

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

City Commission Auditorium
City Hall
Gainesville, Florida

2:30 p.m.
Thursday
June 26, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

Warren Nielsen, Chair
Ed Braddy
Rick Bryant
Mayor Tom Bussing
Mike Byerly
Chuck Chestnut IV
Linda Dixon
Tony Domenech
Craig Lowe
Lee Pinkoson
Penny Wheat

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Rodney Long
Aage Schroder

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Lynn Franson-Godfrey
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Warren Nielsen called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. He asked MTPO staff if there was any announcements.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that the MTPO received the response from the Florida Attorney General regarding the voting status for the University of Florida. He distributed copies of the letter to the MTPO.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

I. CLEAN CITIES PROGRAM STATUS

Ms. Sally Palmi, Alachua County Public Works Department Waste Alternatives Manager, discussed the Alachua County Clean Cities program and answered questions.

II. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ALACHUA COUNTY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO issued a request for proposals for the Alachua County Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) in February. He introduced the MTPO's Transportation Disadvantaged Program Manager.

Ms. Lynn Franson-Godfrey, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that proposals were received from ATC/Vancom, Inc. (the current CTC) and MV Transportation, Inc. She said that the Selection Team evaluated the proposals and conducted interviews with each applicant. She reported that the Selection Team approved a motion to recommend to the MTPO that MV Transportation, Inc. be designated as the CTC for Alachua County. She noted that the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board endorsed the Selection Team's recommendation at its May 28, 2003 meeting. She said that the MTPO needs to make its CTC recommendation to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

Commissioner Chuck Chestnut IV, Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Chair, discussed transportation disadvantaged service providers concerns.

Ms. Franson-Godfrey noted that ATC/Vancom, Inc. and MV Transportation, Inc. representatives were present to provide the MTPO proposal summaries.

Mr. Dave Wagner, MTPO Attorney, discussed his review of the request for proposals for the CTC selection. He discussed the options for the MTPO to consider for selecting the CTC. He said these options included:

1. accepting the staff recommendation (that endorsed the Selection Team's recommendation);
2. rejecting all proposals and issue a new request for proposals that establishes what other criteria would be included; and
3. rejecting all proposals and issue a new request for proposals that has the MTPO conducting the request for proposal evaluations and interviews.

Mr. Wagner also discussed the RFP scope of services and answered questions. He noted that conditions could be attached to the MTPO recommendation that were included in MV's RFP response. He said that the MTPO could have a condition with its recommendation that requires MV Transportation to hire displaced drivers and administrative staff.

Ms. Franson-Godfrey discussed the status of the current CTC, evaluation criteria used in the selection process and answered questions.

Mr. Jeff Logan, Regional Transit System Director, discussed the proposals and answered questions.

Mr. Jon Monson, MV Transportation Chief Executive Officer, discussed the proposed pay-scale in the MV Transportation proposal.

Chair Nielsen asked the RFP respondents to provide a five minute presentation on their proposals.

Mr. Doug Wood, ATC/Vancom Business Development Director, discussed ATC/Vancom's proposal and answered questions.

Mr. Monson discussed MV Transportation's proposal and answered questions.

Chair Nielsen opened the meeting for public comment on this agenda item.

The following persons discussed this agenda item:

Jack Varnon	Kathy Roskos	Edward Chaney
Shelton Morris	Delmas Satcher	Zachary Andrews
Bob Baxter	Wilson Paulos	Rev. Andrew McCray
Susan Warren	Diane Tricamo	Johnny Watson
Marie Giancanterino	Tommy Hines	Georgiana Shepard
Marion Mark	Karl Thorne	Tom Hardemon
Carol Massey	Billy Dugan	

In response to a citizen's comment, a member of the MTPO stated that she would contact the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections office regarding facilitating accessibility for blind persons to the voting process.

Chair Nielsen recessed the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Chair Nielsen recalled the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Ms. Gwen Pra, FDOT District 2 Rural Transportation Coordinator, discussed FDOT's transportation disadvantaged program, including its funding resources, and answered questions.

The following persons also discussed this agenda item:

Jo Denicola	Maxine Stallings	Santo Battaglia
John Skelly	Lynette Brow	Ron Carpenter
Tommy Hines		

Mr. Monson discussed brokerage servicing and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Domenech moved to recommend that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate MV Transportation, Inc. as the Alachua County Community Transportation Coordinator effective October 1, 2003. Commissioner Wheat seconded.

AMENDMENT:

Commissioner Wheat moved to add a condition that, in accordance with the verbal commitment of MV Transportation, Inc.'s representative Mr. Monson and the written commitment within MV Transportation's response to the RFP (on page 9 of the section titled "Management Resources"), that MV Transportation, Inc. shall hire all qualified drivers and administrative staff (employed by current providers in the existing system) at their current rate of pay and benefits or higher. Commissioner Domenech seconded. Chair Nielsen asked for a rollcall vote:

	<u>CITY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
Commissioner Bryant	Yes	
Mayor Bussing	Yes	
Commissioner Byerly		Yes
Commissioner Chestnut IV	No	
Commissioner Domenech	Yes	
Commissioner Lowe	Yes	
Commissioner Pinkoson		No
Commissioner Wheat		Yes
Commissioner Braddy	Yes	
Chair Nielsen	Yes	

Motion passed.

ACTION ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED:

Commissioner Domenech moved to recommend that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate MV Transportation, Inc. as the Alachua County Community Transportation Coordinator effective October 1, 2003, with the condition that, in accordance with the verbal commitment of MV Transportation, Inc.'s representative Mr. Monson and the written commitment within MV Transportation's response to the RFP (on page 9 of the section titled "Management Resources"), that MV Transportation, Inc. shall hire all qualified drivers and administrative staff (employed by current providers in the existing system) at their current rate of pay and benefits or higher. Commissioner Wheat seconded.

Chair Nielsen asked for a rollcall vote:

	<u>CITY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
Mayor Bussing	Yes	
Commissioner Byerly		Yes
Commissioner Chestnut IV	No	
Commissioner Domenech	Yes	
Commissioner Lowe	Yes	
Commissioner Pinkoson		No
Commissioner Wheat		Yes
Commissioner Braddy	Yes	
Commissioner Bryant	Yes	
Chair Nielsen	No	

Motion passed.

Page 9 of MV Transportation, Inc.'s *Proposal to Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) for Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program for Alachua County* is attached to these minutes as Exhibit 2.

III. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for August 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium.

IV. 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 6:00 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>
Zachary Andrews	Larry Parks	Wendell Chastain	Wayne Bowers
Michael Baker	Gwen Pra	Sally Palmi	Stacy Graff
Santo Battaglia		Dave Wagner	Jeff Logan
Bob Baxter			
Lynette Brow			
Ron Carpenter			
Edward Chaney			
Jo Denicola			
Billy Dugan			
Marie Giancanterino			
Tom Hardemon			
Tommy Hines			
Marion Mark			
Carol Massey			
Rev. Andrew McCray			
Jon Monson			
Shelton Morris			
Wilson Paulos			
Kathy Roskos			
Delmas Satcher			
Georgiana Shepard			
John Skelly			
Maxine Stallings			
Karl Thorne			
Diane Tricamo			
Jack Varnon			
Ben Walker			
Susan Warren			
Johnny Watson			
Doug Wood			
* By telephone			