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

NCFRPC Charles F. Justice Conference Room
2009 NW 67 Place
Gainesville, Florida

2:05 p.m.
Wednesday
April 20, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ha Nguyen, Chair
Doug Robinson, Vice Chair
Dekova Batey
Steve Dopp
Ron Fuller
John Gifford
Jeff Hays
Debbie Leistner
Dean Mimms
Karen Taulbee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Dixon
Harrell Harrison
Michael Iguina
Steve Kabat

OTHERS PRESENT

Chandler Otis
Doreen Joyner-Howard

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Ha Nguyen, Alachua County Public Works Contracts & Design Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Nguyen noted that only TAC members and MTPO staff were present and skipped introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Nguyen asked for approval of the agenda.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the meeting agenda. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the March 2, 2011 minutes are ready for approval.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the March 2, 2011 TAC minutes. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for May 2nd at 5:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the TAC's next meeting, if needed, is scheduled for May 18th.

V. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AMENDMENT

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested that the MTPO amend its UPWP to include a task for the Section 5339 Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis study. He said that Regional Transit System (RTS) staff has prepared a task draft. He discussed the amendment and answered questions.

ACTION: Debbie Leistner moved to recommend that the MTPO amend its UPWP to include Task 3.9 Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis Project. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has requested amendments to the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 - 2014/2015 TIP. He said that the projects included in this amendment include:

1. moving the NE 19 Place Sidewalk Project's design funding to fiscal year 2011/2012;
2. adding Archer Braid Trail design funding to fiscal year 2011/2012; and
3. revising the Archer Road Rail/Trail limits to be from the City of Archer to SW 91 Street.

Ms. Karen Taulbee, FDOT Transportation Specialist, discussed the TIP amendments and answered questions.

ACTION: Doug Robinson moved to recommend that the MTPO amend its Fiscal Years 2010/2011-2014/2015 Transportation Improvement Program to include the following revisions:

- 1. moving the NE 19 Place Sidewalk Project's design funding to fiscal year 2011/2012;**
- 2. adding Archer Braid Trail design funding to fiscal year 2011/2012; and**
- 3. revising the Archer Road Rail/Trail limits to be from the City of Archer to SW 91 Street.**

Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TIP is the most important document that is approved annually by the MTPO. He said that the TIP 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 \$20.4 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next fiscal year.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Fiscal Years 2011/2012-2015/2016 Transportation Improvement Program with corrections provided by review agencies. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. DEPOT AVENUE TRAIL AND WALDO ROAD TRAIL CONNECTION

Mr. Sanderson stated that the MTPO referred the Depot Avenue Rail/Trail-Waldo Road Rail/Trail connection to its advisory committees. He discussed several intersection option exhibits and answered questions.

Ms. Debbie Leistner, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the City staff's review of the intersection. She noted that the City's Public Works Committee and the joint Alachua County-Gainesville Traffic Operations Team are reviewing the intersection.

Ms. Taulbee noted that raised medians are not typically part of a resurfacing project. She added that studies would need to be done for raised median installation.

Mr. Dekova Batey, Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Coordinator, discussed the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board's concerns.

Chair Nguyen discussed her concern regarding the general description of the projects.

ACTION: Jeff Hays moved to recommend the following modifications to the intersection:

- 1. approve the safety modifications in Exhibit 2 that are jointly recommended by both the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team and MTPO staff, with #3 revised to be "add additional ladder striping to crosswalks";**
- 2. forward the recommendations in Exhibit 3 to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting review comments; and**
- 3. forward other intersection alternatives to City staff for evaluation.**

Dean Mimms seconded; motion withdrawn.

Ms. Taulbee noted that the projects needed more specific descriptions and that additional study was necessary. She said that specific striping may require a maintenance agreement and placement in the List of Priority Projects.

ACTION: Doug Robinson moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the safety modifications in Exhibit 2 that are jointly recommended by the both Alachua County Traffic Safety Team and MTPO staff, with #3 revised to be "add additional ladder striping to crosswalks";**

2. **forward, for review comments from the Florida Department of Transportation, the recommendations in:**
 - a. **Exhibit 3;**
 - b. **City of Gainesville Case 1: Cross at E. 10 Street;**
 - c. **City of Gainesville Case 2: Cross at SE 2 Avenue; and**
 - d. **City of Gainesville Case 3: Cross at SE 2 Avenue to E 15 Street; and**
3. **prepare additional feasibility and cost analysis studies.**

John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

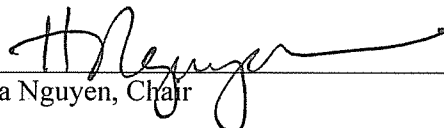
XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

7/20/11
Date


Ha Nguyen, Chair