landscaping the medians on SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street from SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to W University Avenue.

Ms. Cindy Smith, MTPO Design Team Member, discussed the proposed FDOT 30 percent resurfacing plans for SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

**Commissioner Hanrahan move authorize the Chair to send a letter to ask FDOT to reconfigure the plans for the SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street roadway to allow for bikelanes and landscaped medians. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to:**

- 1. approve the FDOT 30 percent plans for the resurfacing of SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street, from Archer Road to W University Avenue, with the understanding that funds to install the mastarm traffic signals will be included as part of the State Roads (SR) 26 and 26A projects; and**
- 2. request that FDOT research the feasibility of striping the southbound lane on SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street, between SR 26 and SR 26A, in the same manner as the northbound lane.**

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

III. SW 24<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE CROSS SECTION (BETWEEN W 43<sup>RD</sup> STREET AND SW 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET)

Mr. Dedenbach discussed issues concerning the SW 24<sup>th</sup> cross section and answered questions.

Mr. Bill Lecher, Alachua County Public Works Department (ACPWD) Assistant Director, discussed issues concerning the SW 24<sup>th</sup> cross section and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to:**

- 1. approve the adoption of the SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue cross section as presented by ACPWD staff; and**
- 2. request that the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners pursue the acquisition of additional right-of-way, north and south of SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue, along SW 38<sup>th</sup> Terrace in order to improve accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians.**

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

IV. TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM - YEAR 2001 APPLICATIONS

Mr. Dedenbach reviewed the MTPO Advisory Committee recommendations concerning the Transportation Enhancement Program.

Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Department Director, discussed the cost of the SR 26 and SR 26A enhancements and answered questions. She said that she spoke with FDOT regarding the shifting of funds to fiscal year 2006 in order to include the SR 26 and SR 26A enhancements as a funded project to coincide with the FDOT construction timeline for the SR 26 and SR 26A projects. She noted that the W 6<sup>th</sup> Street Rail-Trail project would be delayed one year for reimbursement but that the local area program (LAP) construction phase would proceed as scheduled.

Ms. Joye Brown, FDOT District 2 Assistant Planning Manager, discussed the SR 26 and SR 26A enhancements and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Newport moved to amend the Fiscal Years 2000/01-2004/05 Transportation Improvement Program to:**

- 1. split the State Roads 26/26A Road Project (FMN 2077901) into two separate projects:**
  - A. State Road 26A Reconstruction (FMN 2077901)-**
    - i. from W 38<sup>th</sup> Street to W 34<sup>th</sup> Street, construct a two-lane divided facility with bikelanes, sidewalks and raised landscaped medians/turnlanes; and**

- ii. **from W 34<sup>th</sup> Street to North/South Drive, resurface the existing two-lane facility with sidewalks on the northside and a multi-use facility on the southside and add bikelanes on both sides from W 34<sup>th</sup> Street to Golfview; and**
- B. **State Road 26 Resurfacing (FMN 2078171)-**
  - i. **from W 38<sup>th</sup> Street to W 34<sup>th</sup> Street, resurface the existing four-lane facility, including bikelanes, sidewalks, raised landscaped medians and access management on the northside; and**
  - ii. **from W 34<sup>th</sup> Street to North/South Drive, reconfigure as a two-lane divided facility with bikelanes, sidewalks and raised landscaped medians/turnlanes; and**
- 2. **add a SR 26 and SR 26A enhancement streetscape project with \$1,230,000 SE funds and \$1,300,000 local funds from the University of Florida Campus Development Agreement, to coincide with the SR 26 resurfacing project in Fiscal Year 2003/04 and the SR 26A reconstruction project in Fiscal Year 2004/05;**
- 3. **reschedule the FDOT funding reimbursement to the City of Gainesville to Fiscal Year 2005/06 for the:**
  - A. **Gainesville-Hawthorne Rail-Trail Project (FMN 4046251); and**
  - B. **Old Train Depot Rehabilitation Project (FMN 4046281); and**
- 4. **reschedule the FDOT funding reimbursement to the City of Gainesville to Fiscal Year 2006/07 for the W 6<sup>th</sup> Street Rail-Trail Project (FMN 2113632).**

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

#### V. CHARRETTE RESERVE FUND

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the MTPO Advisory Committees' recommendations concerning the MTPO's charrette reserve funds.

Ms. Scott stated that the City Commission will budget \$5,000 each year towards the MTPO charrette fund. She said that the City will hold these funds within the City's General Fund and release them to the MTPO when the charrette is held.

VI. FISCAL YEAR 2001/2002 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Mr. Dedenbach reviewed the UPWP and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve the UPWP and:**

- 1. authorize the MTPO Chair to enter into the Section 5303 Joint Participation Agreement.**
- 2. authorize the MTPO to financially participate in the Section 5303 agreement including the \$4,621 contribution of MTPO funds; and**
- 3. authorize the MTPO Chair to sign the Section 5303 Joint Participation Agreement.**

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

VII. GRANT AVAILABILITY

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the MTPO Advisory Committee recommendations concerning this issue and answered questions.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved that the MTPO provide flexibility to apply for grants based on the particular grant timeline and evaluation criteria without requiring strict adherence to the MTPO priority ranking, with the understanding that the MTPO will be informed and allowed the opportunity to approve/disapprove of the grant application as soon as possible. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VIII. RETENTION/DETENTION BASIN POLICIES

Mr. Dedenbach distributed correspondence from the ACPWD and the City of Gainesville concerning this issue.

Mr. Ralph Hilliard, City of Gainesville Planning Manager, reported that the City of Gainesville will incorporate these retention/detention basins policies into its comprehensive plan.

A member of the MTPO discussed the possibility of rehabilitating existing retention/detention ponds.

**ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to request that MTPO staff and advisory committees develop strategies for recruitment of local individuals with expertise in flora, fauna and natural systems in order to rehabilitate sterile retention areas within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. Commissioner Long seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IX. PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE SUBCOMMITTEE- STATUS REPORT

Commissioner Long, Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee Chair, gave a status report on the activities of the Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee and answered questions.

FDOT Secretary Schroder discussed roadway jurisdictional transfers involving the Florida Intrastate Highway System and answered questions.

Ms. Andrea Vogler, MTPO Associate Planner, provided an overview of MTPO staff's efforts concerning the Plan East Gainesville project and answered questions.

VIII. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for June 7 at 7:00 p.m.

IX. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

A member of the MTPO discussed the possibility of an off-street bicycle/pedestrian facility along SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street from Archer Road to W University Avenue.

**ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to request that MTPO staff research the feasibility of constructing an off-road bicycle/pedestrian facility on either the east or west side of SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street from Archer Road to W University Avenue. Commissioner Long seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Scott discussed referring this project to the Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Steering Committee for possible inclusion in the bicycle master plan process.

B. CITIZENS

There was no citizens comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Barrow adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

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Date

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Warren Nielsen  
Secretary/Treasurer

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**EXHIBIT 1**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Joye Brown

Marty Humphries

Maria Savoia

Gina Buscher

Doreen Joyner-Howard

Dave Schwartz

Ken Campbell

Bill Lecher

Teresa Scott

Ralph Hilliard

Robert Norton

Cindy Smith

William Hines

Sarah Poll (telephone)

Michelle Smith (telephone)

Paul Hoffhein

John Sabatella

Karen Taulbee