MINUTES METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium

Alachua County Administration Building

Gainesville, Florida

3:00 p.m.

Monday

June 1, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Hutchinson, Chair

None

See Exhibit A

Ed Braddy

Harvey Budd

Mike Byerly

Craig Carter

Todd Chase

Chuck Chestnut

Ken Cornell

Charles Goston

Doug Jones

Jim Knight/Greg Evans

Lee Pinkoson

Curtis Reynolds

Helen Warren

Randy Wells

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons

Marlie Sanderson

Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. He welcomed Commissioners Budd and Goston to the MTPO.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA T.

MOTION: Commissioner Budd moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Warren seconded; motion passed unanimously.

UNIVERSITY AVENUE MULTIMODAL STUDY- PHASE 2 REPORT П.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the consultant has completed the SR 26/University Avenue Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study-Phase 2 Report.

Mr. Bruce Landis, Sprinkle Consulting Vice President, and Mr. Peyton McLeod, Sprinkle Consulting Project Manager, discussed the draft Phase 2 Report and answered questions.

A member asked about rerouting the rail/trail to E 10th Street and NE 3rd Avenue.

Mr. Landis stated that the study was limited to the University Avenue right-of-way.

Mr. Mark Goldstein and Mr. Bob Karp spoke regarding the SR 26/University Avenue Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study- Phase 2 Report.

A member suggested lowering the speed limits within the corridor.

Mr. Jim Knight, FDOT Urban Planning and Modal Administrator, discussed the process for lowering speed limits on University Avenue and answered questions. He noted that FDOT followed Florida Statutes for setting speed limits.

A member asked about using variable speed limit signage for certain times of day or special events.

A member suggested designating this road in a manner similar to what is done in school zones.

A member noted that high schools don't have school zone speed limit reductions.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the SR 26/University Avenue Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study- Phase 2 Report project recommendations will come back to the MTPO before projects go forward for implementation.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to accept the SR 26/University Avenue Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study- Phase 2 Report as a completed document and forward the report to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Commissioner Carter seconded; motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to consider reducing the speed limits on University Avenue (State Road 26) from Gale Lemerand Drive to Waldo Road (State Road 24) overall, during specific times-of-day and during special events. Commissioner Wells seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III WEST UNIVERSITY AVENUE AT NW 13TH STREET-RIGHT OF WAY ISSUES AND "THE STANDARD OF GAINESVILLE"

Chair Hutchinson stated that a member has requested an opportunity for discussion of right-of-way issues at the West University Avenue at West 13th Street intersection with respect to "The Standard of Gainesville" development.

Mr. Ralph Hilliard, Gainesville Planning Manager, discussed the "The Standard of Gainesville" project status and answered questions.

Mr. Knight stated that FDOT has received a driveway permit application and it is under review. He said that FDOT has not determined whether there is significant traffic congestion at the intersection.

A member asked about the level of congestion at the intersection.

Mr. Max Eliot, Gainesville Traffic Center Engineer, reported that the intersection was failing in the peak period.

Mr. Russ Blackburn, Gainesville City Manager, stated that "The Standard of Gainesville" has reached the point of pulling development permits.

Mr. Sanderson noted that the project does not involve any federal or state funds. He said that this agenda item was for information only and there is no MTPO action required.

IV. REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM- UNIVERSAL ACCESS REPORT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO, at its February 2, 2015 meeting, requested a presentation concerning an update of the 2005 Universal Access and Fare-Free Transit Report.

Mr. Matthew Muller, Regional Transit System Chief Transit Planner, discussed the Universal Access and Fare-Free Transit Report and answered questions.

A member discussed his concerns regarding consistency benefits for providing fare-free service.

A member stated that he was more interested in smaller fare-free zones or routes rather than a Systemwide fare-free program.

Chair Hutchinson suggested that the member could work with Regional Transit System staff regarding fare-free zones.

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM-

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Transportation Improvement Program is the most important document that is approved each year. He said that the Transportation Improvement Program is a staged implementation program of transportation projects consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with adopted comprehensive plans of Alachua County and the City of Gainesville. He added that, in order for Federal transportation funds to be spent in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, they must be approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area and included in this report. He noted and answered questions regarding five significant projects- the Archer Road Project, Development and Environmental Study from the City of Bronson to Tower Road; SW 40th Boulevard Extension Project between Archer Road and SW 34th Street; Interstate 75 Resurfacing Projects from the Marion Countyline to NW 39th Avenue; Newberry Road Resurfacing Project from NW 80 Boulevard to West 38th Street; and the West 34th Street Resurfacing Project from Archer Road to NW 5th Avenue.

