

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

Jack Durrance Auditorium
Alachua County Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

June 5, 2017
5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Arreola
Harvey Budd
Mike Byerly
Charles Chestnut, IV, Chair
Ken Cornell
Adrian Hayes-Santos
Robert Hutchinson
Doug Jones
Lee Pinkoson
Lauren Poe
Harvey Ward
James Green/Greg Evans

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Goston
Curtis Reynolds
Helen Warren

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.

MOTION: Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved to remove CA.6 Transit Ridership Monitoring Report from the Consent Agenda and place it on the Meeting Agenda after Item I, and to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda as amended. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

CA.6 TRANSIT RIDERSHIP MONITORING REPORT

Scott Koons, Executive Director, stated that the Transit Ridership Monitoring Report is updated each year. He and Jesus Gomez, Regional Transit System Director, discussed the report and answered questions.

Mr. Anthony Lyons, Gainesville City Manager, discussed a City of Gainesville transit study as part of its budget process.

MOTION: Commissioner Budd moved to approve the Transit Ridership Monitoring Report as a completed planning document. Commissioner Byerly seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program to add the Vehicle Purchase and Wheelchair Tie-ins project (4352108). He reported that the Regional Transit System has been awarded a \$125,000 Section 5310 grant to fund this project. This grant will be matched with \$15,625 from the Florida Department of Transportation and \$15,625 from local funds.

MOTION: Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved to approve the amendment to the Fiscal Years 2016-17 to 2020-21 Transportation Improvement Program to add Vehicle Purchase and Wheelchair Tie-ins project (4352108) in Fiscal Year 2016-17. Commissioner Budd seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.

III. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Koons stated that the Transportation Improvement Program is the most important document that is approved each year by the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization. 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 and included in this report. He noted and answered questions regarding the following significant Fiscal Year 2016-17 projects:

- Airport - Airfield Lighting/Signage;
- Bicycle/Pedestrian - SW 27th Street Sidewalk and NW 19th Lane Bikeline/Sidewalk;
- Intersection - Newberry Road Turnlanes;
- Interstate - Rest Area Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning;
- Maintenance - Lighting Agreement Countywide;
- Public Transportation - Regional Transit System Capital/Operations and Capital funding;
- Resurfacing - State Road 121 Resurfacing Projects from U.S. 441 (NW 13th Street) to La Crosse and State Road 24 (Archer Road) to NW 5th Avenue; and
- Road Construction - SW 40th Boulevard Extension Project between State Road 24 (Archer Road) and State Road 121 (SW 34th Street).

Jeffrey Hays, Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the County's role in the transportation improvement program process and answered questions.

James Green, Florida Department of Transportation Liaison, discussed the proposed streetlighting projects and Federal Transit Administration funding and answered questions.

Philip Mann, Gainesville Public Works Director, discussed the City's coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation regarding the proposed streetlighting projects.

Doug Jones, Rural Advisor, noted the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council Institute provided helpful training regarding the transportation planning process.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to approve the Fiscal Years 2017-18 to 2021-22 Transportation Improvement Program as modified to address review agency comments Commissioner Budd seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a show-of-hands vote; motion passed unanimously.

IV. LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

Mr. Koons stated that, each year, priorities for unfunded projects are submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation. He said that these priorities are used by the Department to develop its Tentative Work Program. He added that the draft List of Priority Projects for this year includes projects from the adopted Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan and from local agency recommendations. He discussed the project priorities and answered questions. He noted that resurfacing project funds are prioritized in the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Mr. Green discussed the project priorities process. He stated that, if the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization does not submit its List of Priority Projects by October 1, 2017, the Florida Department of Transportation would develop priorities without input from the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization. He also noted that the SW 62nd Connector Project is currently not eligible for State Highway System Funds.

Mr. Koons noted that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization would have an opportunity to provide comments on the Florida Department of Transportation draft Tentative Work Program later in 2017.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the List of Priority Projects Fiscal Years 2018-19 to 2022-23. Commissioner Budd seconded. Commissioner Byerly requested the motion be split between:

- A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities and B. Transit Priorities; and
- C. Transportation Regional Incentive Program Priorities.

SPLIT MOTION PART ONE:

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the List of Priority Projects Fiscal Years 2018-19 to 2022-23 - A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities and B. Transit Priorities. Commissioner Budd seconded; motion passed unanimously.

SPLIT MOTION PART TWO:

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the List of Priority Projects List of Priority Projects Fiscal Years 2018-19 to 2022-23 - C. Transportation Regional Incentive Program Priorities. Commissioner Budd seconded; motion passed 8 to 1 with Commissioner Byerly in dissent.

Mr. Koons stated that the long-range transportation plan analysis showed that increasing capacity on the SW 62nd Connector corridor would provide some congestion relief to Interstate 75. He said that supporting materials would be attached to the letter sent to the Florida Department of Transportation.

MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting that the Florida Department of Transportation consider using State Highway System funds to develop the SW 62nd Connector Project corridor from State Road 26 (West Newberry Road) to State Road 331 (Williston Road) to relieve congestion and improve safety on Interstate 75 in accordance with the Recommended Guiding Principles for Planning Future Transportation Corridors in the Florida Department of Transportation I-75 Relief Task Force Recommendations Report dated October 1, 2016. Commissioner Hayes-Santos seconded.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:

Commissioner Cornell suggested designating the SW 62nd Connector Project corridor as State Road 93A. Commissioners Pinkoson and Hayes-Santos accepted the amendment.

