

MINUTES  
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium  
Alachua County Administration Building  
Gainesville, Florida

5:00 p.m.  
Monday  
March 11, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Randy Wells, Chair  
Susan Baird, Vice Chair  
Susan Bottcher  
Mike Byerly  
Todd Chase  
Chuck Chestnut  
Yvonne Hinson-Rawls  
Robert Hutchinson  
Craig Lowe  
Lee Pinkoson  
Lauren Poe

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gib Coerper  
Greg Evans  
Thomas Hawkins  
Curtis Reynolds

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson  
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Randy Wells called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning, recommended approval of the meeting agenda.

**MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved to approve the Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

II. COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (CTC) SELECTION

Mr. Sanderson stated that MV Transportation, Inc. was the only applicant for community transportation coordinator.

Mr. Ed Griffin, MV Transportation Vice President for Business Development/Government Relations, discussed the selection recommendation.

A member asked Mr. Griffin to identify funding sources for providing trips to the Senior Center on NW 34th Street.

A member invited Mr. Griffin to participate in the Alachua County Countywide Transportation Summit that is scheduled for April 10, 2013

Mr. Griffin stated that MV Transportation would attend the Summit.

**MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved to recommend that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate MV Transportation, Inc. as the Alachua County Community Transportation Coordinator for a five-year period effective July 1, 2013 subject to a favorable recommendation by the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. Commissioner Bottcher seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

### III. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES APPLICATIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has requested that two Transportation Alternatives Project (TAP) Applications be submitted by March 29, 2013. He discussed the two proposed projects and answered questions.

Mr. Mike Escalante, MTPO Senior Planner, discussed the location of the SW 27th Street/SW 40th Place/SW 25th Terrace sidewalk project.

Ms. Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Public Works Department Director, discussed the SW 27th Street/SW 40th Place/SW 25th Terrace sidewalk project and noted that the application could specify that the sidewalk will be wide enough to accommodate multi-use activity.

Mr. Jeff Hays, Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the Kanapaha Trail project.

Ms. Scott noted that some priorities are identified for funding by sources other than Transportation Alternatives Project funds, and therefore, other priority needs are included on the list.

Mr. Sanderson noted that Florida Department of Transportation recommended not submitting an application for Safe Routes to School funds this year. He said he did not know if the Florida Department of Transportation was going to award Safe Routes to School grants this year. He added that staff would discuss this issue further with Florida Department of Transportation District 2 staff.

Ms. Scott stated that the City received funding for a Safe Routes to School project. She added that some priorities may receive Transportation Concurrency Exception Area mitigation funding.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board and its staff develop the initial Transportation Alternatives Project fund priorities. He added that the applications would be for sidewalks on one side of the street.

**MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to:**

- 1. approve the revision of the draft Transportation Alternatives project list to make the Kanapaha Trail project priority number 14;**
- 2. approve the submission of two Transportation Alternatives Project applications for construction of the NW 45th Avenue and SW 27th Street/SW 40th Place/SW 25th Terrace sidewalks that are Americans with Disability Act-compliant with sufficient width, if available, so that both sidewalks function as multi-use or combined bicycle/pedestrian facilities; and**
- 3. authorize staff to work with City and County staff to identify a Safe Routes to School fund-eligible project and submit an application.**

**Commissioner Poe seconded.**

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:**

**Commissioner Byerly asked to make the Hull Road Connector project priority number 13. Commissioners Hutchinson and Poe accepted the amendment.**

**MOTION AS AMENDED:**

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved to:**

- 1. approve the revision of the draft Transportation Alternatives project list to make the Hull Road Connector project priority number 13 and the Kanapaha Trail project priority number 14 (see Exhibit 1);**
- 2. approve the submission of two Transportation Alternatives Project applications for construction of the NW 45th Avenue and SW 27th Street/SW 40th Place/SW 25th Terrace sidewalks that are Americans with Disability Act-compliant with sufficient width, if available, so that both sidewalks function as multi-use or combined bicycle/pedestrian facilities; and**
- 3. authorize staff to work with City and County staff to identify a Safe Routes to School fund-eligible project and submit an application.**

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

**IV. STATE ROAD 226 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT (TSM) PROJECT-  
60 PERCENT PLANS**

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has submitted 60 percent plans for the SE 16th Avenue Transportation System Management project to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area for review and comment. He discussed the plans and answered questions.

**MOTION: Commissioner Baird move to approve the State Road 226 (SE 16th Avenue) 60 percent plans with a request to try and improve the line-of-sight for northbound traffic on Main Street using the sliplane to go eastbound on SE 16th Avenue and make corresponding adjustments to the sliplane pedestrian crossing to maximize pedestrian safety. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded.**

Mr. Sanderson continued to discuss the plans and answer questions.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

**Commissioner Byerly moved to reject the State Road 226 Transportation System Management 60 Percent Plans. Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Several MTPO members discussed the implication of rejecting the plans.

