

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

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

3:00 p.m.
Thursday
April 10, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Lee Pinkoson, Chair
Schervin Henry, Vice Chair
James Bennett/Charles Baldwin
Ed Braddy
Rick Bryant
Mike Byerly
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Paula DeLaney
Ed Poppell
Jack Donovan
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan
Rodney Long
Craig Lowe
John Martin
Jeanna Mastrodicasa

None

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lee Pinkoson called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, recommended approval of the Meeting Agenda and the Consent Agenda, amended to add CA.9 Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy Statement and Assurance.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut moved to approve the Meeting Agenda and Consent Agenda amended to add CA.9 Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy Statement and Assurance. Commissioner DeLaney seconded.

Amendment: Commissioner Donovan requested that the Nondiscrimination Policy Statement also include sexual orientation. Commissioners Chestnut and Delaney accepted the amendment.

Amendment: Commissioner Lowe requested that the Nondiscrimination Policy Statement also include gender identity. Commissioners Chestnut and Delaney accepted the amendment.

Mr. Dave Schwartz, MTPO Attorney, discussed the proposed Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy Statement and answered questions.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to add a discussion of the Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy Statement and Assurance to the end of the meeting agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda. Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. URBAN VILLAGE

A. MTPO STAFF PRESENTATION

Mr. Sanderson presented an overview of the Urban Village and answered questions. He reported that the Urban Village Subcommittee, Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (B/PAB) and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) recommends that the MTPO discuss the following Urban Village issues:

- A. whether to have higher maximum densities and/or higher minimum densities;
- B. whether to prohibit any additional surface parking lots by requiring all future parking to be in structured parking (parking garages);
- C. the need for additional road connectivity; and
- D. how the recommended land use plan will affect future annexations.

Mr. Sanderson also reported that the CAC also recommends that the MTPO discuss architectural and urban design guidelines in order to provide an environment that is safe, comfortable and attractive to the pedestrian.

B. PLANNING TEAM PRESENTATION

Mr. Ben Chumley, Alachua County Senior Planner, discussed the Urban Village: Status Report on Implementation Tasks and answered questions.

Commissioner Mike Byerly, Urban Village Subcommittee Chair, discussed the Subcommittee's recommendations.

Mr. Russ Blackburn, Gainesville City Manager, discussed the Hatchet Creek development.

A member of the MTPO stated that he would like to have City and County planning staffs look into traffic congestion, schools, the City's economic development and impacts on the smaller cities before considering endorsing the Urban Village plan.

C. CREEKSIDE AT BEVILLE RUN

Mr. Sanderson stated that representatives of the Creekside at Beville Run development requested an opportunity to discuss their project at the MTPO and its Advisory Committees' meetings.

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, Causseaux, Hewitt & Wapole Director of Planning & GIS Services, and Mr. Ben Wofford, Cooper Carey, discussed the Creekside at Beville Run development and answered questions.

Mr. Ralph Hilliard, Gainesville Planning Manager, discussed the City's Urban Mixed Use land use category and answered questions.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Sanderson presented the MTPO Urban Village Subcommittee, Advisory Committees and staff recommendations and answered questions.

Mr. Richard Hedrick, Alachua County Public Works Department Director, discussed funding mechanisms for transportation facilities.

The following persons discussed this agenda item:

Bruce DeLaney

Gerry Dedenbach

Ron Carpenter

Martin Gold

Russ Blackburn

ACTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to request that the City of Gainesville and Alachua County:

- 1. initiate joint Comprehensive Plan Amendments to implement the "Plan #5" land use scenario for the Urban Village (see Exhibit 1), including establishment of a joint Multi-Modal Transportation District (MMTD), with Phase 1 and Phase 2 land use density to be 40 to 150 units per, with a referral of the possibility of higher density being achieved by transfer of development rights policy being developed by the County; and**

2. work with MTPO staff to:

- A. identify a local grid network for corridor preservation and testing in the next long range transportation plan update; and**
- B. specify appropriate transit level of service and dedicated transit facilities in the Urban Village study area for testing and evaluation in the next long range transportation plan update and use in the SW 20th Avenue Preliminary Engineering (PE) Study; and**

Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed 11 to 1.

III. SW 62ND BOULEVARD CONNECTOR

Mr. Sanderson stated that Alachua County received federal earmark funding to relieve traffic on Interstate 75 within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. He said that the MTPO, at its March 13th meeting, discussed four connector corridor alignment alternatives for a four-lane corridor between Newberry Road and Archer Road. He reported that the MTPO approved the following motions on March 13th:

- 1. approve the three Interim Priority Projects;*
- 2. request that cost estimates be provided for segments north and south of the SW 20th Avenue/SW 62nd Boulevard intersection for the alternatives;*
- 3. request the identification of sidewalk and other interim projects to support transit on the SW 43rd Street/SW 42nd Street corridor; and*
- 4. defer decision on the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector Alternative until after the MTPO receives a presentation on the Urban Village at its April 10th meeting.*

Mr. Terry Shaw, HNTB Assistant Vice President, discussed the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector Alternatives. He stated that the County staff, its consultant and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff recommend the evaluation of all four alternatives in the project, development and environment (PD&E) study.

