

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

SESSION 1

City Commission Auditorium
City Hall
Gainesville, Florida

2:30 p.m.
Thursday
January 8, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Braddy
Rick Bryant
Penny Wheat

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Mike Escalante

WELCOMING REMARKS

At 1:40 p.m., Chair Warren Nielsen welcomed everyone to the first session of the symposium.

I. TRAFFIC CALMING AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that Mr. Dan Burden, Walkable Communities, Inc. Director, was present to discuss traffic calming and emergency response. He discussed Mr. Burden's work experience and introduced him.

Mr. Burden discussed traffic calming and emergency response and answered questions.

The following persons spoke concerning this agenda item:

Brian Kanely	Sally Dickinson	Randall Reid
Dom Nozzi	William Northcutt	Ron Cunningham
John Barrow	Don Tyson	Doug Hornbeck

Chair Nielsen recessed the meeting.

SESSION 2

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

5:30 p.m.
Thursday
January 8, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

Warren Nielsen, Chair
Ed Braddy
Rick Bryant
Mayor Tom Bussing
Mike Byerly
Chuck Chestnut IV
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Tony Domenech
Craig Lowe
Ed Poppell
Aage Schroder
Lee Pinkoson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rodney Long
Penny Wheat

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit 2

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Warren Nielsen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

III. SYMPOSIUM PANEL PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that Mr. Dan Burden, Walkable Communities, Inc. and Mr. Walter Kulash, Glatting, Jackson et al, will each be given about 40 minutes to discuss Symposium topics. He noted that Mr. Randal O'Toole, Thoreau Institute Senior Economist, was unable to attend the meeting. He introduced Mr. Burden.

Mr. Burden discussed:

1. appropriate urban travel speeds;
2. travel lane width and capacity;
3. travel lane width and safety;
4. pedestrian emphasis zones (villages);
5. whether big boxes work in non-sprawl environments;
6. key transportation components of retail village centers; and
7. key transit/pedestrian-friendly design elements, patterns and features.

Mr. Sanderson introduced Mr. Kulash.

Mr. Kulash discussed:

1. transportation network capacity and congestion;
2. traffic speed-traffic flow relationship;
3. lane width relationship to capacity, speed and crashes/safety;
4. conventional suburban development patterns;
5. smart growth strategies and examples; and
6. unintended impacts of traffic congestion.

A member of the MTPO discussed some material on smart growth strategies that were provided by Mr. O'Toole.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sanderson noted that there was a quorum of the MTPO present and that the MTPO could address the consent agenda and meeting agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the consent agenda and the meeting agenda. Commissioner Domenech seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. BREAK

Commissioner Nielsen recessed the meeting at 7:05. He reconvened the meeting at 7:25.

V. QUESTIONS FOR PANEL

Mr. Burden and Mr. Kulash answered questions from the MTPO members and audience.

The following persons from the audience spoke or asked questions concerning this agenda item:

Ruth Steiner

Deborah Butler

Darlene Pifalo

VI. BUILDER/DEVELOPER REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Bob Rowe, Haile Plantation Developer, Mr. David Coffey, Attorney-at-Law, and Mr. Barry Rutenberg, Rutenberg Homes Principal, discussed symposium issues and topics.

A member of the MTPO noted that Mr. David Miller, Gainesville Home Builders Association President, was in the audience and that he may offer some additional commentary.

Chair Nielsen invited Mr. Miller to speak.

Mr. Miller discussed developers' need to be flexible and to be able to respond to the market.

VII. TOUR OF FLORIDA CITIES

Mr. Sanderson reported on MTPO staff's tour of Florida cities that have experienced an increase in economic activity and development in their downtown area. He discussed visits to Deland, New Smyrna, Ft. Pierce, West Palm Beach and Ft. Lauderdale.

Chair Nielsen stated that the transportation system should offer choices. He stated that he visited Norfolk, Virginia and observed that the city has revitalized. He discussed some photos of Portsmouth, Virginia.

Mr. Sanderson said that he does not have any economic impact data for the cities that were toured. He added that he did not know whether these areas used tax increment financing incentives.

VIII. ELECTION OF MTPO OFFICERS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needed to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer for the coming year. He identified the current officers and noted that the MTPO Chair traditionally alternates between the City Commission and County Commission.

ACTION: Commissioner Lowe moved to elect Commissioner Byerly as the MTPO Chair. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to elect Commissioner Chuck Chestnut as the MTPO Vice-Chair. Commissioner Bryant seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner Lowe moved to elect Commissioner Long as the MTPO Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chair Nielsen passed the gavel to Commissioner Byerly.

Chair Byerly presented Commissioner Nielsen a plaque and thanked him for his service as MTPO Chair.

IX. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

A member of the MTPO thanked Commissioner Nielsen for his service as MTPO Chair.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Byerly adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Date

Rodney Long,
Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT 1

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>
Nell Anderson	Doreen Joyner-Howard	Dave Cerlanik	Wayne Bowers
John Barrow	Suraya Teeple	Lt. Ryan Cox	Eric Bredfeldt
Dan Burden		Michael Fay	Brian Kanely
Ron Cunningham		Bill Lecher	Phil Mann
Gerry Dedenbach		Sam Middleton	Bill Northcutt
Laura Dedenbach		Kathleen Pagan	Dom Nozzi
Sally Dickinson		Randall Reid	Doug Robinson
Kathy Driggers		John Sabatella	Teresa Scott
Phil Emmer		Lt. Don Tyson	Richard Williams
Lowell Garrett			
Beverly Gehman			
Sharon Hawkey			
Doug Hornbeck			
Lewis King			
Donna Mayes			
Chandler Otis			
Alison Painter			
Bob Reller			

* By telephone

EXHIBIT 2

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>
John Barrow	Doreen Joyner-Howard	David Cerlanik	Eric Bredfeldt
Rob Brinkman	Suraya Teeple	Michael Fay	Wayne Bowers
Dan Burden		Randall Reid	Brian Kanely
Deborah Butler		John Sabatella	Debbie Leistner
Linda Crider			Phil Mann
David Coffey			Shenley Neely
Sally Dickinson			Bill Northcutt
Ben Fein			Dom Nozzi
Beverly Gehman			Doug Robinson
Amanda Hall			Teresa Scott
Sharon Hawkey			Richard Williams
Doug Hornbeck			
Betsy Hurst			
Matthew Hurst			
Navin Jani			
Justin Kristan			
Walter Kulash			
Linda McGurn			
David Miller			
Ron Nichols			
Darlene Pilafo			
Brad Pollitt			
Jon Reiskind			
Julia Reiskind			
Bob Reller			
Barry Rutenberg			
Ward Scott			
Mark Warring			

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CONSENT AGENDA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #43 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- November 20, 2003 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review and approval

Page #53 CA. 2 Archer Road/S. 16th Avenue Charrette- CONSULTANT CONTRACT AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACT

Authorize the MTPO Chair to sign the contract with Causseaux & Ellington, Inc.