

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 30, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

Warren Nielsen, Chair
Ed Braddy
Rick Bryant
Mayor Tom Bussing
Mike Byerly
Chuck Chestnut IV
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Tony Domenech
Rodney Long
Craig Lowe
Ed Poppell
Larry Parks for Aage Schroder
Lee Pinkoson
Penny Wheat

See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT

Charles Justice
Marlie Sanderson
Lynn Franson-Godfrey
Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Warren Nielsen called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sanderson asked the MTPO to approve the consent agenda and meeting agenda. He noted that a member of the MTPO has requested that Consent Agenda Item 7 W. University Avenue Right-of-Way Acquisition be deferred to the next MTPO meeting.

A member of the MTPO asked about the next step in the shortlist process, schedule and funding sources for the Archer Road/SW 16th Avenue Charrette.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO Technical Evaluation Committee would receive presentations from the shortlisted consultants, evaluate the presentations and forward the evaluations scores to the MTPO. He said that the Charrette would occur in the spring around March and April. He added that the charrette funding included \$10,000 each from Alachua County, the City of Gainesville, FDOT, MTPO and University of Florida.

A member of the MTPO discussed Consent Agenda Item 5 State Road 24-A Bypass Designation.

Mr. Larry Parks, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Urban Area Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the impacts of the redesignation. He noted that FDOT would have to hold a public hearing regarding the redesignation of the bypass.

ACTION: Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut moved to approve the:

- 1. consent agenda amended to defer CA.7 W. University Avenue Right-of-Way Acquisition until the next MTPO meeting; and**
- 2. meeting agenda.**

Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.

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

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to fill two vacant positions on its B/PAB. He said that these positions have a term of office through October, 2006.

The following persons spoke regarding their B/PAB applications:

Chandler Otis Delia Kradolfer

Mr. Sanderson conducted a rollcall vote and reported the results.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to reappoint Chandler Otis and appoint Kimberley Brown to the B/PAB for a term through October, 2006. Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member of the MTPO noted that there was a vacancy on the B/PAB for the City to appoint.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the B/PAB appointments are made from a common poll that the City and County Commissions also use.

III. TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM- STATUS REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that Ms. Lynn Franson-Godfrey, MTPO Senior Planner, would provide a status report on the transportation disadvantaged program.

Ms. Franson-Godfrey discussed the status of the transportation disadvantaged program and answered questions. She noted that MTPO staff has been monitoring this program daily.

Mr. Jeff Logan, Regional Transit System Director, discussed the transportation disadvantaged program.

Mr. John Monson, MV Transportation Chief Executive Officer, discussed the status of the transportation disadvantaged program and answered questions.

Ms. Franson-Godfrey answered additional questions from the MTPO. She noted that the MTPO would have to notify MV Transportation in writing regarding possible liquidated damages for deficient service performance.

Mr. Logan noted that there is a 60 day grace period for the service transition in which liquidated damages cannot be assessed.

Mr. Michael Fay, Alachua County Public Works Department Acting Director, stated that the Alachua County Social Services Department monitors the transportation disadvantaged program for the County.

Mr. Chuck Chestnut, Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Chair, noted that there were problems associated with the transition. He said that MV Transportation needed an opportunity to address these problems.

Mr. Mark Elias, MV Transportation Director of Operations, discussed transportation disadvantaged program performance and answered questions. He noted various efforts to improve service are underway and that MV Transportation has used client input to address the problems.

The following persons spoke regarding the transportation disadvantaged program:

Tommy Hines	Reginald Howard	Devi Moon
Maxine Stallings	Jack Varner	Sandra Nikomias
Lenora McGowan	Santo Battaglia	James Adu
Bob Baxter	Lisa Brown	Joan DeNicola
Cathy Gillespie*		

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to direct the provider, MV Transportation to report back to the MTPO at its next meeting on November 20 on ways it has addressed many of the concerns expressed at today's meeting and also give a report on the indicators in the contract concerning its performance. Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. SW 24TH AVENUE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the SW 24th Avenue Construction Project 30 percent design plans were complete. He reported the MTPO Advisory Committees' and Staff's recommendations.

Mr. Fay discussed the MTPO Advisory Committees' recommendations and answered questions.

Mr. Parks discussed the signalization on SW 34th Street regarding SW 24th Avenue and Windmeadows Boulevard.

Mr. Richard Williams, Gainesville Fire Rescue Chief, discussed the SW 24th Avenue design criteria and answered questions.

