

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

John R. “Jack” Durrance Auditorium and
Via Communications Media Technology
Gainesville, Florida

October 25, 2021
3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
IN PERSON

Charles Chestnut IV, Chair
David Arreola
Ken Cornell
Adrian Hayes-Santos
Lauren Poe
Anna Prizzia
Reina Saco
Marihelen Wheeler

MEMBERS ABSENT
Harvey Ward

OTHERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
Michael Escalante
Scott Koons

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

Mary Alford
Linda Dixon/Curtis Reynolds
Gloria James
Karen Taulbee/Greg Evans
Desmon Duncan-Walker

CALL TO ORDER - October 25, 2021

Chair Charles Chestnut IV called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Scott Koons, Executive Director, asked for a declaration of extraordinary circumstance, by members present, in order to conduct the meeting as a hybrid meeting enabling members that are not present in-person to participate in the meeting via communications media technology.

MOTION: Mayor Poe moved to declare an extraordinary circumstance due to the COVID-19 pandemic and to conduct the meeting as a hybrid meeting enabling members that are not present in-person to participate in the meeting via communications media technology. Commissioner Saco seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously by a quorum of the members present in the John R. “Jack” Durrance Auditorium.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mr. Koons requested a modification to the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to approve the:

- **Consent Agenda as amended to add CA.17 Transit Ridership Status Report; and**
- **Meeting Agenda.**

Commissioner Hayes-Santos seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATION -
AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION FLORIDA CHAPTER AWARD

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization offered to host this presentation.

Terry Clark, San Felasco Section Chair of the American Planning Association Florida Chapter, discussed the activities of the Gainesville Citizens for Active Transportation and Gators Against Student Pedestrian Deaths and presented the 2021 American Planning Association Florida Chapter Outstanding Public Interest Group of the Year Award to their representatives.

Christopher Ferlow, Gainesville Citizens for Active Transportation President (in-person), and Amy Grass-Gilmore, Gators Against Student Pedestrian Deaths representative (via telephone), discussed bicycle and pedestrian safety in their respective acceptance remarks.

III. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Department of Transportation is requesting that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization amend its Transportation Improvement Program (Fiscal Years 2021-22 to 2025-26). He discussed and answered questions regarding the following new projects:

- State Road 222 (NE 39 Avenue) at NE 28 Drive - Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Modification - Crosswalk [207611-7];
- State Road 26 (West University Avenue) from Gale Lemerand Drive to NW 14 Street - Traffic Operations Modifications - Install Two Raised Midblock Crosswalks [207658-2]; and
- State Road 26 (Newberry Road-West University Avenue) [Tower Road to SE 9 Street] - Intersection Safety - Safety Lighting Modifications [439808-1].

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to amend the Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2021-22 to 2025-26 to add:

- **State Road 222 (NE 39 Avenue) at NE 28 Drive - Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Modification - Crosswalk [207611-7];**
- **State Road 26 (West University Avenue) from Gale Lemerand Drive to NW 14 Street - Traffic Operations Modifications - Install Two Raised Midblock Crosswalks [207658-2]; and**
- **State Road 26 (Newberry Road-West University Avenue) [Tower Road to SE 9 Street] - Intersection Safety - Safety Lighting Modifications [439808-1].**

Commissioner Hayes-Santos seconded the motion. Mr. Koons conducted a roll call vote.

City Member	Yes	No	County Member	Yes	No
			Mary ALFORD	X	
David ARREOLA	X				
			Ken CORNELL	X	
Adrian HAYES-SANTOS	X				
Lauren POE	X				
			Anna PRIZZIA	X	
Reina SACO	X				
Desmon DUNCAN-WALKER	X				
			Marihelen WHEELER	X	
			Charles CHESTNUT IV	X	
Totals	5	0		5	0

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TENTATIVE FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM (FISCAL YEARS 2022-23 TO 2026-27)

Mari Schwabacher, Florida Department of Transportation, District 2, Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Liaison, made a Tentative Five-Year Work Program (Fiscal Years 2022-23 to 2026-27) presentation and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to authorize the Chair to forward the following Florida Department of Transportation Tentative Five-Year Work Program (Fiscal Years 2022-23 to 2026-27) comments:

