

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

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

February 25, 2019
3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Arreola, Vice-Chair
Mike Byerly
Charles Chestnut IV
Ken Cornell, Chair
Linda Dixon/Curtis Reynolds
Adrian Hayes-Santos
Robert Hutchinson
Gail Johnson
Doug Jones
Lauren Poe
Gigi Simmons
Mari Schwabacher/Greg Evans
Harvey Ward
Helen Warren
Marihelen Wheeler

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 3:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Cornell asked for approval of the meeting agenda and consent agenda. He requested discussion of item CA. 8 State Road 26 (West Newberry Road) Bikelanes Update - Florida Department of Transportation Response.

MOTION: Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the:

- 1. Consent Agenda as amended to move CA. 8 State Road 26 (West Newberry Road) Bikelanes Update - Florida Department of Transportation Response to the Meeting Regular Agenda; and**
- 2. Place CA. 8 State Road 26 (West Newberry Road) Bikelanes Update - Florida Department of Transportation Response on the Meeting Agenda after item V. Intelligent Transportation System and Transportation Management System.**

Commissioner Hayes-Santos seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. KERMIT SIGMON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AWARD - 2018

Scott Koons, Executive Director, stated that Dr. Charles E. "Charlie" Lane, University of Florida Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, was selected by the Citizens Advisory Committee to receive the 2018 Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award.

A member noted Kermit Sigmon's contributions to citizen participation in the transportation planning process.

Dr. Lane discussed Kermit Sigmon's citizen participation legacy. He thanked the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization and pledged to continue to work with local government concerning solutions to transportation issues.

Chair Cornell thanked and presented the award to Dr. Lane.

III. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - VACANT POSITIONS

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to fill two vacant positions on its Citizens Advisory Committee. He reported that one position has a term ending December 31, 2019 and one position has a term ending December 31, 2020. He noted that there are two candidates at this time.

Chair Cornell asked if there were any applicants present to speak concerning their candidacy.

Ms. Alyssa Brown spoke concerning her candidacy for the Citizens Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to appoint Luke Tia to the Citizens Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2019 and appoint Alyssa Brown to the Citizens Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2020. Commissioner Arreola seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Joshua Williams discussed his Citizens Advisory Committee status.

IV. YEAR 2045 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE - DRAFT VISION, PRINCIPLES AND STRATEGIES

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to consider updating its long-range transportation plan vision, principles and strategies to be consistent with the requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act. He discussed proposed Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Vision, Principles and Strategies and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the draft Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Vision, Principles and Strategies. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded. Mr. Koons conducted a show-of-hands 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				
Lauren POE	X				
Gigi SIMMONS	X				
Harvey WARD	X				
Helen WARREN	X				
			Marihelen WHEELER	X	
			Ken CORNELL	X	
Totals	7	0		5	0

Motion passed unanimously.

V. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization requested an update concerning the intelligent transportation system and transportation management system. He said that City of Gainesville staff was present to discuss this agenda item.

Emanuel Posadas, Gainesville Traffic Operations Manager, discussed the history and modernization of the intelligent transportation system and transportation management system, including the conversion of pavement-embedded magnetic metal loop detectors to use of overhead real-time traffic video cameras for signal detection, and answered questions.

A member discussed privacy concerns regarding the use of the traffic video cameras.

Mr. Posadas stated that traffic video cameras operate in real time and is not recorded. He noted privacy policies and the use of the traffic video cameras by law enforcement.

A member stated that the traffic video camera technology is intended for public safety and was supportive of a policy discussion to address privacy concerns.

A member asked about law enforcement access to the traffic video cameras.

Mr. Posadas stated that a raw live feed is provided to law enforcement by request. He noted that law enforcement has used the traffic video cameras for football games and other traffic incident management events.

A member recommended a tour of the Traffic Management Center to observe the use of the traffic video cameras.

Malisa McCreedy, Gainesville Mobility Department Director, stated that a one-page summary of the traffic video camera policies would be provided to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization. She noted that the traffic video cameras assist in rerouting transit around traffic incidents.

Mr. Posadas discussed and answered questions on future technology for the traffic management system and also presented an overview of the traffic signalization and traffic management center staffs.

A member discussed traffic safety concerns in some subdivisions.

Mr. Posadas stated that the Federal Highway Administration has videos to demonstrate coordinated traffic signalization. He said he would be provided them to the Gainesville Mobility Director to forward to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.

Kristen Young, representing Gainesville Citizens for Active Transportation, discussed the efficiency of the traffic management system for motorist travelling at the speed limit and concerns for single occupant vehicles and for the safety and mobility of bicyclists and pedestrians.

Mr. Posadas discussed traffic progression for the predominant direction of traffic.

Mr. Koons stated that traffic safety concerns could be referred to the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team.

A member discussed pedestrian scramble signal phase at the U.S. 441 and State Road 26 (West University Avenue) intersection.

Mr. Posadas discussed pedestrian-only signal phasing and leading-pedestrian signal phasing and answered questions.

Mr. Koons stated that the Technical Advisory Committee will address pedestrian-only signal phasing.

