

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
January 28, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia Moore Chestnut

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit 1

STAFF PRESENT

Charles Justice
Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Byerly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He noted that a quorum was not present. He asked staff if there were any informational agenda items that did not require any action.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that the MTPO could present the Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award.

II. DR. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO Citizens Advisory Committee selected Dr. Linda Crider as the recipient for the 2003 Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award. He discussed her numerous contributions.

Chair Byerly presented the award to Dr. Crider.

Dr. Crider thanked the MTPO. She distributed a bicycle friendly communities workshop flyer.

A member of the MTPO requested that this flyer be placed on the MTPO website in PDF format.

Mr. Ed Poppell, University of Florida Vice President for Administrative Affairs, commended and thanked Dr. Crider for her contributions to the University community.

III. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) VACANT POSITIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to fill seven vacant positions on its CAC. He said that five positions have a term of office through December, 2006, one position has a term of office through December, 2004 and one position has a term of office through December, 2005. He noted that five appointments are due to term expirations, one appointment is due to CAC attendance policy violation and one is due to a CAC member resignation.

The following applicants spoke concerning why they wanted to be appointed to the CAC:

Sheryl Connor	Sharon Hawkey	Tom Collett	Sven Hanson
Ruth Steiner	Bob Reller	Richard Fletcher	Jim Stringfellow

Chair Byerly noted that a quorum was present.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Byerly stated that approval of the updated MTPO Public Involvement Plan (PIP) was on the Consent Agenda and asked if anyone present wanted to speak concerning the PIP, and if so, it would be moved to the regular meeting agenda. No one stated that they wanted to discuss the PIP.

Mr. Sanderson reported that the Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor of the State of Florida, approved the MTPO membership apportionment plan and boundary map. He noted that this will result in the MTPO expanding to add a nonvoting Rural Advisor that will be selected by the Alachua County League of Cities. He asked the MTPO to approve the consent agenda amended to add as CA.7 Resolution 04-2 Archer Road Charrette and CA.8 Resolution 04-3 Gainesville Long Range Transportation Plan and meeting agenda. He noted that these resolutions are for reimbursement agreements between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the MTPO.

ACTION: Commissioner Domenech moved to approve the consent agenda amended to add CA.7 Resolution 04-2 Archer Road Charrette and CA.8 Resolution 04-3 Gainesville Long Range Transportation Plan and the meeting agenda. Commissioner Lowe seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) VACANT POSITIONS (Continued)

The MTPO conducted a rollcall vote on the candidates.

Mr. Sanderson suggested that the MTPO proceed to the next agenda item while MTPO staff tallied the CAC votes.

IV. MTPO AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sanderson requested that the MTPO appoint two members to an Audit Review Committee. He noted that the MTPO Secretary/Treasurer traditionally chairs this committee.

ACTION: Commissioner Braddy moved to appoint Commissioner Long and Commissioner Lowe to the MTPO Audit Review Committee and to have Commissioner Long serve as Committee Chair. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) VACANT POSITIONS (Continued)

Mr. Sanderson reported the rollcall vote results. He noted that there was a tie for 7th place between Mr. Fletcher and Ms. Hawkey.

ACTION: Commissioner Braddy moved to include Richard Fletcher as one of the seven selected candidates for appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee since he is an incumbent. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded.

1ST SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Mayor Bussing moved to have a rollcall vote regarding the appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee between Richard Fletcher and Sharon Hawkey. Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Mr. Robert Reller withdrew his application.

2ND SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Commissioner Domenech moved to have a rollcall vote regarding the appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee among Richard Fletcher, Sven Hanson, Sharon Hawkey and Jack Varnon. Mayor Bussing seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.

The MTPO conducted a rollcall vote on the candidates.

Mr. Sanderson reported that the vote was a tie between Mr. Fletcher and Ms. Hawkey.

ACTION: Commissioner Domenech moved to have another rollcall vote regarding the appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee among Richard Fletcher, Sven Hanson, Sharon Hawkey and Jack Varnon. Commissioner Lowe seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.

The MTPO conducted a rollcall vote on the candidates. Mr. Sanderson reported that Ms. Hawkey received the most votes.

ACTION: Commissioner Domenech moved to:

- 1. appoint Tom Collett, Sheryl Conner, Ruth Steiner, James Stringfellow and David Welch to the CAC for a term through December, 2006;**
- 2. reappoint Anthony Porter to the CAC for a term through December, 2005; and**
- 3. appoint Sharon Hawkey to the CAC for a term through December, 2004.**

Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS)

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT was present to provide an update on the SIS. He discussed the SIS and its possible impact on the MTPO. He reported the Advisory Committee comments.

The MTPO was shown a video on the SIS.

