

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
April 10, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

Warren Nielsen, Chair
Ed Braddy
Mayor Tom Bussing
Mike Byerly
Chuck Chestnut IV
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Tony Domenech
Rodney Long
Ed Poppell
Lee Pinkoson
Penny Wheat

MEMBERS ABSENT

Aage Schroder

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Lynn Franson-Godfrey
Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Warren Nielsen called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, asked the MTPO to approve the consent agenda and meeting agenda.

Chair Nielsen noted that some members had to leave early and asked that the meeting agenda be modified to have Agenda Item III. MTPO Planning Boundary and Voting Members precede Agenda Item II. Proposed State Road 24 (Archer Road) Public Hearing.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to approve the consent agenda and meeting agenda amended to have Agenda Item III. MTPO Planning Boundary and Voting Members precede Agenda Item II. Proposed State Road 24 (Archer Road) Public Hearing. Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. MTPO PLANNING BOUNDARY AND VOTING MEMBERS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Governor has requested that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) consult with representatives of newly designated urbanized areas and existing MPOs prior to requesting boundary maps and membership apportionment plans. He said that FDOT District 2 staff would like to have the Gainesville MTPO decision regarding extending the MTPO boundary countywide reflected in its recommendation to the Governor. He discussed the *Planning Area Boundary and Voting Membership Report* and answered questions.

Mr. Dave Wagner, MTPO Attorney, discussed MTPO membership issues and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to direct the MTPO Attorney to seek an opinion from the State Attorney General regarding the eligibility of voting membership by the University of Florida on the MTPO. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The following persons discussed this agenda item:

Roberta Hodges

Roberta Lopez

Wayne Bowers

ACTION: Mayor Bussing moved that the MTPO maintain the Gainesville Metropolitan Area as its planning area. Commissioner Byerly seconded.

1ST SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Commissioner Long moved to have the MTPO become a countywide organization. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; Chair Nielsen requested a rollcall vote:

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Commissioner Byerly		No
Commissioner Chestnut IV	No	
Commissioner Chestnut		Yes
Commissioner Domenech	No	
Commissioner Long		Yes
Commissioner Pinkoson		Yes
Commissioner Wheat		No
Commissioner Braddy	No	
Mayor Bussing	No	
Commissioner Nielsen	No	

Motion failed due to a lack of a majority of the City Commission.

ORIGINAL ACTION RESTATED:

Mayor Bussing moved that the MTPO maintain the Gainesville Metropolitan Area as its planning area. Commissioner Byerly seconded.

AMENDMENT #1: Commissioner Wheat moved to amend the motion to have the MTPO maintain the Gainesville Metropolitan Area as its planning area and add a nonvoting rural advisory member to the MTPO as shown in Alternative 2. Mayor Bussing seconded.

2ND SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Commissioner Long moved to:

- 1. have the MTPO consist of four City representatives, three County representatives and three Alachua County League of Cities representatives requiring a majority vote of each group to approve motions; and**
- 2. add the University of Florida as voting member if the State Attorney General determines that the University may be a voting member.**

Commissioner Pinkoson seconded. Commissioner Pinkoson requested that the action be divided.

DIVIDED 2ND SUBSTITUTE ACTION- PART 1:

Commissioner Long moved to have the MTPO consist of four City representatives, three County representatives and three Alachua County League of Cities representatives requiring a majority vote of each group to approve motions. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded. Chair Nielsen requested a rollcall vote:

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Commissioner Chestnut IV	No	
Commissioner Chestnut		Yes
Commissioner Domenech	No	
Commissioner Long		Yes
Commissioner Pinkoson		Yes
Commissioner Wheat		No
Commissioner Braddy	No	
Mayor Bussing	No	
Commissioner Byerly		No
Commissioner Nielsen	No	

Motion failed due to a lack of a majority of the City Commission.

DIVIDED 2ND SUBSTITUTE ACTION- PART 2:

Commissioner Long moved to add the University of Florida as voting member if the State Attorney General determines that the University may be a voting member. Chair Nielsen requested a rollcall vote:

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Commissioner Chestnut		Yes
Commissioner Domenech	Yes	
Commissioner Long		Yes
Commissioner Pinkoson		Yes
Commissioner Wheat		No
Commissioner Braddy	No	
Mayor Bussing	No	
Commissioner Byerly		No
Commissioner Chestnut IV	No	
Commissioner Nielsen	No	

Motion failed due to a lack of a majority of the City Commission.

AMENDMENT #1 RESTATED:

Commissioner Wheat moved to amend the motion to have the MTPO maintain the Gainesville Metropolitan Area as its planning area and add a nonvoting rural advisory member to the MTPO as shown in Alternative 2. Mayor Bussing seconded.

3RD SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Commissioner Wheat moved to have the MTPO maintain the Gainesville Metropolitan Area as its planning area and add a nonvoting rural advisory member to the MTPO. Commissioner Byerly seconded. Commissioner Chestnut requested that the action be split.

