

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
January 12, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rodney Long, Chair
Craig Lowe, Vice Chair
Ed Braddy
Mike Byerly
Chuck Chestnut IV
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Paula DeLaney
Jack Donovan
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan
John Martin
Warren Nielsen
Lee Pinkoson
Ed Poppell
Larry Parks for Charles Baldwin

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Bryant

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Lynn Franson-Godfrey
Brian Waterman
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rodney Long called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, noted that Chair Long is requesting that Agenda Item III. Transportation Disadvantaged Program- MV Transportation, Inc. Status Report and Agenda Item IV. City of Alachua- Request to Have Two Voting Members on the MTPO be reversed.

Chair Long asked for approval of the consent agenda and meeting agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut moved to approve the consent agenda and regular agenda amended to reverse the order of Agenda Item III. Transportation Disadvantaged Program- MV Transportation, Inc. Status Report Agenda Item IV. City of Alachua- Request to Have Two Voting Members on the MTPO. Commissioner Donovan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. DR. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO Citizens Advisory Committee selected Ms. Julia Reiskind as the recipient for the 2005 Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award. He presented the award to Ms. Reiskind.

Mr. Dekova Batey, City of Gainesville Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Program Coordinator, discussed her numerous contributions.

Ms. Reiskind discussed Dr. Sigmon's transportation planning public involvement legacy and thanked the MTPO.

Chair Long thanked Ms. Reiskind.

IV. CITY OF ALACHUA- REQUEST TO HAVE TWO VOTING MEMBERS ON THE MTPO

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its last meeting, the MTPO deferred discussion of the City of Alachua's request to have two voting members on the MTPO. He discussed the City of Alachua's recent letter to Governor Jeb Bush, the response from the Governor's Office and answered questions.

Mr. Clovis Watson, Jr., City of Alachua Manager, discussed the City's desire for membership on the MTPO and answered questions.

Mr. Ward Scott, Greater Alachua Transportation Task Force Co-Chair, discussed the City of Alachua's petition to have voting participation on the MTPO.

Several MTPO members discussed the City of Alachua's proposal.

Chair Long requested that the MTPO Attorney provide all MTPO members with a copy of Florida Statutes regarding the formation of Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to discuss the MTPO membership composition and boundary models at its next meeting. Commissioner Braddy seconded.

Mr. Kali Blount discussed this agenda item.

SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Commissioner Byerly moved to refer the MTPO Membership Apportionment Plan to the Alachua County League of Cities, its member Mayors and City Managers, and provide each municipality a copy of the MTPO January 12th meeting video, in order to receive their recommendations on the composition and boundaries of the MTPO at the MTPO's March 9th meeting. Commissioner Donovan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Several members of the MTPO discussed the City of Alachua's request for transit service.

Mr. David Schwartz, MTPO Attorney, suggested creating a working group to address the City of Alachua's request for transit service. During the MTPO's discussion of this suggestion, it was recommended that the MTPO Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee and the following stakeholders be included:

1. Alachua/Bradford Regional Workforce Board;
2. City of Alachua;
3. City of Alachua Chamber of Commerce;
4. City of Gainesville;
5. Council for Economic Outreach;
6. North Central Florida Regional Planning Council;
7. Poverty Reduction Task Force;
8. representatives from the future employers in Alachua;
9. Santa Fe Community College; and
10. State Representative Ed Jennings, Jr.

Mr. Scott, Mr. Watson, Jr. and Ms. Ann Collett, Alachua County Council for Economic Outreach Executive Director, discussed this transit service issue.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to refer to a working group consisting of the MTPO Plan East Gainesville Subcommittee and additional stakeholders to study the demand from the transportation areas of population seeking employment to the employment centers and the funding of such transportation strategies. Commissioner Braddy seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pinkoson and Mayor Hanrahan requested to be included in the working group.

III. TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM- MV TRANSPORTATION, INC. STATUS REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its November meeting, requested a report from the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Coordinating Board concerning MV Transportation's performance as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Alachua County.

Ms. Lynn Franson-Godfrey, MTPO Senior Planner, discussed the TD Coordinating Board's annual performance evaluation of MV Transportation that was sent to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and answered questions.

A member of the MTPO requested that MTPO staff provide future service complaint information that can be easily compared from year to year.

Commissioner Paula DeLaney, Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Chair, noted that the Board will continue to monitor the transportation disadvantaged service provided by MV Transportation.

Mr. Jesus Gomez, Regional Transit System (RTS) Director, noted that RTS conducted a cost analysis for providing paratransit service three years ago and that it would need to be updated.

Mr. Kurt Wilkie, MV Transportation East Operations Manager, discussed MV Transportation's attempts to improve paratransit service.

The following persons discussed this agenda item:

Kali Blount

Jo DiNicola

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved:

- 1. to have MTPO staff modify the Status Report to:**
 - A. factor out passenger complaints item from the service complaint table;**
 - B. standardize the complaint categories;**
 - C. annualize the complaint data;**
 - D. annualize the number of trips provided;**
 - E. include the number of persons registering complaints; and**
- 2. to request that Regional Transit System (RTS) staff bring back an updated analysis to provide transportation disadvantaged coordination service.**

Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The MTPO decided to cancel its February meeting and agreed to meet next on March 9th at 1:30 p.m.

VI. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

A member of the MTPO noted that the Alachua County League of Cities will be meeting in late January.

A member of the MTPO noted that he had received a citizen's request for an analysis of the speed limit on US 441 in front of Turkey Creek Forest and wanted to know what was the possibility of installing a traffic signal at that location. He requested this issue be referred to the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to refer the citizen's request for an analysis of the speed limit on US 441 in front of Turkey Creek Forest and the possibility of installing a traffic signal at the location to the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team.

A member of the MTPO requested information regarding the intent of the MTPO's Rural Advisor position and the MTPO's mission.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Blount noted the need for the SE 16th Avenue connector road.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Date

Lee Pinkoson, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Nell Anderson	Michael Fay	Dekova Batey	Gwen Pra
Kali Blount	Randall Reid	Russ Blackburn	
Gib Coerper	Dave Schwartz	Mildred Crawford	
Ann Collett		Jesus Gomez	
Jo DiNicola		Shenley Neely	
Penny Fennell		Teresa Scott	
Staci Graff			
Ed Griffin			
Judy Hamilton			
Lenora McGowan			
Ward Scott			
Clovis Watson, Jr.			
Kurt Wilkie			

* By telephone

Provided written comments

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CONSENT AGENDA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #7 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- December 5, 2005 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page #21 CA. 2 Florida Department of Transportation NO ACTION REQUIRED
Tentative Five Year Work Program

Enclosed is a December 23 letter from FDOT with responses to each of the
MTPO's comments concerning FDOT's Tentative Work Program

Page #31 CA. 3 MTPO Correspondence NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed for information only are copies of recent correspondence