The following persons spoke regarding this agenda item:

Sharon Hawkey

Sarah Poll*

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to forward the following comments to the Alachua County Commission regarding the SW 24th Avenue Construction Project 30 percent design plans:

- 1. provide pedestrian stamped crossings at SW 38th Terrace for north-south and east-west crossings;**
- 2. identify options for landscaping, including shade trees, consistent with the median width and clear zone requirements contained in the Alachua County Corridor Design Manual;**
- 3. mitigate the loss of heritage live oak trees;**
- 4. obtain an FDOT permit for a traffic signal at the SW 34th Street / SW 24th Avenue intersection to accommodate eastbound left turns from SW 24th Avenue onto SW 34th Street;**
- 5. accommodate the operational needs of transit routing onto SW 24th Avenue and/or Windmeadows Boulevard, which require the ability for buses to make left turns at SW 34th Street;**
- 6. address traffic flow issues related to the removal of the traffic signal at SW 34th Street and Windmeadows Boulevard and the associated median closing on SW 34th Street with impact to businesses in Butler Plaza and surrounding areas;**
- 7. analyze and mitigate traffic impacts to the Archer Road and SW 34th Street intersection resulting from the elimination of left turns at SW 34th Street and Windmeadows Boulevard;**

8. **provide funding for the necessary modifications to the intersection of SW 34th Street and Windmeadows Boulevard and for a connecting roadway between Windmeadows Boulevard and SW 24th Avenue; and**
9. **accommodate underground utility equipment within the SW 24th Avenue corridor.**

Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed 8 to 1.

V. MTPO TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO Chair has requested that a symposium be conducted. He discussed the tentative topics, speakers and schedule.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to have the Symposium at the Jack Durrance Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. with a break scheduled for 7:00 p.m. with light refreshments. Cynthia Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson discussed the handling of a citizen's comment on the SW 24th Avenue Design Plans.

Chair Nielsen stated that the comments could be read by MTPO staff after Agenda Item VI. Traffic Signal Preemption for Emergency Vehicles.

A member of the MTPO asked whether the issue of what topics would be discussed was acted on by the MTPO.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the Symposium recommendations as shown in the attached Exhibit 2 with the consideration that additional topics and speakers could be included by the next MTPO meeting. Commissioner Braddy seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. TRAFFIC SIGNAL PREEMPTION FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO has received a letter from Gainesville Fire Rescue regarding the installation of traffic signal preemption devices.

Chief Williams discussed the installation of traffic signal preemption devices within the County and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Long moved to defer Agenda Items VII and VIII until the next MTPO meeting. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sanderson read Ms. Sarah Poll's comments on the SW 24th Avenue Design Plans.

IX. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for November 20th at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium.

X. 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

Vice Chair Byerly 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>
James Adu	Doreen Joyner-Howard	Michael Fay	Dakova Batey
Santo Battaglia	Larry Parks	Bill Lecher	Wayne Bowers
Bob Baxter	Suraya Teeple	John Sabatella	Staci Graff
Lisa Brown		Dave Schwartz	Jeff Logan
Alison Coffin			Eileen Marzak
Joan DeNicola			Phil Mann
Mark Elias			Teresa Scott
Cathy Gillespie*			Richard Williams
Sharon Hawkey			
Tommy Hines			
Reginald Howard			
Delia Kradolfer			
Lenora McGowan			
Jon Monson			
Devi Moon			
Sandra Nikomias			
Chandler Otis			
Sarah Poll*			
Bob Reller			
Carl Salafrio			
Maxine Stallings			
Russell Tieshoetter			
Jack Varner			
Johnny Watson			

* By telephone

Page #43 CA. 6 Newberry Road Turnlanes **APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS**

FDOT has submitted 60 percent design plans for review

Page #63 CA. 8 MTPO Meetings- Live Telephone Call-in **APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Enclosed are recommended procedures to improve how citizen comments from these calls are forwarded to MTPO members

Page #73 CA. 9 Public Transportation Planning Funds **APPROVE RESOLUTION**

This Resolution must be submitted to FDOT in order for the MTPO to receive these additional planning funds

CA. 10 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-

Page #75 A. Coordinating Board Membership Certification **APPROVE CERTIFICATION**

Each year, the MTPO must certify that the membership of this Board is established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3) of the Florida Administrative Code

Page #79 B. Resolution of Appreciation **APPROVE RESOLUTION**

This member of the Coordinating Board has served since November 1999

Page #85 CA. 11 MTPO Correspondence **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed is a copy of recent MTPO correspondence