

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
February 14, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Bryant
Mike Byerly

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lee Pinkoson called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, recommended approval of the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda.

ACTION: Mayor Hanrahan moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Lowe seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) DESIGNATED MEMBER POSITIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its December meeting, approved a motion to fill three CAC Designate positions for a term through December, 2008. He said that CAC Designates would fill vacated CAC positions that occur during 2008. He asked if there were any applicants present to speak concerning their candidacy.

Mr. Harvey Budd spoke regarding his candidacy for the CAC.

Mr. Sanderson conducted a rollcall vote and reported the results.

ACTION: Commissioner Braddy moved to appoint Brooke Bass, Harvey Budd and George Fletcher as a CAC Designate for a term through December, 2008. Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. ALACHUA COUNTY ENERGY CONSERVATION STRATEGIES COMMISSION (ECSC)

Mr. Sanderson stated that the ECSC requested an opportunity to present information on several issues that may affect the community in the future.

Ms. Penny Wheat, ECSC Chair, discussed ECSC concerns regarding the U.S. General Accountability Office February 2007 report, *CRUDE OIL Uncertainty about Future Oil Supply Makes It Important to Develop a Strategy for Addressing a Peak and Decline in Oil Production.*

Mr. Warren Nielsen, ECSC Transportation and Land Use Subcommittee Chair, discussed the ECSC recommendation. He also announced a light rail project presentation, "A City in Motion," at the Florida Community Design Center on February 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Wheat noted that ECSC made a presentation to the County Commission on January 8th and that the presentation is available on the County's website in the Video On Demand section. She also announced that Dr. Neil Seldman, President of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, who is the founder of "waste to wealth," will discuss wastestream materials being diverted into raw materials for manufacturing and providing local employment on Friday, February 15th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. She noted that the Friday session would be broadcast live on cable channel 12.

ACTION: Commissioner Lowe moved to direct MTPO staff to include in all future consultant transportation plan update scope of services a requirement that peak oil production and decline variables be reviewed and tested so as to:

- 1. determine potential future transportation and land use scenarios necessary to mitigate local effects of peak oil production and decline; and**
- 2. recommend alternatives to accomplish transportation and land use mitigation strategies.**

Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. YEAR 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE- ALTERNATIVE NETWORKS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO needs to update its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) by November, 2010. He said that the MTPO, at an upcoming meeting will approve a scope of services for the next plan update. He noted that the scope of work needs to identify future transportation networks that will be tested and evaluated. He discussed the MTPO Advisory Committee recommendations and answered questions.

Mr. Sanderson informed the MTPO that none of the recommended networks include the testing and evaluation of a beltway road around the City of Gainesville. He noted that Senator Stephen Oelrich's staff was informed that the beltway was not being recommended by the MTPO Advisory Committees at today's meeting.

Chair Pinkoson stated that he send a letter to Senator Oelrich explaining why a beltway was not being tested and evaluated as a plan update alternative.

ACTION: Commissioner Lowe moved to approve the four recommended future transportation networks listed in Exhibit 1 for testing and evaluation in the next plan update, and in addition:

- 1. include in the fourth alternative network the consideration of innovative demand management techniques, such as congestion pricing, high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, park-and-ride facilities and ridesharing programs;**
- 2. include a study of bicycle and pedestrian transportation facility needs as part of the Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update; and**
- 3. include bicycle and pedestrian activity data by traffic analysis zone (TAZ) in the Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update final report.**

Commissioner DeLaney seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for March 13th. He said that the MTPO would be receiving a presentation on the Urban Village at the April 10th meeting.

It was a consensus of the MTPO to meet on March 13th.

VII. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBER COMMENTS

A member of the MTPO discussed a County Public Works staff letter regarding the SE 35th Terrace and Hawthorne Road intersection. He noted that the letter requested a flashing beacon or traffic signal. He requested a traffic study for this intersection to address crashes and other safety concerns.

Mr. Bennett noted that FDOT District Traffic Operations staff has already initiated a traffic study to determine whether a traffic signal is warranted for this intersection. He added that FDOT would also look into other alternatives to mitigate crashes at this intersection. He said that once the study is completed, FDOT staff would report back to the MTPO.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. John Butler discussed his concerns regarding traffic congestion on NW 34th Street and the need for turnlanes, busbays and sidewalk replacement.

A member of the MTPO noted that NW 34th Street is a State Road. She discussed a MTPO letter to FDOT requesting some modifications to NW 34th Street.

Mr. Bennett noted that there is a scheduled resurfacing project. He said that the turnlanes requested by the MTPO is outside the scope of the project. He added that the asphalt path was not constructed by FDOT, although it is in the FDOT right-of-way. He noted that the NW 34th Street modification project is the fourth priority in the MTPO Livable Community Reinvestment Plan. He added that the MTPO's first priority, the Traffic Management System, was just fully funded.

