

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

Gainesville Regional Utilities
General Purpose Meeting Room
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
June 28, 2000

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Dean Mimms, Chair	Jeff Logan	Whit Blanton	Marlie Sanderson
James Dees	Mac McEachern	Thomas Fay	Gerry Dedenbach
Greg DuBois		Lea Gabbay	Michael Escalante
Linda Dixon		Joel Glenn	
Bob Elmore		Dick Harrell	
John Gifford		Mindy Heath	
Barbara Hatchitt		Ken McMurray	
Chuck Kiester		Debrah Miller	
Bill Lecher		Dom Nozzi	
Phil Mann		Fred Wright	
Melissa Norman			
John Sabatella			
John Maruniak			
Pat Reynolds			

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dean Mimms called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mimms introduced himself and asked those present to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Principal Transportation Planner, asked the TAC to amend its agenda to discuss level of service (LOS) issues as the last item of the meeting.

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to approve the meeting agenda, as amended, to discuss LOS issues as the last item. Pat Reynolds seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 24, 2000 MINUTES

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to approve the May 24, 2000 minutes. Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, announced that the next MTPO meeting is July 13 at 1:30 p.m. and the next TAC meeting is July 19 at 2:00 p.m.

V. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED- LISTED IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

A. CITY OF GAINESVILLE- TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY PLAN

Mr. Sanderson discussed comments from Mr. Charles Justice, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) Executive Director, on the City's draft Transportation Mobility Plan.

Mr. Dom Nozzi, City of Gainesville Senior Planner, discussed the City's draft Transportation Mobility Plan and answered questions.

Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group, Inc. Vice President, discussed the relationship between the City's draft Transportation Mobility Plan and the Year 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan update.

Mr. Greg DuBois, University of Florida Parking Services Manager, discussed the University's concern regarding City parking policies.

B. UNIVERSITY AVENUE/MAIN STREET WORKING GROUP

Mr. Sanderson discussed the University Avenue/Main Street lane reduction issues and answered questions. He said that the TAC should appoint a Working Group to discuss these issues, such as roadway jurisdictional transfers from state to local government, roadway maintenance and associated issues.

Mr. James Dees, FDOT District 2 Planning Manager, noted that transfer of roadway jurisdiction would involve negotiation between FDOT and the local governments.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to appoint the City and County public works directors, or their designees, and the FDOT District 2 Planning Manager, or his designee, to a TAC Working Group to discuss University Avenue and Main Street lane reduction issues. Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. NW 39TH AVENUE / I-75 INTERCHANGE

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT is requesting recommendations from the MTPO on three lighting alternatives for the NW 39th Avenue / I-75 interchange.

Mr. Joel Glenn, FDOT Environmental Management Engineer, and Ms. Debrah Miller, FDOT Project Engineer, discussed the three lighting alternatives for the NW 39th Avenue / I-75 interchange and answered questions.

ACTION: Greg DuBois moved to refer the NW 39th Avenue / I-75 interchange lighting issue to the Design Team with the recommendation that FDOT implement the conventional lighting alternative. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

D. LONG RANGE PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Thomas Fay, Evergreen Cemetery Preservation Association President, discussed concerns with the Year 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan and the potential SE 16th Avenue projects near the cemetery. He requested that any extension of SE 16th Avenue be as far south of the cemetery property as possible in order to accommodate possible cemetery expansion.

Mr. Blanton discussed possible transportation system modifications for the Year 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan urban form alternatives and answered questions. He noted several concerns and said that he would incorporate the TAC members' suggestions into the alternatives testing. He also discussed the Year 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan task timeline.

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the integrated land-use and transportation alternatives incorporating the discussed modifications. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

E. COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

Ms. Linda Dixon, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Analyst, discussed the status of the Countywide Bicycle Master Plan. She stated that surveys on bicycle level of service were available, in today's meeting packet, for the TAC members to complete and return at today's meeting.

G. HULL ROAD PROPOSED CROSS-SECTION

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, discussed the MTPO Design Team recommendation and the MTPO staff recommendation for the proposed Hull Road cross-section and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO request that FDOT implement the offset multiuse path incorporated in linear park concept as the proposed Hull Road cross-section. Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

H. 1999 BICYCLE USAGE TRENDS REPORT (BUTR)

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the BUTR and answered questions. He also discussed alternatives for providing transportation system planning for nontraditional vehicle modes.

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the BUTR as a completed document and refer the development of nonautomotive transportation mode planning study alternatives to the TAC Subcommittee. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

I. LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the TAC needs to develop recommendations for needed, but unfunded, transportation projects by its August 30 meeting. He said that the current draft List of Priority Projects identifies those projects which were programmed in the current FDOT Work Program.

K. Level of Service Field Studies

Mr. Escalante discussed the need to increase the volume of field studies in order to complete study of those roadway sections which have achieved to LOS Tier Two analysis. He distributed FDOT LOS version 4.0 software to City and County staff.

It was a consensus of the TAC Working Group to have the City and County concurrency management staff meet with MTPO staff to schedule roadway section field studies.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Date

Dean Mimms, Chair