

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  
November 8, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Barrow, Chair  
Mayor Tom Bussing  
Mike Byerly  
Chuck Chestnut IV  
Robert Hutchinson  
Rodney Long  
Dave Newport  
Warren Nielsen  
Ed Poppell  
Penny Wheat

MEMBERS ABSENT

Pegeen Hanrahan  
Aage Schroder

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Gerry Dedenbach  
Lynn Franson-Godfrey

CALL TO ORDER

Chair John Barrow called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

**ACTION:** Commissioner Newport moved to approve the consent agenda and meeting agenda with three corrections to the October 8 minutes. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)  
TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE FINAL REPORT

Mr. Jimmie Williams, City of Gainesville Equal Opportunity Office, discussed the ADA Transportation Task Force Final Report. He also asked the MTPO to dissolve the Task Force and formally thank the members who served.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Wheat moved to accept the ADA Transportation Task Force Final Report, dissolve the Task Force, send letters to members thanking them for service, and refer outstanding issues to MTPO Staff and City Staff. Mayor Bussing seconded; motion passed unanimously.

### III. WEST 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET SAFETY PROJECT

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Transportation Planner, and Mr. Art Shipley, Comprehensive Engineering Vice President, discussed the West 6th Street safety project.

Mr. Wayne Bowers, City of Gainesville Manager, stated that both Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Director, and Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation Services Manager, recommend that the MTPO approve this project.

Ms. Kim Tanzer and Ms. Arnall Downs spoke regarding this agenda item.

**ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to approve the West 6<sup>th</sup> Street Safety Project joint recommendations. Commissioner Byerly seconded.**

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to amend the motion to widen the sidewalks to the maximum extent feasible. Commissioner Wheat seconded; amendment passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to amend the motion to request an alternative engineering and economic feasibility analysis of a smooth four foot solid, flat surface crosswalk section with textured border surface and contrasting colors. Commissioner Byerly seconded; amendment passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: Mayor Bussing called the question. Motion to call the question failed.**

The MTPO continued to discuss this agenda item.

**A roll call vote was requested.**

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Commissioner Hutchinson		No
Commissioner Long		No
Commissioner Nielsen	Yes	
Commissioner Wheat		Yes
Mayor Bussing	Yes	
Commissioner Byerly		Yes
Commissioner Chestnut	No	
Chair Barrow	No	

**Motion failed.**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the West 6th Street design plans, including the two previous amendments, plus sending a letter to the City to expedite the West 6<sup>th</sup> Street Charrette. Commissioner Chestnut seconded.

A roll call vote was requested.

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Commissioner Chestnut	Yes	
Commissioner Hutchinson		Yes
Commissioner Long		Yes
Commissioner Nielsen	Yes	
Commissioner Wheat		No
Mayor Bussing	No	
Commissioner Byerly		No
Chair Barrow	Yes	

Motion failed.

**ACTION:** Mayor Bussing moved to re-agenda this item. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed with one dissenting vote.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Long moved to table the motion on the floor. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. ALACHUA COUNTY FUNDING WORKSHOP

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO requested a transportation funding workshop at its June meeting. He discussed the funding report included in the meeting packet and answered questions.

#### V. FDOT TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2002/03 - 2006/07

Mr. Sanderson stated that the purpose of this agenda item is to give the MTPO an opportunity to request changes to FDOT's Tentative Five Year Work Program.

Mr. James Dees, FDOT District 2 Planning Manager, discussed the Work Program and answered several questions.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Wheat moved to request that FDOT revise its Tentative Five Year Work Program to:

1. add an additional project to fund remaining State Road (SR) 26/26A enhancements to coincide with the SR 26/26A resurfacing and reconstruction project schedules, if FDOT research indicates that this project is not fully funded;
2. add additional projects to purchase right-of-way and construct the MTPO-approved cross-section and build the bicycle/pedestrian trail for the Hull Road Extension-north corridor; and
3. refer the Gainesville Metropolitan Area projects in Exhibit D with preliminary engineering in Year 2001/02 to the Design Team.

Commissioner Byerly seconded.