CA. 8 STATE ROAD 26 (WEST NEWBERRY ROAD) BIKELANES UPDATE - FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RESPONSE

Chair Cornell stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has provided a response concerning the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization request to restripe a portion of State Road 26 (West Newberry Road) for instreet bikelanes. He discussed the response and answered questions.

A member stated concerns for accommodating private parking for a few businesses at the public expense.

Mari Schwabacher, Florida Department of Transportation Planning Specialist IV, discussed the Florida Department of Transportation response letter. She stated that the recommendation is in response to those who participated in the public meeting. She noted that the proposed alignment retains the parking and provides bikelanes.

Ms. Young, representing Gainesville Citizens for Active Transportation spoke in support of the restriping.

Chris Dawson, Alachua County Senior Transportation Planner, discussed the County's pressure-washing technique to restripe NW 16th Boulevard and the Florida Department of Transportation requirement to mill and resurface for restriping State Road 26 (West Newberry Road). He noted that the Florida Department of Transportation required technique to restripe is more expensive.

MOTION: Mayor Poe moved to authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation to reiterate its request to restripe State Road 26 (West Newberry Road) for protected instreet bikelanes. Commissioner Simmons seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. NEXT METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEETING

Chair Cornell announced that the next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

VII. COMMENTS

A. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

A member discussed pedestrian and motorist safety at the SW 6th Street roundabouts concerning yielding to pedestrians.

MOTION: Commissioner Byerly moved to refer to staff to provide roundabout safety-related recommendations to inform the public and users of roundabouts, including but not limited to signage and education. Commissioner Arreola seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. CITIZENS

Ms. Young stated that the Gainesville Citizens for Active Transportation supports fare-free transit on the Regional Transit System for elementary, middle and high schools students. She stated that Hillsborough Leon and Polk Counties provide fare-free programs. She noted that students need access to afterschool programs.

Dan Hoffman, Gainesville Assistant City Manager, reported that the City is researching fare-free transit as part of its Transit Development Plan update and first-mile/last-mile access to transit.

A member announced that a City of Gainesville City Commission workshop concerning fare-free transit is scheduled for the evening of April 24, 2019.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Cornell stated Interstate 75 was discussed with the staff of Congressman Ted Yoho and at a joint Alachua County-Marion County Board of County Commissioners meeting. He also noted the Suncoast Parkway extension to Georgia proposal made by the Florida Senate President Bill Galvano. He stated the position of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization to support projects to enhance the safety and efficiency of Interstate 75 over the development of the Coastal Connector.

It was a consensus of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization to authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation to reiterate its position to support projects to enhance the safety and efficiency of Interstate 75 that are consistent with the Alachua County and City of Gainesville comprehensive plans and the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Date


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>
Alyssa Brown Charles Lane Joshua Williams Cheryl Wise	Chris Dawson Sylvia Torres	Deborah Leistner Dan Hoffman Malisa McCreedy Emmanuel Posadas	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 - December 17, 2018 APPROVE MINUTES**
This set of Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization minutes is ready for review.
- Page #19 CA. 2 Continuity of Operations Plan APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
This plan is reviewed each year and revisions are made as needed.
- Page #21 CA. 3 Fiscal Year 2018 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 #49 CA. 4 Florida Transportation Performance Management FOR INFORMATION ONLY
Consensus Planning Agreement -
Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council
and Florida Department of Transportation - Status Report**
The Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council has drafted revisions to the Consensus Planning Agreement to address Federal Highway Administration requirements.
- Page #71 CA. 5 State Road 222 (NE 39th Avenue) Crosswalk Update FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
The Florida Department of Transportation has responded to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization request concerning the midblock crossing.
- Page #87 CA. 6 State Highway System Roundabout Update FOR INFORMATION ONLY
State Road 121 (NW 34th Boulevard) at NW 53rd Avenue**
The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization requested additional information concerning the intersection analysis and recommended roundabout configuration.

- Page #99** **CA. 7** **Draft Fiscal Years 2019-20 to 2023-24 Five-Year Tentative Work Program Comments - Florida Department of Transportation Response** **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Florida Department of Transportation has provided a response to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization comments on the draft Tentative Work Program.

- Page #111** **CA. 9** **Archer Road Rail-Trail Update** **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization requested additional information concerning the Archer Road Rail-Trail project.

- Page #117** **CA. 10** **Florida Senate Committee on Transportation Reorganization** **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Florida Senate Committee on Transportation has been reorganized to become the Florida Senate Committee on Infrastructure and Security and has been asked by Senate President Galvano to develop legislation for three new rural multi-use corridors.

- Page #121** **CA. 11** **Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council - Legislative Update** **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council discussed this update at its January 30, 2019 meeting.

- Page #127** **CA. 12** **Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Fiscal Year 2019-20 Planning Grant Program Agreement Resolution** **APPROVE RESOLUTION**

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to annually adopt a resolution authorizing the Chair to sign the Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant Agreement.

- Page #133** **CA. 13** **Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Status Report** **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

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