

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

Meeting Room
Gainesville Regional Utilities
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
November 29, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Mimms, Chair
Joye Brown
Linda Dixon
Rick Drummond
Greg DuBois
Bob Elmore
Charles Justice
Brian Kanely
Eric Lewis
Bill Lecher
Jeff Logan
John Maruniak
Mac McEachern
Patricia Reynolds
John Sabatella
Geoff Sample

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bill Stormant

OTHERS PRESENT

Whit Blanton
Chuck Kiester
Maria Savoia
Fred Wright

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dean Mimms called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to approve the meeting agenda. Jeff Logan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 2000 MINUTES

ACTION: Rick Drummond moved to approve the November 15, 2000 minutes, amended to rephrase:

1. the motion on the SE Connector-

“recommend that the MTPO include in the SE Community Enhancement Projects:

1. *basic infrastructure upgrades to SE 3rd Avenue (between Williston Road and Hawthorne Road) and SE 7th Avenue (between Depot Avenue and Williston Road; and*
2. *project design and engineering (PD&E) studies for alternate roadway alignments that connect S 16th Avenue corridor to SR 20 / Hawthorne Road in the area bounded by Hawthorne Road, SE 27th Street, the Gainesville Metropolitan Area (GMA) boundary and Williston Road;” and*

2. rephrase Mr. Drummond’s discussion on the Liveable Communities Reinvestment Plan (LCRP) to be that he:

“discussed the LCRP monitoring policy statements. He noted the need to recognize the appropriate governmental entities in Alachua County responsible for comprehensive planning. He said that the LCRP is a critical factor in the development of comprehensive plans. He suggested that the LCRP be monitored under the auspices of a joint planning agency, not just the MTPO. He expressed concern that the ideas and priorities listed in the LCRP may not be consistent with or feasible, under the current Alachua County Comprehensive Plan.”

Jeff Logan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for December 14. He noted that the MTPO’s regular business meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. and the public hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2001.

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

A. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT)
TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, each year, FDOT prepares and submits a Five Year Work Program to the State Legislature. He noted that the reason that this is on the agenda is to give the MTPO the opportunity to request changes to existing or proposed projects and to hear requests for new projects to be added or existing projects to be deleted from the Work Program. He said that MTPO staff compared the current status of projects programmed for implementation during the next five years of FDOT's Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2001/2002 - 2005/2006 to those identified in the TIP. He reported that the results of this review indicate that all of the projects in the TIP are included in the Work Program. He added that MTPO staff also compared the current status of projects programmed for implementation during the next five years of the Work Program to those identified in the List of Priority Projects (LOPP). He reported the results of this review indicate that FDOT programmed funds for several projects contained in the LOPP. He discussed the projects that received funding. He said that FDOT staff is present to discuss its Work Program.

Ms. Joye Brown, FDOT District 2 Assistant Planning Manager, discussed the Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2001/2002 to 2005/2006 and answered questions.

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. request that FDOT include funding for the purchase of the right-of-way for the Hull Road Extension bicycle/pedestrian trail in the Work Program; and**
- 2. accept the FDOT Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2001/2002 to 2005/2006, as amended.**

Jeff Logan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. HULL ROAD EXTENSION MEDIAN WIDTH

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its June meeting, the MTPO approved the typical cross section for the Hull Road Extension from SW 62nd Boulevard east to SW 34th Street. He said that FDOT reports that the only remaining item in question, to complete the typical section, is the width of the proposed median that the MTPO would approve and that a minimum twenty two (22) foot median provides an adequate left turn and storage lane which meets current FDOT standards.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO specify that the Hull Road extension typical cross-section be 150 feet wide, including a median that is 30 feet wide, as shown in Exhibit 1. Jeff Logan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

D. SOUTHEAST AREA CONNECTIVITY

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its October meeting, the MTPO directed staff and Renaissance Planning Group, Inc. (RPG) to develop alternatives to the SE 16th Avenue extension. He said that, following that meeting, RPG and MTPO staff conducted an inventory of the southeast Gainesville roadway network and identified several options which might offer additional east-west capacity, without the need to construct an entirely new road. He noted that RPG staff have been working, since the October 12th MTPO meeting, on recoding the network contained in the computer model.

Mr. Whit Blanton, RPG Vice President, discussed the proposed alternative to the SE 16th Avenue extension and answered questions.

ACTION: Rick Drummond moved to recommend that the MTPO include in the Southeast Community Enhancement Projects:

- 1. basic infrastructure upgrades to:**
 - A. SE 3rd Avenue, between SR 331 and SR 20; and**
 - B. SE 7th Avenue, between Depot Avenue and SR 331;**
- 2. project design and engineering (PD&E) studies for alternate roadway alignments, bounded by SE 16th Avenue and SE 27th Street, that connect S 16th Avenue to Hawthorne Road; and**
- 3. that any alternate roadway does not preclude intersection, as well as other, modifications that could be implemented in the short term.**

Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- E. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)-
COST FEASIBLE PLAN PRIORITIES**

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that, at its October meeting, the MTPO adopted the hybrid land-use alternative, which they named the “Livable Communities Reinvestment Plan,” and a list of needed projects. He reported that the MTPO must adopt the LRTP at its December 14 meeting. He said that the TAC need to complete its work in assigning priorities to “Livable Communities Reinvestment Needs Plan” projects.

Mr. Dedenbach discussed the cost feasible plan staff recommendation and answered questions.

Mr. Blanton discussed RPG’s cost feasible plan recommendations and answered questions.

ACTION: Rick Drummond moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Recommendations for the “Year 2020

Liveable Communities Reinvestment Cost Feasible Plan” (Exhibit 1). Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

It was a consensus of the TAC that the item 2.E. of Exhibit I “Recommended Policies and Strategies to Support the Liveable Communities Reinvestment Plan” be deleted.

It was a consensus of the TAC that the joint planning monitoring for land use planning be by an entity other than the MTPO.

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

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