

MINUTES  
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium  
Alachua County Administration Building  
Gainesville, Florida

June 25, 2018  
5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Arreola, Vice-Chair  
Mike Byerly  
Charles Chestnut IV, Secretary-Treasurer  
Ken Cornell, Chair  
Linda Dixon/Curtis Reynolds  
Adrian Hayes-Santos  
Robert Hutchinson  
Gail Johnson  
Doug Jones  
Lee Pinkoson  
Lauren Poe  
Gigi Simmons  
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 Ken Cornell called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Cornell asked for approval of the meeting agenda and consent agenda.

**MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda.  
Commissioner Hutchinson seconded.**

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT**

**Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked that CA. 7 State Highway System Roundabouts Status Report and CA. 9 Florida Department of Transportation District 2 BikePed Gap Study be placed on the regular meeting agenda. Commissioners Pinkoson and Hutchinson accepted the amendment.**

**MOTION AS AMENDED:**

**Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the:**

- 1. Consent Agenda as amended to move CA. 7 State Highway System Roundabouts Status Report and CA. 9 Florida Department of Transportation District 2 BikePed Gap Study to the Meeting Agenda; and**
- 2. Place CA. 7 State Highway System Roundabouts Status Report and CA. 9 Florida Department of Transportation District 2 BikePed Gap Study on the Meeting Agenda after item VI. VII. Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update - Request For Qualifications and Scope of Services.**

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

**II. DR. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD**

Scott Koons, Executive Director, stated that Joakim B. "Jay" Nordqvist was selected by the Citizens Advisory Committee to receive the 2017 Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award.

Mr. Nordqvist thanked the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization and its Citizens Advisory Committee.

Chair Cornell presented the award to Mr. Nordqvist.

**III. 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.

**MOTION: Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the Public Involvement Plan update; Commissioner Hayes-Santos seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**IV. TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM -  
ALACHUA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD  
CHAIR APPOINTMENT**

Mr. Koons stated that the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Chair needed to be replaced.

**MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to appoint Commissioner Chestnut as the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Chair. Commissioner Pinkoson seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## V. 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 and state 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 discussed and answered questions regarding the following significant Fiscal Year 2018-19 projects:

- Airport - Terminal Expansion, Taxiway A Resurfacing, Hangar Design and Construction and Tractor and Mower purchase;
- Bicycle/Pedestrian - State Road 26 (Newberry Road) Sidewalk and SW 20th Avenue Sidewalk;
- Intersection - Turnlane projects on State Road 26 (Newberry Road) at Interstate 75 and NE 53 Avenue at Animal Services entrance;
- Interstate - State Road 24 (Archer Road) interchange modification;
- Landscaping - State Road 24 (Archer Road) from SW 78th Street to SW 13th Street
- Maintenance - Lighting Agreement Countywide;
- Public Transportation - Regional Transit System Capital/Operations and Capital funding;
- Resurfacing - State Road 24 Resurfacing Projects from City of Archer to SW 75th Street and Fred Bear Drive to State Road 226 (SW 16th Avenue) and U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) Project from Marion Countyline to State Road 331 (Williston Road); and
- Road Construction - SW 62nd Boulevard Connector Project from Clark Butler Boulevard to SW 20th Avenue.

A member discussed drainage from State Road 26 to the North Florida Regional Medical Center duck pond.

Karen Taulbee, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Urban Planning Manager, stated she was not familiar with the drainage issue.

The member responded that the issue should be referred to City staff.

Philip Mann, Gainesville Public Works Director, discussed NW 6th Street Rail/Trail crossing markings at State Road 20 (NW 8th Avenue) and answered questions.

Kristen Young, representing Gainesville Citizens for Active Transportation, stated her support of U.S. Highway 441 rumble strip removal. She also spoke against public funding of the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector.

**MOTION: Commissioner Arreola moved to:**

- 1. Approve the Fiscal Years 2018-18 to 2022-23 Transportation Improvement Program as modified to address review agency comments;**
- 2. Request that the Florida Department of Transportation include in the U.S. Highway 441 scoping seven-foot bikelanes without rumble strips.**

**Commissioner Pinkoson seconded. Commissioner Byerly asked to divide the motion by separately voting on the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector project. Commissioner Arreola did not accept division of the motion.**

Mr. Koons discussed the staff recommendation to approve the Transportation Improvement Program.

Ms. Taulbee discussed a potential Alachua County Board of County Commissioners letter to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting removal of County Incentive Grant Program funding for the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector project and answered questions. She noted that, based on internal Florida Department of Transportation discussion, if Alachua County requests removal of the County Incentive Grant Program funding, then the Department would identify alternative funding sources in order to fund the construction of the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector project.

Jeffrey Hays, Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager, discussed County Incentive Grant Program grant applications submitted by Alachua County and answered questions.