Mr. Terry Kraft, FDOT SIS Project Coordinator, discussed the SIS and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Nielsen moved to forward the following concerns to the Florida Department of Transportation concerning the draft Strategic Intermodal System:

- 1. since the Greyhound Bus Station in the City of Gainesville may be relocated and State Route 26 (West University Avenue) is an already a highly congested roadway, State Road 26 should not be considered a permanent part of this plan;**
- 2. in Section 3.c, on page 3 of the draft SIS Connectors Designation Process, dated November 11, 2003, define the “shortest path analysis” as the minimum travel time path and not the minimum travel distance path;**
- 3. recommend that the proposed Florida Transportation Commission Draft Bill be revised to delete any proposed change to Chapter 339.175 Florida Statutes that would require the MTPO to change its current voting members;**

4. **authorize the MTPO Chair to send a letter endorsing the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council's concerns regarding the draft legislation affecting the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program consolidation in the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA)* to the Federal Highway Administration; and**
5. **authorize the MTPO Chair to send a letter to the Governor, with a copy to Ms. Marilyn Berry Thompson, Jordan Burt, LLP, expressing its concerns regarding the diversion of Florida State Transportation Trust Funds in the past two years and endorsing the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council's query to return the \$200 million in diverted funds to the Florida State Transportation Trust Fund.**

Commissioner Wheat seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A member of the MTPO discussed his concern regarding the SIS funding formula.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to have MTPO staff prepare a draft letter to the Florida Department of Transportation regarding the MTPO's concern on the equity of the Florida Strategic Intermodal System funding formula for the MTPO to consider at its next meeting.

VI. WEST UNIVERSITY AVENUE- RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION

Mr. Sanderson stated that this agenda item was deferred from the November meeting. He said that a member of the MTPO had requested discussion of the West University Avenue right-of-way acquisition between North/South Drive and W. 22nd Street.

Several members of the MTPO discussed their concerns regarding the West University Avenue right-of-way acquisition and traffic safety.

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT Project Consultant Manager, and Mr. Larry Parks, FDOT Urban Area Transportation Development Engineer, discussed the West University Avenue right-of-way acquisition and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Braddy moved to direct staff to present the one-way pair design to the MTPO for reconsideration and hold the State Road 26A reconstruction project in abeyance. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded.

The following citizens spoke concerning this agenda item.

Randy Stout

Howard Wallace

Sgt. Bruce Giles

SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Commissioner Wheat moved to authorize the MTPO Chair to send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation Secretary and the Governor of the State of Florida describing the dilemma regarding the West University Avenue right-of-way acquisition, as supplemented with all relevant attachments, including MTPO documents and Alachua County Commission and City of Gainesville Commission resolutions on the West University Avenue right-of-way acquisition. Commissioner Lowe seconded; motion passed unanimously.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to have staff research the design speed of West University Avenue and procedures and methods to have the design speed reduced and report back to the MTPO.

ACTION: Commissioner Domenech moved to direct MTPO staff to work with City staff to research the acquisition of State Road 26 from NW 22nd Street to North-South Drive and provide information on other State-maintained roads that have been acquired by the City. Commissioner Braddy seconded. Chair Byerly asked for a rollcall vote:

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

Motion failed.

VII. SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY (SBAC)- TRANSPORTATION REZONE PROPOSAL

Mr. Sanderson stated that the SBAC transportation rezone issue was forwarded from the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team (ACTST) to the MTPO. He said that the ACTST Chair was present to discuss this issue. He reported the MTPO staff recommendation.

ACTION: Mayor Bussing moved to request that the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team appoint three members to work with the School Board staff concerning courtesy bussing issues and provide a status report back to the MTPO after the Committee completes its work in March. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded.

Sgt. Bruce Giles, Gainesville Police Department and ACTST Chair, and Lt. Ryan Cox, Alachua County Sheriff's Office, discussed ACTST's concerns regarding the SBAC transportation rezone issue.

1ST FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:

Mayor Bussing moved to direct the MTPO Chair to send letters to the Alachua County Commission and Gainesville City Commission requesting that these bodies begin a dialog to discuss the issues contained in Sergeant Giles' January 13 letter to the MTPO, particularly those issues related to costs. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded.

A member of the MTPO suggested incorporating the comments raised in the ACTST letter to the MTPO in the letters to Alachua County Commission and the Gainesville City Commission.

2ND FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:

Mayor Bussing moved to have the MTPO Chair's communication extended to the School Board of Alachua County and that it also include a request that the Committee take a holistic perspective on the issues discussed in Sergeant Giles' January 13 letter to the MTPO. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded.

ORIGINAL ACTION AS AMENDED:

Mayor Bussing moved to:

- 1. request that the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team appoint three members to work with the School Board of Alachua County staff concerning courtesy bussing issues, including taking a holistic perspective on the issues discussed in Sergeant Giles' January 13 letter to the MTPO, and for the Safety Team to provide a status report back to the MTPO after the Committee completes its work in March; and**
- 2. direct the MTPO Chair to send letters to the Alachua County Commission, the Gainesville City Commission and the School Board of Alachua County requesting that these bodies begin a dialog to discuss the issues discussed in Sergeant Giles' January 13 letter to the MTPO, particularly those issues related to costs.**

Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT- SW 24TH AVENUE

Mr. Sanderson stated that Alachua County staff has requested that the MTPO amend its long range transportation plan to show SW 24th Avenue from SW 43rd Street to SW 34th Street as a two-lane divided road.