Mr. James Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation District Planning Manager, discussed FDOT's recommendation to evaluate all four alternatives for PD&E study.

A member of the MTPO requested that the letter from Congresswoman Corinne Brown be included in the motion.

ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney moved to:

- 1. indicate a preference for Alternative 4;**
- 2. move forward with the PD&E study on all four alternatives; and**
- 3. forward all correspondence to FDOT.**

Commissioner Long seconded.

Mr. Ron Carpenter, Carpenter & Roscow, P.A., representing Butler Enterprises, discussed concerns with the Butler North Development of Regional Impact (DRI).

Mr. Hedrick noted that the consultant contract would need to be amended.

Mr. Shaw stated that HNTB would add resources to meet the current schedule.

Mr. Bennett stated that authorization must be complete by June 2009.

Mr. Rob Brinkman, representing the Sierra Club, stated a preference for the no build alternative.

Mr. Carpenter requested that the MTPO vote for Alternative 4 as a preference so that it would proceed with the Butler North DRI.

Mr. Clark Butler, Butler Enterprises, discussed the Butler North DRI.

Ms. Deborah Butler, Butler Enterprises, discussed the benefits of public-private partnerships.

Mr. Shaw noted that HNTB received comments from several review agencies that resulted in the recommendation of all four alternatives.

Mr. Jonathan Paul, Alachua County Concurrency and Impact Fee Manager, discussed the DRI process and answered questions.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Commissioner DeLaney moved to:

- 1. move forward with the project, development and environment (PD&E) study on all four alternatives (see Exhibit 2) with:**
 - A. two lane rural with shoulder/bikelane and sidewalks;**
 - B. four lane with median and curb-and-gutter; and**
 - C. four lane divided with median and dedicated bus lanes; and**
- 2. include all correspondence.**

Commissioner Long seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner Braddy moved to indicate a preference for Alternative 4 for the purposes of the Butler North DRI traffic methodology until it is shown not to work. Commissioner Chestnut seconded. Chair Pinkoson requested a rollcall vote.

	<u>CITY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
Paula DeLaney		No
Jack Donovan	No	
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan	No	
Scherwin Henry	Yes	
Rodney Long		Yes
Craig Lowe	No	
Jeanna Mastrodicasa	No	
Ed Braddy	Yes	
Rick Bryant	Yes	
Mike Byerly		No
Cynthia Moore Chestnut		Yes
Lee Pinkoson		Yes

Motion failed 6 to 6; no majority from the City Commission.

A quorum of the MTPO was no longer present.

IV. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for May 29th.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to meet on May 29th.

V. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no MTPO member comments.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pinkoson adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Date

Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Kali Blount	Ben Chumley	Russ Blackburn	Jordan Green
Clark Butler	Kathy Fanning	Paul Folker	Karen Taulbee
Deborah Butler	Michael Fay	Jesus Gomez	
Ron Carpenter	Richard Hedrick	Ralph Hilliard	
Frank Counts	Jonathan Paul	Debbie Leistner	
Gerry Dedenbach	Randall Reid	Susan Nieman	
Bruce DeLaney	Dave Schwartz		
Kellie Rye	Jennifer Spagnoli		
Terry Shaw	Ken Zeichner		
Jonathan Thigpen			

* 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 #9 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- March 13, 2008 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page #29 CA. 2 MTPO Fiscal Year 2007 Audit Review APPROVE COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting REPORT

The MTPO Audit Review Committee will meet on April 9th and its report will be sent to City and County offices later that day

Page #57 CA. 3 Year 2035 Long Range Transportation APPROVE JOINT
Plan Update- Request for Proposals (RFP) RECOMMENDATIONS

Enclosed is the draft RFP for the next update of the long range transportation plan

Page #59 CA. 4 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) APPROVE JOINT
RECOMMENDATIONS

Enclosed with this meeting packet is the proposed MTPO staff work program and budget for the coming year

Page #67 CA. 5 FDOT Policy Concerning Painting Mast Arms REFER TO DESIGN TEAM

Enclosed is a letter discussing FDOT policy concerning the painting of mast arms and other roadway features

**Page #69 CA. 6 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-
Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

**Page #79 CA. 7 State Road 20 (Hawthorne Road) at
SW 35th Terrace- FDOT Traffic Study NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The Florida Department of Transportation cannot recommend a traffic signal or flashing beacon at this location

Page #83 CA. 8 Mr. John Butler Letter (with FDOT response) NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed for your information only is a recent letter we received

**Page #85 CA. 9 Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization
Advisory Council- 2008 Legislative Policy Positions NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed are copies of the 2008 MPOAC legislative policy positions