Ms. Kristen Young, Gainesville Citizens for Active Transportation representative, spoke against funding the SW 62nd Connector project.

MOTION AS AMENDED:

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to authorize the Chair to send a letter to request that the Florida Department of Transportation consider designating the SW 62nd Connector Project corridor from State Road 26 (West Newberry Road) to State Road 331 (Williston Road) as State Road 93A and use State Highway System funds to develop the project to relieve congestion and improve safety on Interstate 75 in accordance with the Recommended Guiding Principles for Planning Future Transportation Corridors in the Florida Department of Transportation I-75 Relief Task Force Recommendations Report dated October 1, 2016. Commissioner Hayes-Santos seconded; motion passed 8 to 1 with Commissioner Byerly in dissent.

V. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization is required to review its Public Involvement Plan and revise it as needed. He discussed the proposed revisions to the plan for this year and answered questions. He noted that a 45-day legal notice was published in local newspapers inviting the public to attend the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization meeting to provide comments on the proposed revisions.

MOTION: Mayor Poe moved to approve the Public Involvement Plan update; Commissioner Cornell seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. STATE ROAD 26 (NEWBERRY ROAD) BIKELANES UPDATE

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization discussed West Newberry Road (State Road 26) bikelanes at its August 1, 2016, October 3, 2016, December 5, 2016 and April 3, 2017 meetings. He reported that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization has received copies of correspondence between Dr. Donald Duncanson, SIMED Chief Executive Officer, and Secretary Greg Evans of the Florida Department of Transportation.

Dr. Duncanson discussed the development of the SIMED property and supported keeping the onstreet parking on the West Newberry Road (State Road 26) corridor.

VII. NEXT METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEETING

Mr. Koons announced that the next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

IX. COMMENTS

A. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

A member discussed the availability of printed materials prior to the meeting.

Mr. Koons stated that the meeting materials are provided on the website a week before the meeting and printed materials are provided at the meeting.

It was a consensus of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization to have printed materials provided a week prior to the meeting.

A member discussed the Florida Department of Transportation public meeting regarding the West Newberry Road (State Road 26) onstreet parking/bikelanes issue. He noted that the onstreet parking affects traffic progression within the corridor.

Mr. Jones noted he attended the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council Institute 2017 and recommended it to other members of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization. He also discussed the State Transportation Improvement Program and the congestion in the Archer Road (State Road 24)/Interstate 75 area.

Mr. Koons and Mr. Green discussed the State Transportation Improvement Program process and its relationship to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program.

B. CITIZENS

Dr. Duncanson noted that with the removal of onstreet parking, there could be more pedestrian signal actuations at NW 43rd Street intersection that could impede the flow of West Newberry Road (State Road 26) traffic.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

10/30/17
Date


Ken Cornell, Secretary-Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

Interested Citizens

Dan Duncanson
Bob Karp
Kristin Young

Alachua County

Jeffrey Hays

City of Gainesville

Jesus Gomez
Anthony Lyons
Philip Mann

Florida Department of Transportation

None

* Via telephone

Spoke and provided written comments

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**CONSENT AGENDA
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Page #7 CA. 1 Minutes- April 3, 2017

APPROVE MINUTES

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to review and approve this set of minutes.

Page #15 CA. 2 Section 5305(d) Grant Application

**APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**

The Florida Department of Transportation has notified the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization that the Federal Transit Administration Section 5305(d) grant funds are available.

Page #35 CA. 3 Fiscal Year 2016 Audit

**ACCEPT AUDIT
AND APPROVE PAYMENT**

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to accept the audit report and approve payment of the invoice for auditor services.

Page #63 CA. 4 Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget

ADOPT BUDGET

This budget establishes revenue and expenditure levels for the fiscal year.

**Page #67 CA. 5 Completion of Metropolitan Transportation
Planning Certification Process**

NO ACTION REQUIRED

The Florida Department of Transportation has recertified the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area metropolitan transportation planning process.

Page #77 CA. 7 Glen Springs Braid Referral

**APPROVE JOINT
RECOMMENDATION**

The Citizens Advisory Committee and Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board request referral of the Glen Springs Braid to the Technical Advisory Committee to identify segments that could be Safe Routes to School funded projects.

**Page #83 CA. 8 Transportation Disadvantaged Program -
Resolution of Appreciation**

**APPROVE RESOLUTIONS
OF APPRECIATION**

Former Commissioner Craig Carter has served as the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization representative and Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Chair and Dr. Maurice Levy has served at the Elderly representative on the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

**Page #91 CA. 9 Transportation Disadvantaged Program -
Transportation Disadvantaged Board Reappointments**

**REAPPOINT MR. HARRIS
AND MS. MCKENZIE
AND MR. LINDEN**

Voting member applicants include Charles Harris Jr. as the Community Action Representative, Tiffany McKenzie as the Community Action Alternate and Albert Linden Jr. as the Veterans Representative.

**Page #99 CA. 10 Transportation Disadvantaged Program -
Status Report**

NO ACTION REQUIRED

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization has asked for regular status reports concerning this program.

**Page #109 CA. 11 Florida Department of Transportation -
Florida's Completing Streets Brochure**

NO ACTION REQUIRED

The Florida Department of Transportation has provided a brochure regarding its Complete Streets Program.