

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

December 4, 2017
5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Arreola
Harvey Budd
Mike Byerly
Charles Chestnut, IV, Chair
Ken Cornell
Linda Dixon/Curtis Reynolds
Charles Goston
Adrian Hayes-Santos
Robert Hutchinson
Doug Jones
Lee Pinkoson
Lauren Poe
Karen Taulbee/Greg Evans
Harvey Ward
Helen Warren

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Escalante
Scott Koons

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Charles Chestnut, IV called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Chestnut asked for approval of the meeting agenda and consent agenda. He noted that there was an additional item, CA.10 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment that needed to be added to the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda as amended to add CA.10 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment to the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Budd seconded.

A member discussed Sunshine Law concerns regarding the Alachua County League of Cities meetings and the Rural Advisor selection process in the Bylaws.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:

Commissioner Cornell asked that item CA.2 Bylaws be placed on the regular agenda. Commissioners Pinkoson and Budd accepted the amendment.

Mr. Koons recommended that this item be placed after item VIII. Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council.

MOTION AS AMENDED:

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the:

- 1. Consent Agenda amended to add CA.10 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment and to move CA.2 Bylaws to the Meeting Agenda: and**
- 2. Meeting Agenda amended to place CA.2 Bylaws after item VIII. Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council.**

Commissioner Budd seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE- VACANT POSITIONS

Scott Koons, Executive Director, stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to fill three vacant positions on its Citizens Advisory Committee. He reported that the three positions have a term ending December 31, 2020. He said that there are only two candidates at this time and neither was in attendance.

MOTION: Commissioner Arreola moved to reappoint Gilbert Levy and James Samec to the Citizens Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2020. Commissioner Budd seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION - SW 62ND CONNECTOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND RIGHT-OF-WAY

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has requested an administrative modification to the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan to advance the SW 62nd Connector Preliminary Engineering project to Fiscal Year 2017-18 and advance the SW 62nd Connector Right-of-Way project to Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19.

Ms. Karen Taulbee, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Urban Planning Manager, discussed the Strategic Intermodal System, State Highway System and Transportation Regional Incentive Program eligibility and answered questions.

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, Casseuax, Hewitt and Wapole Vice-President, discussed Butler Enterprises contributions to the development of the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector and answered questions. He noted that none of the rights-of-way to be purchased with the above-referenced funds are owned by Butler Enterprises.

Philip Mann, Gainesville Public Works Director, discussed the Cabana Beach Apartments road construction contribution to the development of the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector and answered questions. He reported that Cabana Beach Apartments provided right-of-way and constructed the roadway along the west side of its property.

Mr. Stefan Broadus, Gainesville Traffic Engineer, discussed the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector right-of-way and answered questions.

Ms. Kristen Young, Gainesville Citizens for Active Transportation, objected to information being provided by Mr. Dedenbach rather than the information being provided by local government staff.

Mr. Koons discussed traffic impacts for the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector in Year 2020 and Year 2040.

Mr. Mann discussed curb cuts along the proposed corridor and answered questions. He noted that many of the parcels to be acquired would be used as retention ponds.

Doug Jones, Rural Advisor, discussed the regional importance of the project. He noted the connections between the Oaks Mall area with the Butler Plaza area and the provision of additional connectivity between North Florida Regional Medical Center and Shands Hospital and the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Mr. Koons discussed funding for the project. He noted that if the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan is not modified that the funds would revert to the Florida Department of Transportation District 2 for reallocation to other jurisdictions within District 2.

Ms. Young spoke against approval of the administrative modification. She noted that the support of the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce for private investment for construction of the corridor. She discussed her concerns of the impacts on affordable housing, roadway safety and that these public investments are on the west side of Gainesville rather than the east side of Gainesville.

MOTION: Mayor Poe moved to approve administratively modifying the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan to advance the SW 62nd Boulevard Preliminary Engineering project to Fiscal Year 2017-18 and advance the SW 62nd Boulevard Right-of-Way project to Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19 as shown in Exhibit 1. Commissioner Arreola seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a rollcall vote.

City Member	Yes	No	County Member	Yes	No
David ARREOLA	X				
Harvey BUDD	X				
			Mike BYERLY		X
			Ken CORNELL	X	
Charles GOSTON	X				
Adrian HAYES-SANTOS	X				
			Robert HUTCHINSON		X
			Lee PINKOSON	X	
Lauren POE	X				
Harvey WARD	X				
Helen WARREN	X				
			Charles CHESTNUT IV	X	
Totals	7	0		3	2

Motion passed (Commissioners Byerly and Hutchinson in dissent).

