

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

General Purpose Meeting Room
Gainesville Regional Utilities
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
May 24, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Mimms, Chair
Joye Brown
Linda Dixon
Bob Elmore
Barbara Hatchitt
Charles Justice
Brian Kanely
Bill Lecher
Jeff Logan
John Sabatella

MEMBERS ABSENT

Greg DuBois
Bill Stormant
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Mac McE achern
Cynthia Moore
Patricia Reynolds

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Mike Escalante

OTHERS PRESENT

James Bennett
Linda Crider
Laura Dedenbach
Pat Haygood
Mindy Heath
Steven Lachnicht
Bruce Landis
Russell Ottenberg
Robert Reller
Ryan Solis
Kevin Tilbury

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dean Mimms called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mimms asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

It was a consensus of the TAC to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include a discussion of the Regional Transit Center before Agenda Item C.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 10 MINUTES

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to approve the May 10, 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 June 8, 2000 and the next TAC meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2000.

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

A. YEAR 2020 TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE- BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN LEVEL OF SERVICE (LOS) EVALUATIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its January 20 meeting, the MTPO approved a motion to partially fund the Alachua County Bicycle Master Plan along with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the City of Gainesville and Alachua County. He discussed the Plan's scope of services and the Gainesville MTPO - 2020 Transportation Plan Update Bicycle and Pedestrian LOS Evaluations prepared by Sprinkle Consulting, Incorporated (SCI).

Mr. Bruce Landis, SCI Vice President, discuss the bicycle and pedestrian LOS evaluations and answered questions. He reported that the Countywide Bicycle Master Plan Steering Committee met May 24 to discuss the latest plan information.

Mr. Russell Ottenberg, SCI Planner, discussed the Countywide Bicycle Master Plan process and answered questions. He noted that the first Bicycle Master Plan workshop is scheduled for June 6.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to:

- 1. approve the results of the Gainesville MTPO - 2020 Transportation Plan Update Bicycle and Pedestrian LOS Evaluations; and**
- 2. individual TAC members may provide comments concerning the Bicycle and Pedestrian LOS Evaluations to the consultant.**

Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. FINAL MAIN STREET / UNIVERSITY AVENUE TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

1. DESIGN DETAILS / CROSS SECTION

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that, at its March 20 meeting, the MTPO deferred action on the proposed Main Street Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) amendment until additional technical information is available from the Main Street traffic analysis. He said that Ms. Linda Dixon, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Analyst, is present to discuss the concepts, benefits and cross-sections of this proposed project.

Ms. Dixon discussed the roadway cross-section alternatives and answered questions.

2. MAIN STREET CORRIDOR

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its January 20 meeting, the MTPO approved a motion to test a sixth alternative, West University Avenue from W 34th Street east to North-South Drive and Main Street from Depot Avenue north to N 16th Avenue, as 2-lane facilities and identify strategies to enhance efficient transportation flow on alternative corridors on regional roadways in response to the results from the travel lane reduction on these corridors. He introduced representatives from Renaissance Planning Group (RPG) to discuss the results of the travel lane reduction analysis.

Mr. Kevin Tilbury, RPG Planner, discussed the Main Street traffic analysis and answered

questions.

3. UNIVERSITY AVENUE CORRIDOR

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its May 11 meeting, the MTPO discussed the State Roads (SR) 26/26A corridor. He reported that the MTPO requested that staff schedule another SR 26/26A "Walk Around" and deferred action regarding SR 26/26A to its July 2000 meeting. He announced that the SR 26/26A "Walk Around" has been scheduled for Thursday, May 25 at 5:00 p.m. and will start in the Royal Park Stadium 16 Theatre parking lot. He added that the TAC needs to develop final MTPO recommendations concerning University Avenue.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO implement:

1. the UM Alternative (University Avenue from W 34th Street to Waldo Road and Main Street from Depot Avenue to N 16th Avenue) as the long range solution;
2. the UM2 Alternative (University Avenue from W 34th Street to North-South Drive and Main Street from Depot Avenue to N 8th Avenue) as the initial phase of the project's implementation; and
3. a Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) of the Regional Transit System (RTS) in conjunction with the implementation of the UM / UM2 Alternatives.

Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed 8 to 2.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO recommend that FDOT include parallel parking, bus bays and instreet bikelanes in the Main Street Corridor design. Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B₂. REGIONAL TRANSIT CENTER

Mr. Jeff Logan, RTS Director, discussed the proposed Regional Transit Center.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO forward the following comments to the City of Gainesville to:

1. use the Federal Transit Administration grant money to purchase new buses, rather than construct the initially proposed transit center;
2. have the suitability of the transit center studied as part of an RTS COA; and
3. keep the property that was purchased for the transit center and continue to designate it for use as a transit center.

Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. FISCAL YEARS 2000-2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Sanderson stated that, each year, the MTPO is required to approve the TIP. He said that, in order for Federal transportation funds to be spent in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area (GMA),

they must be approved by the MTPO and included in this report.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Fiscal Years 2001 - 2005 TIP. Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

D. MTPO MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE HIGHWAY LOS STANDARDS

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Principal Planner, stated that, at its April 4 meeting, the TAC Subcommittee approved an update of the Highway LOS Report. He discussed the revisions to the MTPO Highway LOS standards for roadways within the GMA. He said that this draft highway LOS standard update is consistent with the current highway standards in the City of Gainesville and Alachua County Comprehensive Plans' Transportation Elements.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the revised highway LOS standards. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

E. BUTLER PLAZA EXPANSION

Mr. Sanderson stated that, at its January 20 meeting, the MTPO received a presentation from Mr. Clark Butler, Butler Enterprises President, concerning Butler Plaza's proposed expansion. He said that, during the discussion of this item, the MTPO Chair referred the proposed expansion to the MTPO Advisory Committees for their review and comment.

ACTION: Charles Justice moved to:

- 1. advise the MTPO that sufficient information is not available; and**
- 2. recommend that the MTPO encourage Butler Enterprises to fund a sub-area modeling study for the SW 20th Avenue Charrette network and the internal connection through the proposed Butler Plaza expansion.**

Jeff Logan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

F. CITY OF GAINESVILLE TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY ELEMENT

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Date

Dean Mimms, Chair