

MINUTES

GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Gainesville Regional Utilities General Purpose Room
301 SE 4th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
May 23, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Doug Robinson, Chair
Ha Nguyen, Vice Chair
Laura Aguiar
Dekova Batey
Linda Dixon
Steve Dopp
Ron Fuller
Jeffrey Hays
Debbie Leistner
Dean Mimms
Karen Taulbee

John Gifford
Steve Kabat
Harrell Harrison

Dave Cerlanek
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Tricia Kyzar
Chandler Otis
Cindy Smith
Matt Weismann

Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doug Robinson, Regional Transit System Chief Transit Planner, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning, discussed the new meeting packet format.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Robinson introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Robinson asked for approval of the agenda.

Mr. Sanderson asked that the agenda be amended to add an item for the County Transportation Sales Tax.

MOTION: Jeffrey Hays moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to add item IV_B. County Transportation Sales Tax. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Robinson asked for approval of the March 21, 2012 minutes.

MOTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the March 21, 2012 TAC minutes. Jeffrey Hays seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC SIGNAL TIMING POLICY

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO discussed pedestrian signal timing at its April meeting and requested information on how the signal actuates.

Mr. Matt Weismann, Gainesville Intelligent Transportation System Engineer, discussed pedestrian signal timing and answered questions.

MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the pedestrian signal timing Policy in Exhibit 1, amended to include in the targeted area:

- **NW 13th Street/NW 16th Avenue intersection;**
- **SW 2nd Avenue/Village Drive intersection;**
- **SW 2nd Avenue/SW 34th Street intersection;**
- **University of Florida campus streets; and**
- **SW 16th Avenue from Archer Road to SW 13th Street.**

Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV.B. COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX

Mr. Sanderson stated that the county transportation sales tax was referred to the committee by the Alachua County Commission.

Mr. Dave Cerlanek, Alachua County Engineer, discussed the proposed county transportation sales tax and answered questions.

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Transportation Improvement Program is the most important document that is approved annually by the MTPO. 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 MTPO and included in this report. He noted that this year's document authorizes about \$13.5 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next fiscal year.

MOTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Fiscal Years 2012-13 to 2016-17 Transportation Improvement Program. Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. NW 16TH AVENUE/NW 23RD AVENUE PROJECT

Mr. Sanderson stated that Alachua County staff requested an opportunity to present the NW 16th Avenue/NW 23rd Avenue Project to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area.

Ms. Ha Nguyen, Alachua County Design/Contract Manager and Mr. Cerlanek discussed the NW 16th Avenue/NW 23rd Avenue Project and answered questions.

VIII. DRAFT TRANSPORTATION POLICY MANUAL

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Citizens Advisory Committee requested additional information regarding the Urban Design Policy manual. He discussed the additional information and draft Transportation Policy Manual and answered questions.

MOTION: Karen Taulbee moved to:

- **reaffirm its recommendation to the MTPO to sunset the Urban Design Policy Manual; and**
- **recommend that the MTPO revise its Citizens Guide to include the Transportation Language Policy.**

Debbie Leistner seconded; motion passed unanimously.


IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

9/19/12
Date



Doug Robinson, Chair

EXHIBIT 1

Pedestrian Traffic Signal Timing Policy

Background:

It is the goal of the Gainesville / Alachua County Traffic Management System (TMS) to efficiently and effectively move all forms of traffic throughout the Gainesville Urban Area. In order to achieve this goal, it is necessary to eliminate and minimize unnecessary delays to vehicular and non-vehicular traffic. Improvements in travel times and reductions in delay have already been realized along several of the major corridors. Specifically, those that were identified in the 2025 LOS report as having a LOS F or worse in the year 2000 and were designated as the corridors to be completed in Phase I of the TMS project.

Policy:

The MTPO adopts a policy to improve pedestrian transportation along the corridors that have high pedestrian volumes.

To improve transportation along certain major corridors, to extent possible, TMS staff will implement the following:

- Pedestrian phases in which the minimum programmed green time exceeds the length of the “walk” and flashing “DON’T WALK” will be placed in an automatic mode during times of high pedestrian activity.
- The corridors that will be targeted specifically are:
 - East / West University Avenue from NE 9th St to NW 22nd Street;
 - North / South Main Street from N. 2nd Avenue to S. Depot Avenue;
 - N.W. / S.W. 13th Street from N. 10th Avenue to S.W. 16th Avenue;
 - S.W. Archer Road from S.W. 13th Street to S.W. 34th Street;
 - S.W. 34th Street from Radio Road to Archer Road.
- Generally, this will be in place from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Nothing herein shall prohibit TMS staff from expanding those hours or roadway segments.