

MINUTES  
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FOR THE GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA

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

July 11, 2022  
5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT  
IN PERSON

Adrian Hayes-Santos, Chair  
David Arreola  
Raemi Eagle-Glenn  
Lauren Poe  
Anna Prizzia  
Reina Saco  
Harvey Ward  
Marihelen Wheeler

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Chestnut IV  
Ken Cornell  
Desmon Duncan-Walker  
Cynthia Moore Chestnut

OTHERS PRESENT  
VIA COMMUNICATIONS  
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY  
See Exhibit A

STAFF PRESENT  
VIA COMMUNICATIONS  
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY  
Scott Koons

MEMBERS PRESENT  
VIA COMMUNICATIONS  
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

Linda Dixon/Curtis Reynolds  
Gloria James  
Mari Schwabacher/Greg Evans

CALL TO ORDER - July 11, 2022

Chair Adrian Hayes-Santos called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

DECLARE EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCE DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**MOTION: Commissioner Prizzia 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. Mayor Poe seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Scott Koons, Executive Director, noted that Gloria James, Rural Advisor, was participating virtually.

Chair Hayes-Santos welcomed Commissioner Eagle-Glenn as a new member of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Hayes-Santos asked for approval of the meeting agenda and consent agenda.

**MOTION: Mayor Poe moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.**

## II. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FISCAL YEARS 2022-23 to 2026-27

Scott Koons, Executive Director, 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 document. He discussed and answered questions regarding projects.

A member stated he was pleased to see that the State Road 331 (Williston Road) rail/trail crossing is programmed to be fully signalized.

A member discussed her concerns with the Transportation Disadvantaged Program service.

Mr. Koons discussed the Transportation Disadvantaged Program.

Linda Dixon, University of Florida Planning Manager, asked if the State Road 26 University Avenue Lighting project preliminary engineering could be advanced.

Mari Schwabacher, Florida Department of Transportation Liaison, stated that this request will be forwarded to Florida Department of Transportation senior staff for consideration of advancement.

**MOTION: Commissioner Arreola moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve its Fiscal Years 2022-23 to Fiscal Year 2026-27 Transportation Improvement Program. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. Mr. Koons conducted a roll call vote.**

City Member	Yes	No	County Member	Yes	No
David ARREOLA	X				
			Raemi EAGLE-GLENN	X	
Lauren POE	X				
			Anna PRIZZIA	X	
Reina SACO	X				
Harvey WARD	X				
			Marihelen WHEELER	X	
Adrian HAYES-SANTOS	X				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## III. LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023-24 TO 2027-28

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 reorganized into three tables:

- Transportation System priorities, including bicycle and pedestrian projects and capacity projects from the adopted Year 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan;
- Transit priorities from the adopted Regional Transit System Transit Development Plan; and
- Strategic Intermodal System Priorities from the adopted Florida Transportation Plan.

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 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 to 2027-28 later in 2022. He also discussed the new local funding match column.

A member discussed a sidewalk gap concern on NW 51st Street south of NW 39th Avenue.

Chris Dawson, Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager, stated that Alachua County Public Works Department is constructing a sidewalk to close the gap.

A member discussed the need for Priority No. 17 SW 20th Avenue widening project between SW 62nd Boulevard and SW 34th Street.

Mr. Dawson discussed project prioritization and answered questions.

Ed Book, Santa Fe College Police Chief/Emergency Director, discussed congestion and roadway conditions adjacent to the Santa Fe College campus. He introduced Connor Ruffin, Santa Fe College Student Government President and Maya Stuhlmann, Senate President.

Mr. Ruffin discussed concerns with roadways accessing the Santa Fe College campus.

Chief Book noted that the corridors of concern include:

- NW 83rd Street from NW 23rd Avenue to NW 39th Avenue; and
- NW 23rd Avenue from NW 83rd Street to NW 43rd Street.

Mr. Dawson discussed status of NW 83rd Street and NW 23rd Avenue corridors. He noted that the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners would be getting an update on a NW 23rd Avenue project later this summer.

**MOTION: Commissioner Arreola moved to approve the List of Priority Projects for Fiscal Years 2023-24 to 2027-28. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization, at its April 25, 2025 meeting, elected former County Commissioner Mary Alford as Vice-Chair. He said that with her recent resignation from the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to elect a Vice-Chair.

**MOTION: Commissioner Arreola moved to elect Commissioner Raemi Eagle-Glenn as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Ward seconded; Motion passed unanimously.**

V. FLORIDA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Koons stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization, at its April 25, 2025 meeting, appointed former County Commissioner Mary Alford as its representative to the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council for 2022. He said that with her recent resignation from the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to appoint a replacement representative to the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council for 2022.

**MOTION: Commissioner Saco moved to appoint the following commissioners to the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council:**

- **Commissioner Saco as representative;**
- **Commissioner Wheeler as the first alternate representative; and**
- **Commissioner Duncan-Walker as the second alternate representative.**

**Commissioner Prizzia seconded; Motion passed unanimously.**

VII. NEXT METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEETING

Chair Hayes-Santos stated that its next scheduled meeting is August 22, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

VII. COMMENTS

A. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Chair Hayes-Santos asked if there was a report from the Florida Department of Transportation.