Ms. Young asked that the roadway be planned as a limited access facility.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to:

- 1. Authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Florida Department District 2 Secretary requesting that he reconsider State Highway System Designation for the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector corridor and that State Highway System funds be used for this project;**
- 2. Request federal and state legislative delegation participation in support of State Highway System designation for the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector corridor; and**

3. Develop the corridor design plan with minimal curb cuts as a limited-access highway.

Commissioner Budd seconded; motion passed 11 to 1 (Commissioner Byerly in dissent).

**IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT -
SW 62ND CONNECTOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program to add the SW 62nd Connector Preliminary Engineering project (4352108) in Fiscal Year 2017-18 and SW 62nd Connector Right-of-Way project (4352108) in Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19.

MOTION: Commissioner Arreola moved to approve an amendment to the Fiscal Years 2017-18 to 2021-22 Transportation Improvement Program to add the SW 62nd Connector Preliminary Engineering project (4352108) in Fiscal Year 2017-18 and SW 62nd Connector Right-of-Way project (4352108) in Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a show-of-hands vote.

City Member	Yes	No	County Member	Yes	No
David ARREOLA	X				
Harvey BUDD	X				
			Mike BYERLY		X
			Ken CORNELL	X	
Charles GOSTON	X				
Adrian HAYES-SANTOS	X				
			Robert HUTCHINSON	X	
			Lee PINKOSON	X	
Lauren POE	X				
Harvey WARD	X				
Helen WARREN	X				
			Charles CHESTNUT IV	X	
Totals	7	0		4	1

Motion passed (Commissioner Byerly in dissent).

V. SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS

Mr. Koons stated that federal legislation requires that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization set safety targets on public roads for fatalities and serious injuries. He discussed the Florida Department of Transportation safety targets and interim performance measures and answered questions. He reported the advisory committees and staff recommendations.

A member asked whether data for Interstate 75 could be tracked and whether the speed limit could be reduced.

Mr. Koons stated that the data is for all public roads and the Florida Department of Transportation had conducted a speed study on Interstate 75 and determined that a speed limit reduction was not warranted.

A member asked whether an interim performance measure rate for pedestrian and bicycle fatalities and serious injuries could be provided. He noted that the City of Gainesville would use this information for the City's traffic safety policy.

Ms. Young encouraged development of a safety plan.

Mr. Koons stated that the safety measures that meet federal reporting requirements would be addressed in the transportation improvement program next year and in the next long-range transportation plan update.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved:

- 1. To set Safety Performance Targets consistent with the Florida Department of Transportation Targets at zero with a five-year rolling average for interim performance measures and rates as follows:**

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area Safety Performance Measures and Targets			
Performance Measure	Target	Interim Performance Measure* 2012 to 2016	Interim Performance Measure Rate* 2012 to 2016
Fatalities	Zero	36.6	1.48 per 100 million vehicle miles travelled
Serious Injuries	Zero	264.0	8.96 per 100 million vehicle miles travelled
Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	Zero	37.8	N/A

* Alachua County countywide data

- 2. In addition, show the bicycle and pedestrian targets and interim performance measures separately in the Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries.**

Commissioner Ward seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Taulbee announced that James Green, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Liaison, was retiring on January 25, 2018. She said she would act as liaison until his position is filled.

Mr. Green stated he enjoyed working with the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization and its staff.

Ms. Taulbee stated that responses to all questions directed to the Florida Department of Transportation at the October 30, 2017 meeting are included in the meeting packet.

Mr. Green discussed the modifications for the State Road 331 at the Main Street intersection and answered questions. He noted that rumble strips and signage, including an illuminated speed warning sign may be part of the project modifications.

VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needed to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer for the coming year. He identified the current officers and noted that the Chair traditionally alternates between the City Commission and County Commission.

MOTION: Mayor Poe moved to elect Commissioner Budd as Chair, Commissioner Cornell as Vice-Chair and Commissioner Arreola as Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Ward seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Koons asked that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization appoint two members to an Audit Review Committee. He noted that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Secretary/Treasurer traditionally chairs this committee.

MOTION: Mayor Poe moved to appoint Commissioner Arreola and Commissioner Cornell to the Audit Review Committee and to have Commissioner Arreola serve as Committee Chair. Commissioner Ward seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. FLORIDA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Koons asked the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization to appoint a voting representative and two alternate representatives to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council for the coming year. He noted that currently Commissioner Hayes-Santos serves as the voting representative and Commissioner Arreola and Commissioner Chestnut serve as the alternate representatives.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to appoint Commissioner Arreola as the voting representative and Commissioner Hutchinson and Commissioner Ward as the alternate representatives to the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

CA.2 BYLAWS

Mr. Koons stated that proposed amendments to the Bylaws have been prepared for consistency with current agreements, documents and statutory citations.