Ms. Taulbee stated that this is the first time County Incentive Grant Program funding has appeared in the Work Program for the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector.

Ms. Taulbee stated that Federal Highway Administration considers funding in the first three years of the Transportation Improvement Program to be committed funding. She reiterated that the Florida Department of Transportation would identify alternative funding sources in order to fund the construction of the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector project. She noted that County Incentive Grant Program grant applications need to be submitted by Alachua County. She stated that Alachua County and the City of Gainesville had alternated submissions of County Incentive Grant Program grant applications in the past.

Deborah Leistner, Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the County Incentive Grant Program application process and answered questions.

Chair Cornell, Ms. Leistner and Mr. Hays discussed the County Incentive Grant Program funded project history.

A member noted that Celebration Pointe transportation infrastructure had been privately funded and that the Butler Plaza area had received public funding.

Mr. Mann discussed the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector project history regarding the transfer of management of the project from Alachua County to the City of Gainesville.

Doug Jones, Rural Advisor, noted the support by Congressman Yoho and the North Florida Regional Medical Center for the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector project.

**MOTION RESTATED:**

**Commissioner Arreola moved to:**

- 3. Approve the Fiscal Years 2018-18 to 2022-23 Transportation Improvement Program as modified to address review agency comments;**
- 4. Request that the Florida Department of Transportation include in the U.S. Highway 441 scoping seven-foot bikelanes without rumble strips.**

**Commissioner Pinkoson seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a roll call vote.**

City Member	Yes	No	County Member	Yes	No
David ARREOLA	X				
			Mike BYERLY		X
			Charles CHESTNUT IV	X	
Adrian HAYES-SANTOS	X				
			Robert HUTCHINSON		X
Gail JOHNSON	X				
			Lee PINKOSON	X	
Lauren POE	X				
Gigi SIMMONS	X				
Harvey WARD	X				
Helen WARREN	X				
			Ken CORNELL	X	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

**Motion passed (Commissioners Byerly and Hutchinson in dissent).**

## VI. 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 the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization would have an opportunity to provide comments on the Department draft Tentative Work Program later in 2018.

Mr. Hays discussed Priority 3SR - SW 24th Avenue Multi-Use Path from SW 87th Way to SW 77th Street and answered questions.

Mr. Koons stated that the draft List of Priority Projects Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities is consistent with the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan priorities. He said that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board recommendations addressed small projects that are less costly.

Ms. Young spoke in support of the University Avenue bicycle and pedestrian project priorities and spoke against continued public funding of the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector project. She asked about environmental impacts of the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector project.

Mr. Mann discussed the status of the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector environmental study and answered questions. He noted that the City of Gainesville has been informed that it will receive a favorable finding concerning the study from the Federal Highway Administration. He also reported that SW 62nd Boulevard from SW 20th Avenue to State Road 26 (Newberry Road) will be resurfaced in Fiscal Year 2019-20.

**MOTION: Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved to approve the List of Priority Projects Fiscal Years 2018-19 to 2022-23. Commissioner Arreola seconded. Commissioner Byerly moved to split the motion to vote on the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector separately. There was no second. Motion failed with Commissioners Byerly, Cornell and Hutchinson in dissent.**

**MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the List of Priority Projects Fiscal Years 2018-19 to 2022-23 excluding public funding of the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector project. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded.**

A member discussed his concern regarding pedestrian safety issues on State Road 26 (University Avenue) versus the State Road 24 (Waldo Road).

Ms. Young stated she did not support the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board recommendation.

Linda Dixon, University of Florida Planning Director, spoke in support of the State Road 26 (West University Avenue) Bicycle/Pedestrian priorities.

Mr. Mann discussed utilizing limited access for the SW 62nd Boulevard Connector project. He said that limited access was not feasible.

#### **SUBSTITUTE MOTION PART A:**

**Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the List of Priority Projects Fiscal Years 2018-19 to 2022-23 except for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities. Commissioner Hayes-Santos seconded; motion passed 10 to 2 (Commissioners Byerly and Hutchinson in dissent).**

#### **SUBSTITUTE MOTION PART B:**

**Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the List of Priority Projects Fiscal Years 2018-19 to 2022-23 Bicycle/Pedestrian Priorities. Commissioner Hayes-Santos seconded; motion passed 11 to 1 (Commissioner Hutchinson in dissent).**

#### **VII. YEAR 2045 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE - REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approved the Scope of Services at its April 23, 2018 meeting. He said that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization requested an opportunity to ratify the consultant shortlist. He discussed the consultant notification process and answered questions.

**MOTION: Commissioner Arreola moved to ratify the short list of consultants that responded to the request for qualifications. Commissioner Chestnut seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

#### **CA. 7 STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM ROUNDABOUTS STATUS REPORT**

Mr. Koons discussed the status of identifying candidate intersections for roundabouts on the State Highway System and answered questions.

