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GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 NW 67th Place
Gainesville, Florida

April 4, 2018
2:00 p.m.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Dekova Batey Aaron Carver Jeffrey Hays, Chair Krys Ochia Deborah Leistner Erik Lewis Dean Mimms Brian Singleton Karen Taulbee	Ron Fuller James Speer	None	Michael Escalante Scott Koons

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jeffrey Hays, Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. for discussion items only.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Hays introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves. A quorum was achieved at 2:14 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Hays asked for approval of the agenda.

MOTION: Dean Mimms moved to approve the meeting agenda. Karen Taulbee seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Hays stated that the November 15, 2017 minutes were ready for consideration of approval by the Technical Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Brian Singleton moved to approve the November 15, 2017 Technical Advisory Committee minutes. Karen Taulbee seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. NONE

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT -
TWO FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5310 SMALL URBAN GRANT
AWARDS AND ONE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5339
CAPITAL GRANT AWARD TO THE REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM

Michael Escalante, Senior Planner, stated that the Florida Department of Transportation has informed the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization that the Regional Transit System has been awarded three Federal Transit Administration grants for Fiscal Year 2017-18. He discussed the grant awards and answered questions.

ACTION: Deborah Leistner moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization amend the Transportation Improvement Program to add funding to Fiscal Year 2017-18 for the following Federal Transit Administration grant awards:

- Section 5310 Small Urban Grant award for capital purchase;
- Section 5310 Small Urban Grant award for Regional Transit System operations;
and
- Section 5339 Capital Grant award (Exhibit 1).

Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Escalante stated that in order to receive federal transportation planning funds, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area is required to approve a Unified Planning Work Program every two years. He discussed the draft Unified Planning Work Program and answered questions.

ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the Unified Planning Work Program, with the understanding that additional administrative revisions requested by state and federal review agencies will be made as necessary by staff. Deborah Leistner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. NONE

VIII. STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM ROUNDABOUTS

Mr. Escalante stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization referred the development of a priority list of roundabouts on the State Highway System to its advisory committees. He discussed the City and County staff roundabout recommendations and answered questions.

ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting and evaluation for a roundabout as part of the State Road 121 (NW 34th Street) at NW 53rd Avenue Traffic Signal update projects (4343971) and if warranted construct a roundabout. Dekova Batey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. STATE ROAD 222 (NE 39TH AVENUE) CROSSWALK -
NE 28TH DRIVE BUS TURNAROUND

Mr. Escalante stated that during the discussion of the installation of a crosswalk on State Road 222 (NE 39th Avenue) at NE 28th Drive at the February 7, 2018 meeting, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization referred development of a cost estimate for the NE 28th Drive bus turnaround to staff. He discussed the cost estimate and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Singleton moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization:

1. **Forward the construction cost estimate of a bus turnaround on NE 28th Drive developed by City of Gainesville staff to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization noting that there are annual recurring costs; and**
2. **Recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization request that the City of Gainesville Regional Transit System evaluate the elimination of the westbound bus stop on State Road 222 (NE 39th Avenue) at NE 28th Drive.**

Erik Lewis seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Escalante stated that every five years, the long-range transportation plan for the Gainesville Metropolitan Area is updated. He said that the Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan was approved on October 5, 2015 and, therefore, the next plan update needs to be approved by October 5, 2020. He discussed the draft Request for Qualifications and Scope of Services and answered questions

ACTION: Brian Singleton moved to recommend that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization approve the Request for Qualifications and Scope of Services. Karen Taulbee seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XI. REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM - MIDBLOCK CROSSING LIST

Mr. Escalante stated that during the discussion of the installation of a crosswalk on State Road 222 (NE 39th Avenue) at NE 28th Drive at the February 7, 2018 meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee agreed to discuss the Regional Transit System midblock crossing list at its next meeting. He discussed the report and answered questions.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Karen Taulbee, Florida Department of Transportation Urban Planning Manager, announced that a SW 62nd Boulevard Connector public hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

8/6/2018
Date

Jeffrey Hays, Chair
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