

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  
May 5, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chuck Chestnut IV, Chair  
Ed Braddy  
Rick Bryant  
Mike Byerly  
Paula DeLaney  
Tony Domenech  
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan  
Rodney Long  
Craig Lowe  
Cynthia Moore Chestnut  
Ed Poppell  
Warren Nielsen  
Lee Pinkoson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Aage Schroder

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Thomas Hill  
Justin Kristan (intern)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Chuck Chestnut called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Chuck Chestnut asked for approval of the consent agenda and meeting agenda.

**ACTION: Commissioner Moore Chestnut moved to approve the consent agenda and regular agenda. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

A member of the MTPO stated that, at a recent County Commission meeting, it was asked that there be a joint consideration between the County and City of a north/south corridor between Newberry Road and Archer Road. He requested that this be included on the May 16<sup>th</sup> MTPO meeting agenda.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that this item will be on the agenda for the May 16<sup>th</sup> MTPO meeting.

## II. FDOT DISTRICT 2 SECRETARY AAGE SCHRODER RETIREMENT

Mr. Sanderson stated that Mr. Aage Schroder, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Secretary, was retiring.

**Action: Commissioner Moore Chestnut moved to have the Chair send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Schroder for his many years of service to the MTPO. Commissioner Nielsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## III. DR. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD

Mr. Sanderson requested that the presentation of the Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award be postponed until later in the meeting when Ms. Burden was present.

## IV. STATE ROAD 26A PEDESTRIAN SCALE LIGHTING PLANS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its February 10 meeting, reconsidered its June, 2002 decision to use domus fixtures for pedestrian scale lighting. He said during discussion of the streetlighting, the MTPO moved to:

1. *request that the Florida Department of Transportation:*
  - A. *revise the State Road 26A Lighting Plans to:*
    - i. *replace the proposed pedestrian scale lighting “domus” fixtures west of SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street with traditional “acorn” fixtures; and*
    - ii. *extend the pedestrian scale lighting (using traditional “acorn” fixtures) east of SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street as far as funding will allow; and*
  - B. *to the maximum extent possible, integrate the lighting with the University of Florida; and*
2. *refer the SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue pedestrian scale lighting issues to its Design Team to bring back cost estimates to the next MTPO meeting.*

Mr. Fred Wright, FDOT Project Consultant Manager, and Mr. Reid Rivers, GRU Energy Delivery Manager, discussed the cost estimates for the revised State Road 26A Lighting Plans and answered questions.

Mr. Michael Fay, Alachua County Department of Public Works Staff, stated that all monies received by the County from the Campus Development Agreement have been budgeted and allocated to the SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue project.

A member of the MTPO suggested that a re-allocation of funds, possibly from the SW 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue project, be considered and that the re-allocation of funds toward the State Road 26A lighting project be considered at a future MTPO meeting.

A member of the MTPO recommended that the City and County look at the interest income in their coffers relative to the Campus Development Agreement and consider splitting the \$429,000 shortfall.

Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Assistant City Manager, stated that the monies provided to the City by the Campus Development Agreement were put into several different accounts. The interest accrued on these funds were put aside for City transit development and that all of these funds have been used. She also stated that she did not know the status or amounts of the interest earned on other City transportation projects and that she would have to contact the Finance Department for further information. Ms. Scott stated that the City Public Works Department does not have any available funds to put toward the State Road 26A lighting project.

**ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to:**

- 1. request that the Gainesville Regional Utilities revise the State Road 26A Lighting Plans to incorporate the changes requested by the University of Florida;**
- 2. that the Lighting Plan approval is with the condition that the tree canopy is not affected by the Renaissance lighting installation;**
- 3. seek an additional minimum \$429,000 in funding from all available sources beyond only the Florida Department of Transportation for enhanced lighting on State Road 26A;**
- 4. seek assurances that the lighting is adequate along the south side of SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue for bicyclists and pedestrians; and**
- 5. place on the agenda for the June MTPO meeting a discussion of the funding alternatives for the University of Florida lighting alternative, including Campus Development Agreement Funds.**

**Commissioner Lowe seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Wright stated that finding a way to finance the State Road 26A lighting project prior to the reconstruction of State Road 26A will reduce the cost of the lighting project as opposed to implementing the lighting project after the re-construction is complete.

#### V. ARCHER ROAD PEDESTRIAN FATALITY- FEBRUARY 9, 2005

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its February 10 meeting, requested that the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team review the circumstances involved in the fatality on Archer Road near SW 69<sup>th</sup> Terrace, including roadway school zones, posted speed limits, the location of crosswalks and traffic signalization.