Ms. Taulbee discussed the Florida Department of Transportation letter concerning evaluation for a roundabout at the State Road 121 (NW 34th Street) at NW 53rd Avenue intersection.

CA. 9 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT 2 BIKEPED GAP STUDY

Mr. Koons discussed the Florida Department of Transportation District 2 BikePed Gap Study. He noted that the Technical Advisory Committee observed that the Study omitted some existing facilities. He reported that Alachua County and City of Gainesville staffs would provide additional information to the Florida Department of Transportation to update the Study.

Lee McSherry discussed concerns regarding U.S. Highway 41/Coastal Connector potential limited access facilities.

VIII. NEXT METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEETING

Chair Cornell announced that the next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

IX. COMMENTS

A. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

There were no member comments.

B. CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Koons announced the approval of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Planning Process Certification and Unified Planning Work Program by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. He also announced the Florida Department of Transportation Public Information meeting concerning restriping State Road 26 (West Newberry Road) to remove onstreet parking and replace it with onstreet bicycle lanes scheduled for July 12, 2018.

Ms. Taulbee introduced Mari Schwabacher as the new Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Liaison to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.

Ms. Schwabacher discussed her work history with the State of Florida.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

8/27/18  
Date

Charles Chestnut IV  
Charles Chestnut IV, Secretary/Treasurer

## EXHIBIT A

<u>Interested Citizens</u>	<u>Alachua County</u>	<u>City of Gainesville</u>	<u>Florida Department of Transportation</u>
Judy Etzler	Jeffrey Hays	Dekova Batey	Mari Schwabacher
Vicki Gervakis	Sean McLendon	Daniel Hoffman	
Azarell Herrera	Tom Strom	Deborah Leistner	
Douglas Hutchinson	Sylvia Torres	Anthony Lyons	
December McSherry		Philip Mann	
Lee McSherry		Krys Ochia	
Jay Nordqvist			
Mrs. Jay Nordqvist			
Jonathan Paul			
Chris Towne			
Kristen Young			

\* Via telephone

# Spoke and provided written comments

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**CONSENT AGENDA  
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**5:00 p.m.  
June 25, 2018**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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| <b>Page #7</b>  | <b>CA. 1 Minutes - April 23, 2018</b>   | <b>APPROVE MINUTES</b>                   |
|                 | <u>This set of Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization minutes is ready for review and approval.</u>  |  |
| <b>Page #17</b> | <b>CA. 2 Transit Ridership Monitoring Report</b>  | <b>APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION</b>      |
|                 | <u>This report is updated each year.</u>  |  |
| <b>Page #21</b> | <b>CA. 3 Completion of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Certification Process</b>   | <b>NO ACTION REQUIRED</b>                |
|                 | <u>The Florida Department of Transportation has recertified the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area metropolitan transportation planning process.</u>                                |  |
| <b>Page #47</b> | <b>CA. 4 Florida Department of Transportation - Interstate 75 Relief / Coastal Connector Update</b>   | <b>NO ACTION REQUIRED RECOMMENDATION</b> |
|                 | <u>The Florida Department of Transportation has responded to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization information request.</u>   |  |
| <b>Page #55</b> | <b>CA. 5 Unified Planning Work Program - Federal Approval</b>   | <b>NO ACTION REQUIRED</b>                |
|                 | <u>The Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration have approved the Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20 Unified Planning Work Program.</u>  |  |
| <b>Page #59</b> | <b>CA. 6 Collaborative Process for Federal Performance Measures</b>   | <b>NO ACTION REQUIRED</b>                |
|                 | <u>The Florida Department of Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council have coordinated with the Federal Highway Administration concerning a collaborative process for federal performance measures.</u> |  |

**Page #81 CA. 8 Florida Department of Transportation State Road 26 FOR INFORMATION ONLY  
(Newberry Road) Public Information Meeting**

The Florida Department of Transportation has scheduled a public meeting concerning the removal of onstreet parking and restriping for bicycle lanes on State Road 26 (Newberry Road) from NW 44th Street to SW 38th Street.

**Page #107 CA. 10 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018-06  
Local Transportation Disadvantaged Program  
Administrative Support Grant Resolution  
Fiscal Year 2018-19**

Resolution 2018-06 authorizes the Chair to sign the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Transportation Disadvantaged Local Program Administrative Support Grant Agreement with MV Transportation, Inc., the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for Alachua County.

**Page #113 CA. 11 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - APPOINT MS. ALFORD  
Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Board  
Appointment**

Cinton Alford has applied for appointment as the Children at Risk Representative.

**Page #117 CA. 12 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - NO ACTION REQUIRED  
Status Report**

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