A member asked about the alignment of the UF Campus Greenway Trail.

Mr. Curtis Reynolds, University of Florida Vice President for Business Affairs, stated that the UF Campus Greenway Trail is included in the Campus Master Plan.

Mr. Sanderson stated that staff will provide the MTPO detailed information concerning the UF Campus Greenway Trail.

Ms. Debbie Leistner, Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the SW 27th Street Sidewalk Project and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2015-16 to 2019-20 Transportation Improvement Program. Commissioner Carter seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.

VI. DRAFT YEAR 2040 NEEDS PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

A. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Chair Hutchinson declared the public hearing open.

B. DRAFT YEAR 2040 NEEDS PLAN PRESENTATION

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update development timeline and answered questions. He discussed the recommendation of the MTPO Advisory Committees and staff. He introduced the MTPO's consultant, Mr. Wiley Page, Atkins Group Manager.

Mr. Page and Mr. Wiatt Bowers, Atkins Project Manager, discussed the Year 2040 Needs Plan and answered questions.

Mr. Bowers noted the differences between transit-emphasis and highway-emphasis alternatives and discussed the draft Needs Plan projects. He said that the Federal Highway Administration does not recognize needs plans but that FDOT strongly encourages them. He noted that the draft Needs Plan is consistent with City of Gainesville and Alachua County comprehensive plans. He added that the MTPO will get a draft year 2040 Cost Feasible Plan at its August meeting.

A member discussed offstreet bicycle facilities along major corridors and asked about the Waldo Road Multimodal Emphasis project from the Year 2035 Cost Feasible Plan.

Mr. Sanderson noted that the project is not in the draft Year 2040 Needs Plan but that it could be added.

A member discussed the NW 19th Lane Cycletrack project.

Mr. Sanderson stated that it was MTPO staff's understanding that this project was going before the City Commission later this month.

Mr. Paul Folkers, Gainesville Assistant City Manager, stated that the project was referred to the City's Public Works Committee and would be brought to the City Commission at its June 18th meeting.

Mr. Sanderson said that there would be project recommendations from the University Avenue Multimodal Study incorporated into the List of Priority Projects.

A member suggested inclusion of bus rapid transit projects.

A member asked if the SpringHills area projects were to be privately funded.

Mr. Bowers said that all projects that relieve congestion are included in the model regardless of funding source.

Mr. Jeff Hays, Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager, stated that County staff asked the consultant to include the SpringHills area projects in the draft Needs Plan.

A member asked about excluding the NW 83rd Street extension projects from the draft Year 2040 Needs Plan because of inconsistency with the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Hays said project number 15 is in the County's Capital Improvement program. He discussed the NW 83rd Street extension projects and said they could be included in the Needs Plan. He noted that County staff asked that only projects included in Alachua County Comprehensive Plan be placed in the draft Year 2040 Needs Plan.

A member suggested a color-coded list of City, County and MTPO projects.

Mr. Bowers said that such a list could be developed.

Chair Hutchinson suggested that the staff recommendation could be a starter motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to:

- 1. consider the impact that Needs Plan project numbers 6, 9 and 10 (in the SpringHills area) will have on the scenic road attributes/characteristics of Millhopper Road before these projects are funded for construction;
- 2. work with the property owner immediately north of NW 122nd Street with respect to Needs Plan project number 1 to try and avoid splitting this parcel into two parts; and
- 3. approve the Year 2040 Needs Plan revised to include project numbers 3, 4, 5 and 22.

Commissioner Cornell seconded.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

Commissioner Wells recommended the inclusion of a Waldo Road/Williston Road Safety Study from SE 16th Avenue (State Road 226) to NE 39th Avenue (State Road 222). Commissioners Byerly and Cornell accepted the amendment.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Chair Hutchinson asked for public comment.

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach spoke and provided written comments on the draft Year 2040 Needs Plan.

D. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Hutchinson closed the public hearing.

VII. ADOPTION OF YEAR 2040 NEEDS PLAN

Chair Hutchinson restated the motion on the Year 2040 Needs Plan.