Mr. Ed Poppell, University of Florida Vice-President for Administrative Affairs, stated that the proposed 150 foot right-of-way works counter to the sense of creating a student village throughout the area.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchinson moved an amendment to have FDOT staff and University of Florida staff review the right-of-way issues along the proposed corridor and develop alternative cross section designs. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; amendment failed.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Wheat moved to request that FDOT revise its Tentative Five Year Work Program to:

1. add an additional project to fund remaining State Road (SR) 26/26A enhancements to coincide with the SR 26/26A resurfacing and reconstruction project schedules, if FDOT research indicates that this project is not fully funded;
2. add additional projects to purchase right-of-way and construct the MTPO-approved cross-section and build the bicycle/pedestrian trail for the Hull Road Extension-north corridor; and
3. refer the Gainesville Metropolitan Area projects in Exhibit D with preliminary engineering in Year 2001/02 to the Design Team.

Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The MTPO continued to discuss concerns of the University of Florida.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT District 2 Project Engineer, stated that several million dollars have been spent on the right-of-way analysis of the 150 foot Hull Road corridor.

**ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to refer the University of Florida concerns regarding the need for the 150 foot right-of-way to the MTPO's Design Team and Advisory Committees. Commissioner Wheat seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### VI. REVIEW OF CITY OF GAINESVILLE AND ALACHUA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

**ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to defer Agenda Item VI to the next meeting in order to allow adequate time for presentation and discussion. Commissioner Newport seconded; motion passed.**

#### VII. PLAN EAST GAINESVILLE PROJECT- CONSULTANT PROJECT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO ranked the Plan East Gainesville consultants at its October 11 meeting. He said that MTPO staff and Commissioner Rodney Long, Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee Chair, began negotiations with the number one ranked firm- Duany Plater-Zyberk. He stated that Duany Plater-Zyberk has informed us that it is unwilling to complete the approved scope of work for the available \$194,000. He reported that the second ranked consultant, Renaissance Planning Group, has agreed to complete the approved scope of work for the available \$194,000.

**ACTION: Commissioner Wheat move to authorize the Chair to execute the Plan East Gainesville project contract with Renaissance Planning Group. Commissioner Newport seconded; motion passed seven to one (with Commissioner Byerly voting no).**

#### VIII. DEPOT AVENUE PRESENTATION

Professors Kim Tanzer and Tina Gurucharri, University of Florida College of Design, Construction and Planning, discussed the proposed Depot Avenue Master Plan and answered questions.

Professor Gurucharri stated that student studios are working on a Plan East Gainesville project and will present the results of that effort on December 7 at 1:00 p.m. at the GTEC center.

#### III. WEST 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET SAFETY PROJECT

**ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to revisit the West 6th Street safety project agenda item. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the West 6th Street design plans and request that FDOT:**

- 1. widen the sidewalks to the maximum extent feasible; and**
  - 2. perform an alternative engineering and economic feasibility analysis of a smooth four foot solid, flat surface crosswalk section with textured border surface and contrasting colors.**
- Commissioner Newport seconded.**

**A roll call vote was requested.**

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
<b>Commissioner Byerly</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>Commissioner Hutchinson</b>		<b>Yes</b>
<b>Commissioner Long</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>Commissioner Newport</b>		<b>Yes</b>
<b>Commissioner Nielsen</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Commissioner Wheat</b>		<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mayor Bussing</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Chair Barrow</b>	<b>No</b>	

**Motion passed.**

**IX. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

**A. HOGTOWN CREEK SEDIMENT PROJECT**

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed the Hogtown Creek Sediment project and answered questions.

**B. FDOT COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE TREE PROTECTION LAW**

Mr. Sanderson stated that a member of the MTPO requested that the MTPO discuss the issue of FDOT compliance with local tree protection ordinances.

Mr. Dees stated that FDOT tries to comply with local ordinances and that he does not anticipate any problems complying with local tree ordinances in Alachua County.

**X. NEXT MTPO MEETING**

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium.

XI. COMMENTS

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Barrow adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

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Date

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Warren Nielsen  
Secretary/Treasurer

Exhibit 1

Interested Citizens

Whit Blanton  
Wayne Bowers  
Arnall Downs  
Joan DeNicola  
Michael Fey  
Jesus Gomez  
Tina Gurucharri  
Ralph Hilliard  
Charles Justice  
Steve Lachnicht  
Jeff Logan  
Eileen Marzak  
Ken McMurray  
Chandler Otis  
John Sabatella  
Teresa Scott  
Janine Sikes  
Kim Tanzer  
Jimmie Williams

Florida Department of Transportation

James Dees  
Dale Johns  
Doreen Joyner-Howard  
Larry Parks  
Lena Patil  
Fred Wright

Florida Department of Transportation Consultants

Art Shipley, Comprehensive Engineering Vice President  
Chris Simoneaux, Comprehensive Engineering President