Officer Lisa Baldree, Chair of the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team, requested that this agenda item be deferred until the June meeting. She stated that the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team has not developed recommendations concerning this pedestrian fatality due to the fact that the report was only recently received from the Florida Highway Patrol.

**It was a consensus of the MTPO to defer this agenda item to the June MTPO meeting.**

#### VI. SW 20<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE CHARRETTE- MTPO WORKSHOP

Mr Sanderson stated that the MTPO was to schedule a workshop to discuss the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue area. He asked the MTPO to defer scheduling the meeting until May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**It was a consensus of the MTPO to defer the scheduling of the SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Charrette - MTPO Workshop until the May 16<sup>th</sup> MTPO meeting.**

#### III. DR. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO Citizens Advisory Committee selected Mr. Dan Burden as the recipient for the 2004 Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award. He discussed his numerous contributions.

Dr. Linda Crider spoke of Mr. Burden's many contributions to transportation planning and also sang a song in honor of Dr. Kermit Sigmon and Mr. Burden.

#### VII. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

#### VI. COMMENTS

##### A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no MTPO member comments.

##### B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ms. Sharon Hawkey expressed thanks for Mr. Dan Burden for doing the Tower Road/24<sup>th</sup> Avenue Charrette and the Hull Road/SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Charrette, as well as, inspiring her to become an active citizen in Gainesville's transportation planning process.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There were no Chair comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chuck Chestnut adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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Date

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Craig Lowe, Secretary/Treasurer

**EXHIBIT A**

<b><u>Interested Citizens</u></b>	<b><u>Florida Department of Transportation</u></b>	<b><u>Alachua County</u></b>	<b><u>City of Gainesville</u></b>
Linda Crider	James Bennett	Michael Fay	Brian Kanely
Sharon Hawkey	Gina Buscher	William Harlan, Jr.	Reid Rivers
Kiara Pywell	Steven Scanlan	Randy Reid	Teresa Scott
Charles Justice	Fred Wright		Jesus Gomez
	Suraya Teeple		
	Doreen Joyner-Howard		

\* By telephone

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## CONSENT AGENDA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

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### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #9 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- February 10, 2005 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page #19 CA. 2 Enhancement Applications- 2005 APPROVE JOINT  
RECOMMENDATIONS

These funds are primarily used to construct facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists, landscaping, and control of outdoor advertising

Page #23 CA. 3 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) APPROVE JOINT  
RECOMMENDATIONS

This document is the MTPO staff budget for Fiscal Year 2005/2006

Page #29 CA. 4 MTPO Fiscal Year 2003/2004 Audit APPROVE COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION

It was a consensus of the Audit Review Committee that the MTPO accept the audit report and approve the invoice for payment

Page #63 CA. 5 State Road (SR) 24 (Archer Road) APPROVE JOINT  
RECOMMENDATION  
at Interstate 75

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has submitted 60 percent design plans for review

**Page #79 CA. 6 SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge Over Interstate 75- Fencing APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS**

FDOT plans are to install fencing similar to the fencing recently placed on the NW 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge at Interstate 75

**Page #95 CA. 7 Title VI Update- 2005 AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN**

This statement must be submitted every three years in order to receive federal transit planning funds

**Page #99 CA. 8 SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Transportation Design Study Proposal APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS**

This Design Proposal will be prepared by the University of Florida, College of Architecture

**Page #105 CA. 9 Resolution 05-3 Section 5303 Joint Participation Agreement APPROVE AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION**

This Agreement must be approved in order to receive federal and state transit planning funds

**Page #125 CA. 10 University Area “No Turn On Red” Signs APPROVE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS**

FDOT wants to know where to locate these variable message signs and what days and times they should be turned on

**Page #129 CA. 11 Newberry Road and SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street Crosswalk Removal Rescheduled NO ACTION REQUIRED**

For safety reasons, FDOT removed the patterned, hued crosswalks on Newberry Road and SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street

**Page #131 CA. 12 Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) 2005 Legislative Policy Positions NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Included with this packet are this year’s positions



**Page #135 CA. 13      Transportation Disadvantaged  
Program- Status Report      NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

**Page #145 CA. 14      2025 Florida Transportation Plan-  
Regional Forums      NO ACTION REQUIRED**

FDOT will conduct a forum in Gainesville on May 5

**Page #147 CA. 15      MTPO Correspondence      NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed is a copy of recent MTPO correspondence