Mr. Sanderson noted the recommendation to realign project number 1.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

Chair Hutchinson recommended modifying the alignment of project number 1 to the Gainesville Regional Utilities easement. Commissioners Byerly and Cornell accepted the amendment.

A member discussed the possibility of a loop road.

A member discussed the provision of temporary driveway permits and frontage roads. He suggested that MTPO staff work with local staff regarding access management concepts that could be incorporated into roadway design.

ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED:

Commissioner Byerly moved to:

- 1. consider the impact that Needs Plan project numbers 6, 9 and 10 (in the SpringHills area) will have on the scenic road attributes/characteristics of Millhopper Road before these projects are funded for construction;
- 2. work with the property owner immediately north of NW 122nd Street with respect to Needs Plan project number 1 to try and avoid splitting this parcel into two parts; and
- 3. approve the Year 2040 Needs Plan revised:
 - a. to include project numbers 3, 4, 5 and 22;
 - b. to include a Waldo Road/Williston Road Safety Study from SE 16th Avenue (State Road 226) to NE 39th Avenue (State Road 222) (see Exhibit 1); and
 - c. to modify the alignment of project number 1 to the Gainesville Regional Utilities easement (see Exhibit 2).

Commissioner Cornell seconded. Mr. Sanderson conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. NEXT MTPO MEETING

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

IX. COMMENTS

A. MTPO MEMBERS

A member discussed the Open Streets efforts that were occurring statewide.

MOTION: Commissioner Wells moved to request that the Florida Department of Transportation extend funding for the Open Streets maintenance of traffic for an additional fiscal year. Commissioner Cornell seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

8/14/15 Date

Chuck Chestnut, IV

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EXHIBIT A

Interested Citizens	Alachua County	City of Gainesville	Florida Department of Transportation
K R Bount	Mike Fay	Dekova Batey	Jim Green
Wiatt Bowers	Corbet Hanson	Russ Blackburn	
David Coffey	Jeff Hays	Max Eliot	
Gerry Dedenbach		Paul Folkers	
Joseph Floyd		Jesus Gomez	
Bruce Frendahl		Ralph Hilliard	
Mark Goldstein		Debbie Leistner	
Bob Karp		Matthew Muller	
Bruce Landis		Teresa Scott	
Kamal Latham			
Suzanne Mann			

Wiley Page

Peyton McLeod

Robert Mounts

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Chuck Woods

^{*} By telephone # Spoke and provided written comments



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CONSENT AGENDA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium Alachua County Administration Building Gainesville, Florida Monday, 3:00 p.m. June 13, 2015

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page *9 CA. 1 MTPO Minutes- April 13, 2015

APPROVE MINUTES

This set of MTPO minutes is ready for review.

Page #19 CA. 2 Certification of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Florida Department of Transportation is recommending certification of the MTPO planning program.

Page *23 CA. 3 Fiscal Year 2014 Audit

APPROVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Audit Review Committee recommends acceptance of the audit report and approval of the invoice for payment.

Page #55 CA. 4 Section 5305(d) Grant Application

APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Each year, the MTPO submits a grant application for Section 5305(d) funds which are used for planning activities for bicycle, pedestrian and transit projects.

Page *63 CA. 5 Unified Planning Work Program Amendments

APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This amendment is needed in order to receive the allocation of Section 5305(d) funds for this year.

Page #71 CA. 6 State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Loan and Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds

APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission needs the MTPO to approve the use of STP funds for this loan repayment.

Dedicated to improving the quality of life of the Region's citizens, by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.

Page *89 CA. 7 Tower Road Tiger Grant Application- APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Alachua County Staff has requested a letter of support for this project from the MTPO.

Page *93 CA. 8 Transportation Disadvantaged Program- Alachua County Coordinating Board Reappointments APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The MTPO needs to reappoint Ms. Curtis, Mr. East, Ms. Louton and Ms. Wright.

Page *99 CA. 9 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-Resolution of Appreciation APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This resolution recognizes Ms McKay for her service on the Coordinating Board since October 2007.

Page *105 CA. 10 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-Coordinating Board Membership Certification APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Each year, the MTPO certifies that the membership of this Board complies with administrative rule requirements and, to the maximum extent feasible, represents a cross section of the community.