A member discussed his concern regarding that the Alachua County League of Cities is not subject to the open meetings requirement of the Florida Sunshine Law.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to adopt amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Bylaws that provide for changes to agreements, documents and statutory citations with a revision to Section D(2)(c) concerning the appointment of the Rural Advisor specifying that the Rural Advisor be an elected official appointed by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization from nominations made by the municipal governing bodies in Alachua County located in whole or part outside of the Gainesville Metropolitan Area consisting of the City of Alachua, City of Archer, City of Hawthorne, City of High Springs, Town of La Crosse, Town of Micanopy, City of Newberry and City of Waldo. Commissioner Ward seconded.

Mr. Jones asked whether this issue was presented to the Alachua County League of Cities.

Mr. Koons stated that this issue was not presented to the Alachua County League of Cities.

Several members discussed whether the Rural Advisor needed to be an elected official.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:

Commissioner Cornell amended the motion to not require an elected official to serve as the Rural Advisor. Commissioner Ward accepted the amendment.

MOTION RESTATED AS AMENDED:

Commissioner Cornell moved to adopt amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Bylaws that provide for changes to agreements, documents and statutory citations with a revision to Section D(2)(c) concerning the appointment of the Rural Advisor specifying that the Rural Advisor be appointed by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area from among nominees submitted by the municipal governing bodies in Alachua County located in whole or part outside the Gainesville Metropolitan Area consisting of the City of Alachua, City of Archer, City of Hawthorne, City of High Springs, Town of La Crosse, Town of Micanopy, City of Newberry and City of Waldo. Commissioner Ward seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a show-of-hands vote.

City Member	Yes	No	County Member	Yes	No
David ARREOLA	X				
Harvey BUDD	X				
			Mike BYERLY	X	
			Ken CORNELL	X	
Charles GOSTON	X				
Adrian HAYES-SANTOS	X				
			Robert HUTCHINSON	X	
			Lee PINKOSON	X	
Lauren POE	X				
Harvey WARD	X				
Helen WARREN	X				
			Charles CHESTNUT IV	X	
Totals	7	0		5	0

Motion passed unanimously.

IX. NEXT METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEETING

Mr. Koons announced that the next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

X. COMMENTS

A. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

MOTION: Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved to refer development of a ranked list of candidate intersections for roundabouts on the State Highway System to its advisory committees and staff. Commissioner Cornell seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Koons presented a plaque to Chair Chestnut for his service as Chair. He announced 2018 meeting dates for the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council Institute. He asked for members to contact staff if they were interested in attending.

Several members encouraged other members to attend the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council Institute.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

2/26/18

Date



David Arreola, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

Interested Citizens

Kali Blount
John Curtis
Gerry Dedenbach
Chris Flagg
David Flagg
Blake Fletcher
Vicki Gervakis
Jessica Norfleet
John Turner
Kristin Young

Alachua County

Jeffrey Hays
Sylvia Torres

City of Gainesville

Stefan Broadus
Philip Mann

Florida Department of Transportation

James Green

* Via telephone

Spoke and provided written comments

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**CONSENT AGENDA
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #7 CA. 1 Minutes- October 30, 2017 APPROVE MINUTES

This set of Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization minutes is ready for review and approval.

Page #23 CA. 3 Meeting Schedule APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization 2018 meeting Schedule needs to be approved.

Page #27 CA. 4 House Bill 575 NO ACTION REQUIRED

This proposed legislation revises voting membership of certain metropolitan planning organizations according to population size; prohibits an entire county commission from being members of the governing board; and revises the percentage of membership which may be composed of county commissioners.

Page #37 CA. 5 State Road 331 (Williston Road at Main Street Intersection Project Description NO ACTION REQUIRED

This amended budget will allow staff to monitor Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization expenditures and make appropriate adjustments as needed.

Page #41 CA. 6 Coastal Connector through Citrus and Marion Counties Update NO ACTION REQUIRED

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization has asked for an update on the status of the Coastal Connector through Citrus and Marion Counties.

Page #51 CA. 7 U.S. Highway 441 Flooding NO ACTION REQUIRED

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization has asked for information regarding the impacts of flooding in the U.S. highway 441 corridor through Paynes Prairie.

APPROVE RESOLUTION

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NO ACTION REQUIRED

Addendum CA.10 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to amend the Unified Planning Work Program in order to receive the Federal Transit Administration Section 5305(d) funding.