- 1. Request that the Florida Department of Transportation consider revising the following projects in the Tentative Work Program:**
 - A. To include, as part of the State Road 222 (NW 39th Avenue) resurfacing projects, restriping for narrow travel lanes in order to have protected bikelanes; and**
 - B. To advance the State Road 26 Streetlighting project to an earlier fiscal year;**
- 2. Request that the Florida Department of Transportation consider funding the following projects in the Tentative Work Program and involve the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization in the scoping of the following projects:**
 - A. Priority 1 - Fund the U.S. 441 (13th Street) and State Road 26 (University Avenue) City of Gainesville Complete Streets Study - Phase 1 recommendations;**
 - B. Priority 2 - East University Avenue (State Road 26) Pedestrian-Oriented Intersection Design at Waldo Road (State Roads 26, 331) intersection;**
 - C. Priority 3 - U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) at State Road 24 (Archer Road) Intersection Removal of Sliplanes; and**
 - D. Priority 4 - U.S. Highway 441 (SW 13th Street) at State Road 24 (Archer Road) Intersection Traffic Signal Update Project [4358911] consideration of the removal of the sliplanes in scoping and design of traffic signal update.**
- 3. Amend the Fiscal Years 2022-23 to 2026-27 List of Priority Projects authorizing staff to revise the document to replace the State Road 26 (University Avenue) and U.S. Highway 441 (13th Street) Multimodal Corridor recommendations with the State Road 26 (University Avenue) and U.S. Highway 441 (13th Street) City of Gainesville Complete Streets Study - Phase 1 recommendations.**

Commissioner Wheeler seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM POLICY PLAN UPDATE -
PRESENTATION AND VIRTUAL ROOM ANNOUNCEMENT

Jennifer King, Florida Department of Transportation Strategic Intermodal System Project Manager, discussed the Strategic Intermodal System and draft Strategic Intermodal System Policy Plan update process and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to authorize the Chair to send a letter to request that the Florida Department of Transportation consider designating local roads or corridors that provide for mobility parallel to, or demonstrate the potential to reduce congestion on, Strategic Intermodal System facilities as State Highway System facilities or State Highway System alternate facilities and therefore eligible for State Highway System funding. Commissioner Hayes-Santos seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. NEXT METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEETING

Chair Chestnut announced that the next Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

VII. COMMENTS

A. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Ms. Schwabacher stated that the Department did not any items to report.

B. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

A member asked for a status report on the Alachua Countywide Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan.

Mr. Koons stated that development of the Alachua Countywide Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan is anticipated to begin early next year and is anticipated to be completed by the following spring.

The member also asked about the status of the Gainesville Urbanized Area becoming a Transportation Management Area.

Mr. Koons and Karen Taulbee, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Urban Planning Manager, discussed the 2020 Census count availability, Gainesville Metropolitan Area adjustments and Transportation Management Area designation process and answered questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Cornell moved to request that staff provide a workshop at an upcoming meeting concerning:

- **Transportation Management Area designation and timetable;**
- **Metropolitan Planning Organization governance; and**
- **Invite appropriate Florida Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration staff to participate in the workshop.**

Commissioner Arreola seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

D. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

4/25/22
Date

Mary Alford
Mary Alford, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

Interested Citizens

Terry Clark
Christopher Ferlow
Amy Grass-Gilmore*
Emily Hind
Kristen Young

Alachua County

Chris Dawson
Corbin Hanson
Joshua Massre
Takumi Sullivan
Sylvia Torres

City of Gainesville

Lee Feldman
Jesus Gomez
Deborah Leistner
Phil Mann
Malisa McCreedy

Florida Department of Transportation

Mari Schwabacher
Karen Taulbee

* Via telephone

Provided written comments

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CONSENT AGENDA
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

John R. “Jack” Durrance Auditorium and
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October 25, 2021