Page *109 CA. 11 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-Planning Grant Resolution, Fiscal Year 2015-16 APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Each year, the MTPO submits this grant application to receive state funds for providing staff services to the Alachua County Coordinating Board.

Page #115 CA. 12 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-Funding Allocations NO ACTION REQUIRED

At its April 2015 meeting, the MTPO requested information concerning Alachua County transportation disadvantaged trust fund allocations for the past five years.

Page #119 CA. 13 Transportation Disadvantaged Program-Status Report NO ACTION REQUIRED

The MTPO has asked for regular status reports concerning this program.

Page #131 CA. 14 Regional Transit System Funding

NO ACTION REQUIRED

At its April 2015 meeting, the MTPO requested information from the Regional Transit System concerning transit revenue by funding source information for the last five years.

EXHIBIT 1 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan - Adopted Needs Plan*

_	Roadway Projects
1	NW 122nd Street – Two-lane extension from Newberry Road to NW 39th Avenue using GRU easement
2	NW 23rd Avenue – Two-lane extension from NW 98th Street to NW 143rd Street (separated into 2a & 2b)
3	NW 76th Boulevard – Two-lane extension from terminus to NW 83rd Street Extension
4	NW 83rd Street – Two-lane extension from NW 39th Avenue to Springhills Boulevard
5	NW 83rd Street – Two-lane extension from Newberry Road to NW 15th Place
6	NW 83rd Street – Two-lane extension from NW 39th Avenue to Springhills Boulevard
7	Springhills Boulevard – New two-lane roadway from NW 122nd Street to NW 83rd Street
8	NW 98th Street – Two-lane extension from NW 39th Avenue to Springhills Boulevard
9	NW 91st Street – Two-lane extension from terminus to Springhills Boulevard
10	Springhills Connector – New two-lane roadway from Springhills Boulevard to Millhopper Road
11	NW 23rd Avenue – Widen to 4 lanes from NW 98th Street to NW 83rd Street
12	NW 23rd Avenue – Widen to 4 lanes from NW 83rd Street to NW 58th Boulevard
13	Archer Road – Widen to 4 lanes from Tower Road to SW 122nd Street (MTPO boundary)
14	SW 20th/SW 24th Avenue – Widen to 4 lanes from SW 61st Street to SW 62nd Boulevard
15	SW 63rd Boulevard – Two-lane extension from Archer Road to SW 24th Avenue
17	SW Williston Road – Widen to 4 lanes from SW 62nd Avenue to Interstate-75
18	SW 23rd Terrace Extension – Two-lane extension from Archer Road to Hull Road
22	NW 83rd Street – Widen to 4 lanes from NW 23rd Avenue to NW 39th Avenue
27	SW 62nd Boulevard – Four-lane extension from Butler Plaza to SW 20th Avenue
28	SW 24th Avenue – Two-lane extension SW 40th Boulevard to SW 43rd Street
29	Hull Road – Two-lane extension from SW 38th Terrace to SW 43rd Street
30	Radio Road – Two-lane extension from SW 34th Street to Hull Road
31	SW 47th Avenue – Two-lane extension from SW 34th Street to Williston Road
32	SE 6th Street – New two-lane roadway from SE Depot Avenue to SE 4th/5th Avenue
33	SE 21st Street – Two-lane extension from SE 8th Avenue to SE Hawthorne Road
34	SW 20th Avenue – Widen to 4 lanes from SW 62nd Boulevard to SW 43rd Street
36	SW 62nd Boulevard – Widen to 4 lanes from SW 20th Avenue to Newberry Road
37	NW 34th Street – Widen to 4 lanes from University Avenue to NW 16th Avenue
38	NW 34th Street – Widen to 4 lanes from NW 16th Avenue to NW 39th Avenue
39	NW 34th Street – Widen to 4 lanes from NW 39th Avenue to US 441
40	Waldo Road/Williston Road – Safety Study from SE 16th Avenue to NE 39th Avenue
40	Transit Projects
41	Increase weekday frequencies on City routes (minimum 30 minutes frequency)
42	Increase weekday operating hours on City routes (minimum 14 hours service)
43	Expand weekend service on City routes (minimum 60 minimutes frequency & 10 hours service)
45	Oaks Mall Transit Center / Park & and Ride Facility
50	Extend service in southwest Gainesville (SW 40th Boulevard and SW 47th Avenue area)
51	Extend service in south Gainesville (South Main Street and Williston Road area)
52	Intercity Weekday Commuter Service to/from High Springs & Alachua
53	Intercity Weekday Commuter Service to/from Newberry
54	Intercity Weekday Commuter Service to/from Archer
55	Intercity Weekday Commuter Service to/from Hawthorne
56	Intercity Weekday Commuter Service to/from Waldo
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2040 Long Range Transportation Plan - Adopted Needs Plan*

