

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

NCFRPC
Conference Room
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
March 22, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Mimms, Chair
Rob Ayers
Linda Dixon
John Gifford
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Charles Justice
Brian Kanelly
Bill Lecher
Melissa Norman
Robert Norton
Pat Reynolds

MEMBERS ABSENT

Greg DuBois
Bob Elmore
Barbara Hatchitt
Mac McE achern
Bill Stormant

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Andrea Vogler

OTHERS PRESENT

Whit Blanton
David Coffey
John Maruniak
Kevin Tilbury

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dean Mimms, City of Gainesville Chief of Comprehensive Planning, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mimms asked all those present to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

It was a consensus of the TAC to approve the meeting agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2000 MINUTES

ACTION: Robert Norton moved to approve the February 23, 2000 minutes. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2000. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2000.

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

A. ELECT CHAIRPERSON

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

B. SUNSHINE LAW AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

C. LONG RANGE PLAN- EVALUATION MEASURES

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that, in February, the TAC reviewed and discussed proposed evaluation measures for the long range plan. He said that the MTPO's consultant for this project, Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group Vice President, is present to discuss this item.

Mr. Blanton discussed the proposed evaluation measures and answered questions.

The Committee discussed the proposed evaluation measures.

ACTION: Rob Ayers moved to approve the proposed evaluation measures. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

D. LONG RANGE PLAN- URBAN FORMS CONCEPTS TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its March 9 meeting, the MTPO discussed the urban forms concepts and decided not to change the name of the *Westward Growth* urban form concept to the *Continue Current Conditions* urban form concept. He said that, however, the MTPO did decide to change the name of the *Activity Center* urban form concept to the *Village/Town Center* urban form concept. He added that the MTPO also did not agree with the TAC's recommendation to include additional transit projects and fewer roadway widening projects in the *Westward Growth* urban form concept.

Mr. Blanton discussed the urban forms concepts.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the urban forms concepts.

E. YEAR 2020 REVENUE FORECASTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that, included in the meeting materials, is a report prepared by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) entitled Gainesville Metropolitan Area Draft 2020 Revenue Forecast dated January, 2000. He said that this report contains the forecast for future federal and state revenues that are forecasted to be available to fund projects in the MTPO's updated long range transportation plan. He also stated that a summary of the enclosed report is that between the years 2006 and 2020 about \$69.7 million is available to fund transportation projects in the MTPO's Cost Feasible Plan. He said that, of this \$69.7 million, at least \$24.5 million must be spent on transit projects and no more than \$5.8 million can be spent on federal-aid eligible roads that are not on the State Highway System. He said that the pie chart on the cover memo presents information from this report concerning forecasts of revenues for the capacity program by type of category.

Mr. Rob Ayers, FDOT District 2 Regional Planning Administrator, noted that the revenue forecast covers a fifteen, rather than twenty year period.

F. MAIN STREET- N 8TH AVENUE TO N 16TH AVENUE

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Alachua County Public Works Department (ACPWD) has requested that the Committees review and discuss the feasibility of reducing N. Main Street, from N. 8th Avenue to N. 16th Avenue, to two travel lanes with a center turn lane. He said that this request is being made because there are no left turn lanes within this corridor; it is not be feasible to widen this corridor to four travel lanes with a center turn lane because there isn't sufficient right-of-way; and the travel lanes within this corridor are narrow. He noted that Mr. Blanton is present to discuss whether it is possible to address this issue in the enclosed Scope of Services for the University Avenue/Main Street Corridor Traffic Analysis.

Mr. Kevin Tillbury, Renaissance Planning Group Planner, gave a presentation concerning the University Avenue/Main Street Corridor Traffic Analysis and answered questions.

Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation Systems Manager, suggested that Renaissance Planning Group consult with City of Gainesville planning staff concerning the appropriate roadways to model.

Mr. Bill Lecher, ACPWD Assistant Director, discussed why the ACPWD has suggested reducing Main Street to two travel lanes with a center turn lane.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the feasibility of reducing Main Street to two travel lanes with a center turn lane.

It was a consensus of the Committee to request that Mr. Blanton include the following corridors in the University Avenue/Main Street Corridor Traffic Analysis:

- 1. Main Street from SW 4th Avenue to NW 4th Avenue;**
- 2. Main Street from Depot Avenue to NW 16th Avenue;**
- 3. University Avenue from W. 34th Street to Waldo Road;**
- 4. University Avenue from W. 13th Street to Waldo Road;**
- 5. University Avenue from W 38th Street to Waldo Road and Main Street from Depot Avenue to NW 16th Avenue; and**
- 6. An additional corridor to be determined during the modeling.**

G. MTPO URBAN DESIGN AND STREETScape POLICIES

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its September 23 meeting, the MTPO Landscape Subcommittee approved a motion to have the Design Team develop a draft MTPO Landscape Policy. He said that the Design Team has met over the last few months and discussed several issues which could be incorporated into a comprehensive policy document. He noted that, at the January Design Team meeting, MTPO staff agreed to prepare a comprehensive document outlining the MTPO's adopted Urban Design and Streetscape Policies. He added that, included in the meeting materials, is a preliminary draft table of contents, with associated adopted policies for review and comment. He discussed the MTPO Landscape Subcommittee recommendations concerning the MTPO Urban Design and Streetscape policies.