DIVIDED 3RD SUBSTITUTE ACTION- PART 1:

Commissioner Wheat moved to have the MTPO maintain the Gainesville Metropolitan Area as its planning area. Commissioner Byerly seconded. Chair Nielsen requested a rollcall vote:

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Commissioner Domenech	Yes	
Commissioner Long		No
Commissioner Pinkoson		No
Commissioner Wheat		Yes
Commissioner Braddy	Yes	
Mayor Bussing	Yes	
Commissioner Byerly		Yes
Commissioner Chestnut		No
Commissioner Nielsen	Yes	

Motion failed due to a lack of a majority of the County Commission.

DIVIDED 3RD SUBSTITUTE ACTION- PART 2:

Commissioner Wheat moved to add a nonvoting rural advisory member to the MTPO. Commissioner Byerly seconded.

4TH SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Commissioner Byerly moved to have the MTPO composed of four City representatives, three County representatives, one nonvoting representative from FDOT and one nonvoting representative from the University of Florida. Commissioner Chestnut seconded.

AMENDED 4TH SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Commissioner Byerly moved to have the MTPO composed of four City representatives, three County representatives, one nonvoting representative from FDOT, one nonvoting representative from the University of Florida and one nonvoting rural advisory member selected by the Alachua County League of Cities. Commissioner Chestnut seconded.

Commissioner Long moved to table discussion on this agenda item. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed 8 to 1.

A member of the MTPO requested that the MTPO staff research downsizing the City and County voting membership on the MTPO.

A member of the MTPO stated that he had to leave and requested that Agenda Item V. Tour of Florida Cities Presentation be deferred.

II. PROPOSED STATE ROAD 24 (ARCHER ROAD) PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Sanderson stated that a member of the MTPO has requested that the MTPO consider amending its long range transportation plan to include the four-laning of State Road 24 (Archer Road) west of Tower Road to the MTPO's planning boundary (near SW 91st Street). He said that the MTPO is required to schedule an evening public hearing to give the public an opportunity to comment on a proposed long range transportation plan amendment. He noted that the MTPO planning area only includes the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, not all of Alachua County and that the County Commission has the planning responsibility for that portion of State Road 24 from about SW 91st Street west to the City of Archer and on to the County boundary. He discussed two possible options to:

1. direct staff to schedule a special evening meeting in May for this public hearing; and;
2. wait and address this project in the next update of the MTPO's long range transportation plan, since the MTPO will begin a two-year process later this year to update the MTPO's long range transportation plan, with the new plan being adopted by the MTPO around December 2005.

The following persons discussed this agenda item:

Roberta Hodges

Roberta Lopez

ACTION: Commissioner Domenech moved to conduct a public hearing at its June meeting to consider four-laning Archer Road from Tower Road to the Gainesville Metropolitan Area boundary near SW 91st Street. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member of the MTPO requested a cost comparison between Archer Road and Newberry Road be provided to the MTPO.

IV. YEAR 2003 CHARRETTE

Mr. Sanderson stated that, each year, the MTPO, City of Gainesville and Alachua County each contribute \$5,000 to fund charrettes approved by the MTPO. He noted that the MTPO deferred this agenda item at its previous regular meeting. He reported that there have been charrettes for the following areas:

CHARRETTE	YEAR
SW 20 th Avenue	1997
Tower Road/SW 24 th Avenue	2000
Plan East Gainesville	2002
West 6 th Street	2002

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to select as the next charrette the Archer Road/SW 16th Avenue area with the understanding that this charrette:

- 1. will be coordinated with the SW 13th Street Charrette;**
- 2. will have a study area that includes SE 4th Avenue and the SW 24th Avenue extension to Archer Road because of its link to the Plan East Gainesville Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project;**
- 3. will be scheduled after the MTPO receives its allocation from the City and County in October; and**
- 4. may include the University of Florida, Shands Hospital and the Florida Department of Transportation as funding partners.**

Commissioner Chestnut IV seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ed Poppell, University of Florida Vice President for Administration and Finance, noted that the University could provide funding prior to October to jump start the charrette, if desired.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to receive additional information on the charrette proposals recommended by the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board.

V. TOUR OF FLORIDA CITIES PRESENTATION

Chair Nielsen stated that a member of the MTPO requested that this agenda item be deferred.

VI. CLEAN CITIES COALITION STATUS REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that a member of the MTPO requested a status report on the Clean Cities Coalition. He noted that the MTPO deferred this agenda item at its previous regular meeting. He said that the person reporting on this topic was no longer in attendance.

A member of the MTPO noted that the Alachua County Clean Cities Coalition information contained in the meeting packet was sufficient for the status report and that it would not be necessary to reagenda this item.

VII. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for June 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium.

VIII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no comments.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nielsen adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Date

Chuck Chestnut, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT 1

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>
Lowell Garrett	Doreen Joyner-Howard	Sally Palmi	Wayne Bowers
Roberta Hodges	Larry Parks	Randall Reid	Shenley Neely
Tim Lockett		John Sabatella	
Frank Lopez		Dave Wagner	
Roberta Lopez			
Sarah Piantanida			

* By telephone