	Transit Projects (Continued)
57	University of Florida Transit Center
58	Santa Fe College Transit Center
59	Hawthorne Park & Ride Facility
60	Celebration Pointe Park and Ride
61	Springhills Area Park and Ride (North of 39th Avenue)
62	Newberry Village Park and Ride (Newberry Road just east of Fort Clarke Boulevard)
63	Eastside Activity Center Park and Ride (SE 43rd Street and Hawthorne Road)
64	Waldo Park & Ride Facility
65	Archer Park & Ride Facility
	Other Projects
66	Hawthorne Braid - Extend CSX trail from NW 16th Avenue to NW 39th Avenue
67	University Braid - New trail on University Avenue from Waldo Road to NE 55th Boulevard
69	Archer Braid - Construct overpass of Hull Road / SW 34th Street intersection
70	SW 40th Boulevard - Construct trail from SW 34th Street to Archer Braid at SW 30th Avenue
72	Intelligent Transportation System Program - Miscellaneous Intelligent Transportation System Projects
73	Pedestrian Program - Miscelllaneous sidewalk and other pedestrian projects
74	Bicycle Program - Miscellaneous bicycle lanes and facilities
75	Transit Program - Miscellaneous transit facilities and amenities
	Additional Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects (added following public workshop)
76	Miscellaneous pedestrian crossing projects, including auditory signals
77	Multimodal Emphasis Corridor on NW/SW 13th Street from NW 33rd Avenue to Archer Road
78	Multimodal Emphasis Corridor on SR 26 from Gale Lemerand to Waldo Road
79	Glen Springs Braid - Construct shared use path on Glen Springs Road corridor from NW 34th Street to NW 16th Terrace
80	Bivens Braid - Construct shared use path on SW 23rd Street from SW 23rd Terrace to Archer Road
81	Glen Springs Braid - NW 19th Lane - Construct two-way cycle track from NW 16th Terrace to NW 13th Street
82	Millhopper Braid - Construct bike lanes on NW 16th Avenue from NW 13th Street to N Main Street
83	Williston Road - Construct bicycle/pedestrian trail from Interstate 75 to Waldo Road
	Additional Transit Projects (added following public workshop)
85	Extend regular transit service through Celebration Pointe
86	Extend regular transit service through Springhills
87	Five Points Transfer Station
	Aspirational Projects (beyond 2040)
88	NW 83rd Street - Provide dedicated transit lanes from NW 23rd Avenue to NW 39th Avenue
89	Celebration Pointe Boulevard - Provide dedicated transit lanes from SW 62nd Boulevard to SW Archer Road
90	SW Archer Road - Provide dedicated transit lanes from Celebration Pointe to SW 91st Street
91	SW 91st Street - Provide dedicated transit lanes from SW Archer Road to SW 46th Boulevard
92	SW 122nd Street - Provide dedicated transit lanes from SW 46th Boulevard to SW 24th Avenue (partial new corridor)
93	SW 122nd Street - Provide dedicated transit lanes from SW 24th Avenue to Newberry Road
94	Newberry Road - Provide dedicated transit lanes from Interstate-75 to NW 143rd Street
95	Fort Clarke Boulevard - Provide dedicated transit lanes from NW 23rd Avenue to NW 15th Place
96	NW 15th Place - Provide dedicated transit lanes from Fort Clarke Boulevard to NW 76th Boulevard
97	NW 76th Boulevard - Provide dedicated transit lanes from NW 15th Place to Newberry Road
98	NW 122nd Street - Provide dedicated transit lanes from Newberry Road to Springhills Boulevard
99	Springhills Boulevard – Provide dedicated trabnsit lanes from NW 122nd Street to NW 83rd Street
100	SW Hawthorne Road – Provide dedicated trabnsit lanes from SE 27th Street to SE 43rd Street
	Projects are not prioritized

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