**REVISED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

**Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the State Road 226 Transportation System Management 60 Percent Plans with two modifications:**

- 1. eliminate the sliplane in the southeast corner of the South Main Street and Southeast 16th Avenue intersection in order to increase bicycle, pedestrian and motor vehicle safety; and**
- 2. provide a sidewalk that is wider than five feet on the south side of Southeast 16th Avenue in order to accommodate combined-use (bicycle and pedestrian) activity.**

**Commissioner Hinson-Rawls seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

VIII. COMMENTS

A. MEMBERS

**MOTION: Commissioner Chase move to send a letter of apology to the Florida Department of Transportation for the way the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area meeting was cancelled last week. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

A member discussed her concerns regarding the roadway conditions and capacity of Tower Road. She also noted that County staff has a simple plan that includes resurfacing and turnlanes with a cost of \$8 million with utility modifications and \$4 million without the utility modifications.

Mr. Sanderson stated that he was unaware of this plan and that he would contact County staff to get familiar with the plan. He also noted that the MTPO would be considering its List of Priority projects at its next meeting and that this project could be prioritized at that time.

**MOTION: Commissioner Baird moved to request information on available funds that can be identified for modifications of Tower Road from Archer Road to Newberry Road. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded. After more discussion, the motion was withdrawn.**

A member discussed the County's road maintenance backlog and priority lists. He requested that County staff be available at the next meeting to provide explanation of its project prioritization.

A member noted that the Alachua County Countywide Transportation Summit is scheduled for April 10, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Recreation Center at 5700 NW 34th Street.

**It was a consensus that the Summit should be advertised so that it will allow for both Alachua County and City of Gainesville Commissioners to participate in the meeting.**

County staff indicated that the meeting would be noticed as requested by the MTPO.

A member noted that the June meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. He said that County Commissioner calendars show a 3:00 p.m. start time.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Baird adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

6/12/13  
Date

  
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Lauren Poe, Secretary/Treasurer

**Exhibit 1**

**Table 1A  
Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities - Transportation Alternatives Project Fund  
Fiscal Years 2014-15 to 2018-19  
(within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area)**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1</b>	NW 45 Avenue	FM: NW 13 Street TO: NW 6 Street	Construct ADA-compliant multi-use path
<b>2</b>	SW 27 Street/SW 40 Place/ SW 25 Terrace	FM: SW 35 Terrace TO: Williston Road	Construct ADA-compliant multi-use path
<b>3</b>	E University Avenue [SR 26]	FM: E 9 Street TO: Waldo Road [SR 24]	Pedestrian refuge islands
<b>4</b>	Norton Elementary Trail	FM: NW 39 Avenue TO NW 45 Avenue	Construct bicycle/pedestrian trail
<b>5</b>	NE 15 Street	FM: NE 12 Avenue TO: NE 16 Avenue	Construct ADA-compliant sidewalk
<b>6</b>	NW 2 Street	FM: NW 10 Avenue TO: NW 14 Avenue	Construct ADA-compliant sidewalk
<b>7</b>	Bus Stop Upgrades	AT: RTS Systemwide	Construct bus stops and sidewalk connections
<b>8</b>	SW 40 Boulevard/ SW 47 Avenue	FM: Archer Road TO SW 34 Street	Construct bicycle/pedestrian trail
<b>9</b>	E 10 Street	FM: Depot Avenue Trail TO: NE 3 Avenue	Construct bicycle/pedestrian trail; add refuge island at NE 3 Avenue/ Waldo Road intersection
<b>10</b> <i>Partially Funded</i>	<i>SW 43 Street</i>	<i>FM: SW 40 Boulevard TO: SW 20 Avenue</i>	<i>Construct ADA-compliant sidewalk</i>
<b>11</b>	NW 3 Street	FM: W University Avenue TO: NW 8 Avenue	Construct ADA-compliant sidewalk
<b>12</b>	SW 34 Street Grade- Separated Crossing*	AT: SW 34 Street [SR 121]	Construct bicycle/pedestrian grade-separated crossing
<b>13</b>	Hull Road Connector*	FM: SW 20 Avenue TO: End of Parking Area	Construct bicycle/pedestrian trail
<b>14</b>	Lake Kanapaha Trail	FM: Tower Road TO: Interstate 75	Construct bicycle/pedestrian trail

Note: Projects in italic text are partially funded, as shown in the Transportation Improvement Program.  
\*2004 Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Addendum- Archer Braid projects

ADA = Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; E = East; FM = From; NW = Northwest  
RTS = Regional Transit System; SW = Southwest; UF = University of Florida; W = West

Initial Enhancement Priorities were developed by the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board.

**EXHIBIT A**

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Ed Griffin	Mike Fay	Russ Blackburn	
	Jeff Hays	Paul Folkers	
	Dave Wagner	Teresa Scott	
	Alan Yeatter		

\* By telephone

# Spoke and provided written comments

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