Mr. Randall Reid, Alachua County Manager, discussed the SW 24th Avenue plan amendment and answered questions.

The following persons discussed this agenda item:

Lt. Don Tyson	Bob Cameron	Sharon Hawkey	David Miller
Chip Holden	Richard Fletcher	Sam Goforth	Fred Henderson

Mr. Dave Schwartz, MTPO Attorney, discussed the possible conflicts with the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan and the MTPO Long Range Transportation Plan regarding SW 24th Avenue and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Braddy moved to:

- 1. deny the Alachua County's request that the MTPO schedule a public hearing to consider amending its long range transportation plan to show SW 24th Avenue from SW 43rd Street east to Archer Road as a two-lane divided road; and**
- 2. direct the MTPO Chair to send a letter to the Alachua County Commission requesting that it consider amending its Comprehensive Plan to show SW 24th Avenue from SW 43rd Street east to SW 34th Street as a four-lane divided road consistent with the MTPO Long Range Transportation Plan.**

Commissioner Bryant seconded. Chair Byerly asked for a rollcall vote:

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

Motion failed.

ACTION: Commissioner Braddy moved to continue discussion of this agenda item at its next meeting.

SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to authorize staff to schedule a public hearing and publish a public hearing advertisement in the Gainesville Sun concerning a proposed MTPO amendment to its long range transportation plan to show SW 24th Avenue from SW 43rd Street east to Archer Road as a two-lane divided road. Commissioner Nielsen seconded. Chair Byerly asked for a rollcall vote:

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

Motion failed.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO would be conducting the Archer Road Charrette in March and April. He said that additional information may be gathered during this process. He added that the next agenda item on the long range transportation plan may also address this issue.

IX. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Sanderson stated that the consultant for the long range transportation plan update was present to provide a status report.

Mr. Joseph Corradino, The Corradino Group Principal, discussed the long range transportation plan update process and schedule and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson asked the MTPO if they wanted to meet with Mr. Corradino before the March 18 public workshop to preview information that will be presented, and if so, the MTPO would need to reschedule its March 11 MTPO meeting because Mr. Corradino had a conflict and could not attend.

ACTION: Commissioner Wheat moved to reschedule the March MTPO meeting to be able to meet with The Corradino Group. Commissioner Bryant seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that he would have to coordinate with City and County staffs to arrange the meeting and that it may be another night meeting.

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 Byerly adjourned the meeting at 11:55 p.m.

Date

Rodney J. Long, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT 1

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>
Bob Cameron	Doreen Joyner-Howard	Lt. Ryan Cox	Dekova Batey*
David Cerlanek	Terry Kraft	Michael Fay	Wayne Bowers
Tom Collett	Suraya Teeple	Randall Reid	Sgt. Bruce Giles
Sheryl Conner	Fred Wright	John Sabatella	Shenley Neely
Joseph Corradino	Terry Kraft	Dave Schwartz	Teresa Scott
Linda Crider	Larry Parks	Lt. Don Tyson	
Erica Dull			
Richard Fletcher			
Sam Goforth			
Sven Hanson			
Fred Henderson			
Charles Holden			
Dick Mahaffrey			
David Miller			
Richard Nelson*			
Ron Nichols			
Bob Reller			
Rob Schiffer			
Ruth Steiner			
James Stringfellow			
Howard Wallace			
David Welch*			

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CONSENT AGENDA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #1 CA. 1 **MTPO Minutes- January 8, 2004** **APPROVE MINUTES**

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review and approval

Page #17 CA. 2 **List of Priority Projects- Revised Table 2** **APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATIONS**

The MTPO is being asked to adopt Table 2- Enhancement Project priorities as amended by the MTPO on November 20

Page #21 CA. 3 **Public Involvement Plan Update** **APPROVE JOINT
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Each year, the MTPO is required to review its adopted public involvement plan and make revisions as needed

Page #25 CA. 4 **U.S.C. Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area
Formula Program Grant Application** **APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**

If approved, this grant will allow for additional trips to purchased for the elderly, disabled and economic populations of Alachua County

Page #29 CA. 5 **Transportation Disadvantaged
Program- Status Report** **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

Page #33 CA. 6 MTPO Correspondence NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed is a copy of recent MTPO correspondence

CA. 7 Resolution 04-2 APPROVE RESOLUTION 04-2
Archer Road Charrette

Resolution 04-2 authorizes a reimbursement agreement between FDOT and the MTPO for the Archer Road Charrette

CA. 8 Resolution 04-3 Gainesville APPROVE RESOLUTION 04-3
Long Range Transportation Plan

Resolution 04-3 authorizes a reimbursement agreement between FDOT and the MTPO for the Gainesville Long Range Transportation Plan