Mr. Ayers stated that the policies should apply to all of Alachua County, rather than specific areas.

H. STATE ROADS (SR) 26/26A PROJECT- WEST OF W 34TH STREET

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, currently, the MTPO's consultant, Renaissance Planning Group, is working on a future traffic analysis that will provide information for SR 26A west of SW 34th Street. He said that as soon as this information is available, this issue will be placed on the Advisory Committee agenda to develop final MTPO recommendations.

Mr. Ayers stated that, at the next meeting, the TAC should have enough information to make a recommendation. He said that, last year, the MTPO referred SR 26/26A to the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team (ACTST). He noted that this analysis is almost complete. He added that, once this data is provided, there will be no further analysis from FDOT.

Mr. Sanderson stated that, last month, the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) approved a motion to send a letter to the City Commission requesting a charrette for SR 26A. He asked whether City staff has heard anything concerning this issue.

Mr. Kanely stated that the City Commission is looking for more focus on this issue prior to scheduling a charrette.

I. SIGNING AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON SW 20TH AVENUE

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, included in the meeting materials, is a letter from FDOT concerning the signing and pavement markings on the SW 20th Avenue bridge over Interstate 75 and the paved shoulder approaches. He said that, at its March 9 meeting, the MTPO discussed the pavement markings on this bridge and approved a motion to:

1. mark a bicycle lane on the approach to the SW 20th Avenue bridge over Interstate 75;
2. mark bicycle and pedestrian lanes on the deck of the bridge;
3. not use any signage, other than painted pavement, to indicate the bicycle and pedestrian lanes; and
4. separate the bicycle/pedestrian lanes from the vehicle travel lanes with double painted lines and reflective markers.

Ms. Linda Dixon, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Analyst, asked about the status of fencing and lighting on this bridge.

Mr. Ayers stated that the MTPO could submit the fencing and lighting on the SW 20th Avenue bridge over Interstate 75 as an enhancement in this year's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TAC is scheduled to discuss whether or not to submit enhancement project applications at the next meeting.

J. ARCHER ROAD AND SW 91ST STREET ROUNDABOUT

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, included in the meeting materials, is FDOT correspondence stating its position concerning this proposed roundabout. He also stated that, at its February meeting, the TAC discussed the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Archer Road and SW 91st Street and approved a motion to request the following information for the next meeting in order to address safety concerns:

1. information from other jurisdictions that have located roundabouts in rural areas where traffic approaching the roundabout is traveling at high speeds in order to find out what techniques they used to slow traffic down as it enters the roundabout; and
2. MTPO staff request that FDOT provide a written position on the proposed intersection modifications.

Mr. Lecher stated that a traffic signal is warranted at this intersection.

Mr. Ayers stated that FDOT is not willing to construct a roundabout at this intersection, regardless of what information is presented.

Mr. David Coffey, Haile Plantation Corporation Representative, requested the opportunity to present further information concerning this issue at the next meeting.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to defer action on the Archer Road and SW 91st Street Roundabout to the next meeting. Robert Norton seconded; motion passed unanimously.

K. ARCHER ROAD WEST OF SW 16TH AVENUE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its November meeting, the MTPO discussed a letter from Ms. Jennifer Gordon concerning bicycle and pedestrian safety on Archer Road. He said that the MTPO referred the issue of crosswalks at bus stop locations along this portion of Archer Road and the 1993 Archer Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Study to the MTPO Advisory Committees. He noted that, at their February meetings, the CAC and TAC approved motions to:

1. request that FDOT conduct a traffic signal warrant analysis at the intersection of Archer Road and SW 23rd Drive;
2. approve the City of Gainesville preferred design contingent on the proposal meeting traffic signal warrants;
3. have this project included in the List of Priority Projects this fall; and
4. request that the City look into siting a pedestrian facility near the Brandywine apartment complex.

Ms. Dixon gave a status report concerning this issue and stated that she will provide further information at the next meeting.

L. SOCIOECONOMIC DATA

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at the last meeting, FDOT requested several changes to this report. He said that, in accordance with FDOT's request, the following changes have been made:

1. the phrase "Technical Memorandum Number One" was struck from the cover page; and
2. a discussion of the methodology used to project the socioeconomic data for the outlying municipalities in Alachua County was included on page 14 of the report.

In addition, he said that the Alachua County Department of Growth Management has requested updates to several traffic analysis zones to incorporate more accurate information for Year 2020.

ACTION: Rob Ayers moved to approve the Socioeconomic Data report as a completed planning document with the understanding that concerns raised by City staff will be addressed in the report. Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

M. PARKING POLICIES

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

Mr. Kanely asked whether the next meeting could be held at 1:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose meeting room at Gainesville Regional Utilities and whether the meeting could start at 1:00.

It was a consensus of the TAC to request that staff hold the next TAC meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose meeting room at Gainesville Regional Utilities.

Mr. Blanton announced that a special meeting may be scheduled, in the near future, to discuss long range transportation plan issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Date

Dean Mimms, Chair