A member of the MTPO asked if FDOT removed the asphalt path and could the City build the sidewalk. Mr. Bennett stated that FDOT Maintenance Office could remove the sidewalk. He said that he would investigate whether the sidewalk could be replaced and report back to Mr. Butler and the MTPO.

A member of the MTPO asked if the gas tax-funded projects list was on the County's website. Mr. Randall Reid, Alachua County Manager, stated that the gas tax-funded projects list would be placed on the County's website if it is not there already.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Pinkoson suggested that MTPO members limit discussion on agenda items to three minutes. He also suggested that if members have questions regarding meeting packet materials, they contact MTPO staff prior to the meeting for answers.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pinkoson adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Date

Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT 1

YEAR 2035 ALTERNATIVE NETWORKS
LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

TEST	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
1	Transit Emphasis	a mix of highway and transit solutions, but will primarily consider transit related modifications. This network alternative will include some highway modifications, but will consist primarily of a future bus rapid transit system, new and/or extended regular and express bus routes, bus ways and other transit related modifications.
2	Highway Emphasis	a mix of highway and transit solutions, but will primarily consider highway related modifications that expand the grid network of roads. This network alternative will include transit modifications, but will consist primarily of new roads or projects that add capacity to existing roads. This alternative will also include the projects in the currently adopted Year 2035 Livable Communities Reinvestment Plan Cost Feasible Plan.
3	Transit Emphasis Plus Light Rail	a mix of highway and transit solutions, but will primarily consider transit related modifications. This network alternative will include some highway modifications, but will consist primarily of a future bus rapid transit system, new and/or extended regular and express bus routes, bus ways and other transit related modifications. In this alternative network, a future light rail system will be tested and evaluated.
4	Hybrid	Effective Combinations of Tests 1, 2 and 3

EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Harvey Budd	Dave Cerlanek	Russ Blackburn	Karen Taulbee
John Butler	Michael Fay	Paul Folker	
Rachel Henry	Kathy Pagan	Jesus Gomez	
Mike Iguina	Randall Reid	Debbie Leistner	
Warren Nielsen	Mark Sexton	Doug Robinson	
Penny Wheat	Jennifer Spagnoli	Teresa Scott	

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* 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- December 13, 2007 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review

Page #21 CA. 2 Citizen Advisory Committee- Proposed Procedures To Fill Vacant Positions APPROVE PROCEDURES

These proposed procedures will allow the MTPO to appoint up to three CAC member designates who would automatically fill vacant CAC positions

Page #25 CA. 3 Airport Access Road- 30 Percent Plans APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Gainesville Regional Airport officials have submitted 30 percent design plans for review and comment

Page #51 CA. 4 Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study and System Master Plan APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Regional Transit System (RTS) staff are asking the MTPO to approve the enclosed scope and review procedures

Page #61 CA. 5 Joint Certification Statement AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN

The Florida Department of Transportation is recommending that the MTPO planning process be certified

Page #63 CA. 6 Archer Braid Bicycle/Pedestrian Corridor **APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
Design Study

The MTPO contracted with the Community Design Center to prepare this Study

Page #99 CA. 7 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) **APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
Amendment- Wheelchair Securement Equipment

The MTPO needs to amend the TIP to include this project

Page #105 CA. 8 Charrettes **APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The City Commission will not be providing the MTPO with charrette funding for Fiscal Year 2008

Page #109 CA. 9 Transportation Disadvantaged Board **APPOINT MR. BAKER**
Member Appointment

Mr. Baker was the only person to apply for this vacant position

Page #115 CA. 10 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- MV **NO ACTION REQUIRED**
Transportation's Annual Performance Evaluation

In December, the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board approved this Evaluation

Page #143 CA. 11 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- **NO ACTION REQUIRED**
Status Report

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program

Page #155 CA. 12 Regional Transit System Ridership **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Enclosed is annual transit ridership information for 2007

Page #159 CA. 13 Urban Village- Status Report **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

The MTPO's Urban Village Subcommittee Report will be presented to the MTPO at the April 10th meeting

Page #161 CA. 14 FDOT Work Program Letter NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed is a letter from FDOT responding to the December MTPO review comments concerning FDOT's Tentative Work Program

Page #169 CA. 15 MPOAC Institute Weekend NO ACTION REQUIRED

Please let us know if you are interested in attending (the MTPO budget will pay the travel expenses for one MTPO member to attend)

Page #173 CA. 16 SW 62nd Boulevard Comments NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed are staff comments that have been submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation concerning this project

Page #161 CA. 17 FDOT Pattered-Textured Crosswalk Letter NO ACTION REQUIRED

Enclosed is a letter from FDOT regarding the status of the application of patterned-textured crosswalks for several state-funded resurfacing projects