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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| Page #9 | CA. 1 Minutes - June 21, 2021/July 14, 2021 | APPROVE MINUTES |
| | <u>This set of Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization minutes is ready for review.</u> | |
| Page #17 | CA. 2 2022 Meeting Schedule | APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION |
| | <u>The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization 2022 Meeting Schedule needs to be approved.</u> | |
| Page #21 | CA. 3 Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2020-21 Audit | APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION |
| | <u>The audit this year will be prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants.</u> | |
| Page #27 | CA. 4 Proposed Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21 | APPROVE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION |
| | <u>This amended budget will allow staff to monitor Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization expenditures and make appropriate adjustments as needed.</u> | |
| Page #31 | CA. 5 Safety Performance Measures and Targets | APPROVE JOINT
RECOMMENDATION |
| | <u>The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to set safety performance measures and targets.</u> | |
| Page #39 | CA. 6 Resolution 2021-07
Revised Section 5305(d) Grant Application,
Revised Section 5305(d) Grant Resolution and
Public Transportation Agreement | APPROVE RESOLUTION AND
AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES |
| | <u>The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization will need to submit a revised grant application to account for an adjustment in its Federal Transit Administration Section 5305(d) funding allocation and needs to approve a resolution for and authorize the Chair to sign the Public Transportation Agreement in order to receive the funds.</u> | |

- Page #75** **CA. 7** **Resolution 2021-08** **APPROVE RESOLUTION AND**
 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment - **AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES**
 Revised Section 5305(d) Grant Funding

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization has been awarded an adjusted amount in its allocation of Federal Transit Administration Section 5305(d) funds and needs to amend its Unified Planning Work program in order to receive the funds.

- Page #95** **CA. 8** **Resolution 2021-09** **APPROVE RESOLUTION**
 Grant Applications Letters of Support

This resolution authorizes the Chair to sign letters of support for grant applications for projects that implement the Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Cost Feasible Plan.

- Page #103** **CA. 9** **Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and** **APPROVE STAFF**
 Public Transportation Coordination Agreement **RECOMMENDATION**

The Florida Department of Transportation 2021 Joint Certification review requires an update to the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Agreement.

- Page #115** **CA. 10** **Staff Services Agreement** **APPROVE STAFF**
 RECOMMENDATION

The Florida Department of Transportation 2021 Joint Certification review requires an update to the Staff Services Agreement.

- Page #127** **CA. 11** **Transportation Alternatives Program/Safe Routes to School/** **APPROVE STAFF**
 Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Application Notices **RECOMMENDATION**

The Florida Department of Transportation has announced the Transportation Alternatives Program/Safe Routes to School/Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail grant application cycles.

- Page #217** **CA. 12** **Florida Department of Transportation** **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
 Statewide Mobility Week

The Florida Department of Transportation announced its annual Statewide Mobility Week.

- Page #223** **CA. 13** **State Road 121 (NW 34th Street) Midblock Crossing** **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
 at Loblolly Park Entrance Query - Status Report

The feasibility of a midblock crossing adjacent to the Loblolly Woods Nature Park entrance has been referred to the Florida Department of Transportation Traffic Operations Office.

- Page #227** **CA. 14** **Transportation Disadvantaged Program -** **APPROVE RESOLUTION**
 Resolutions of Appreciation **OF APPRECIATION**

Deweese Ogden served as the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative.

**Page #231 CA. 15 Transportation Disadvantaged Program -
Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Board
Appointments**

**APPOINT MS. HAGLEY,
MS. HARRIS,
MS. MARTY AND
MS. MENDOZA**

Pamela Hagley has applied for appointment as the alternate Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative. Reeda Harris has applied for appointment as the voting Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative. Phyllis Marty has applied for appointment as the voting Regional Workforce Board Representative. Anna Mendoza has applied for appointment as the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative.

**Page #233 CA. 16 Transportation Disadvantaged Program -
Status Report**

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

Page #275 CA. 17 Transit Ridership Status Report -

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization has requested transit ridership status reports.

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EXHIBIT 1

Safety Performance Measures and Targets

**Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area
Approved October 25, 2021**

Safety Topic	Performance Measure	Target
1	Fatalities	Zero
2	Serious Injuries	Zero
3	Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	Zero
4	Fatalities Per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Travelled	Zero
5	Serious Injuries Per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Travelled	Zero