Ms. Schwabacher introduced Achaia Brown, a new District 2 staff member.

Ms. Brown discussed her background and that she was pleased to be joining the Florida Department of Transportation.

Ms. Schwabacher discussed the status of the new Unified Planning Work Program, closeout of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Unified Planning Work Program and new Transportation Improvement Program. She noted that the Transportation Improvement Program Roll Forward Report would be provided soon.

A member asked about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grant programs.

Karen Taulbee, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Planning Manager, reported that the Department is still waiting on federal government guidance for many of the grant programs.

B. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

Chair Hayes-Santos asked if there were any member comments.

A member suggested that information for City of Gainesville Regional Transit System access information be provided to high schools and senior centers.

Malisa McCreedy, City of Gainesville Transportation Department Director, stated that City of Gainesville Regional Transit System staff will contact the member concerning this matter.

C. PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

D. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

8-22-22  
Date

  
Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Secretary/Treasurer

## EXHIBIT A

### Interested Citizens

Ed Book  
Conor Ruffin  
Maya Stuhlmann

### Alachua County

Chris Dawson  
Corbin Hanson\*  
Allan Yeatter

### City of Gainesville

Cynthia Curry\*  
Jesus Gomez  
Deborah Leistner\*  
Malisa McCreedy

### Florida Department of Transportation

Karen Taulbee\*  
Achaia Brown\*

\* Via communications media technology  
# Provided written comments

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**CONSENT AGENDA**  
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Page #9 CA. 1 Minutes - April 25, 2022 **APPROVE MINUTES**

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

Page #21 CA. 2 Fiscal Year 2020-21 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. 3 Auditor Selection Process **APPOINT COMMISSIONER  
CYNTHIA MOORE CHESTNUT**

Every three years, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to appoint  
a representative to serve as a member of the North Central Florida Regional Planning  
Council Audit Committee to select an auditor.

Page #51 CA. 4 Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget **APPROVE STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION**

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

Page #55 CA. 5 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment **APPROVE STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION**  
Fiscal Year 2022-23 and Fiscal Year 2023-24

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization needs to approve an amendment to  
its Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Years 2022-23 and 2023-24 in order for the  
City of Gainesville Regional Transit System to receive a federal planning funds grant.

Page #67 CA. 6 Public Involvement Plan Update **APPROVE JOINT  
RECOMMENDATION**

Each year, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization reviews its public  
involvement plan to ensure that its processes provide full and open access to all citizens.

- Page #71 CA. 7 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board - Appointment APPOINT MS. HIND**  
Emily Hind has applied for appointment to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board.
- Page #75 CA. 8 State Road 26/University Avenue Grant Application APPROVE STAFF**  
**City of Gainesville Letter of Support Request RECOMMENDATION**  
The City of Gainesville is applying for a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grant.
- Page #85 CA. 9 Annual Transit Ridership Monitoring Report APPROVE STAFF**  
**RECOMMENDATION**  
This report is updated each year.
- Page #87 CA. 10 Transit Ridership Status Report FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization has been monitoring ridership recovery from the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- Page #97 CA. 11 2020 Census Timeline Update - FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
**Transportation Management Area Designation**  
The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization has been monitoring potential redesignation as a Transportation Management Area.
- Page #113 CA. 12 Unified Planning Work Program Federal Approval FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
The Federal Highway Administration has informed the Florida Department of Transportation of its approval of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Unified Planning Work Program Fiscal Years 2022-23 and 2023-24.
- Page #117 CA. 13 Completion of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Certification Process FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
The Florida Department of Transportation has recertified the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area metropolitan transportation planning process.
- Page #123 CA. 14 State Road 24 (Archer Road) Traffic Signal Update FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Concerns:**  
**Project ID 4343964; 4498441 -**  
**Florida Department of Transportation Response**  
The Florida Department of Transportation has responded to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization comments concerning bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Page #127 CA. 15 Public Transportation Safety Targets - 2022 - FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
**Florida Department of Transportation Response**  
The Florida Department of Transportation has responded to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization public transit safety target transmittal.



- Page #131 CA. 16 Florida Department of Transportation Update - **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
Gainesville Metropolitan Transportation Planning  
Organization Mobility Profile

The Florida Department of Transportation has provided an update of the mobility performance measures for the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.

- Page #139 CA. 17 Florida Department of Transportation Update - **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
Transportation Performances Measures Consensus Planning Document

The Florida Department of Transportation has provided an update to its Transportation Performance Measures Consensus Planning Document.

- Page #151 CA. 18 Florida Department of Transportation Update - **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Performances Measures - April 2022

The Florida Department of Transportation has provided updates to its Transportation Performance Measures.

- Page #165 CA. 19 Florida Department of Transportation District 2 **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
“Safety Brake: - April 2022

The Florida Department of Transportation District 2 has provided a transportation safety newsletter.

- Page #173 CA. 20 Transportation Disadvantaged Program - **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
Status Report

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