

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
April 20, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Lecher, Chair
Dean Mimms, Vice Chair
Dekova Batey
Linda Dixon
Kathy Fanning
Scott Fox
John Gifford
Jesus Gomez
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Brian Kanely
Kristen Nowicki

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Crider
David Deas
Charles Justice

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Bredfeldt

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill
Mike Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill Lecher, Alachua County Design/Contract Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Lecher introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Lecher asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to approve the meeting agenda. Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Lecher asked for approval of the April 6, 2005 TAC meeting minutes.

ACTION: Jesus Gomez moved to approve the April 6, 2005 TAC meeting minutes. Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for May 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He also noted that the MTPO will meet May 16 at 6:00 p.m. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for June 1. He added that the TAC may need to meet on July 6. He noted that Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, has submitted his resignation.

V. 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 \$22 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next three year period.

Chair Lecher discussed recommended some changes to the draft TIP.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Fiscal Years 2005/2006 - 2009/2010 Transportation Improvement Program with the changes recommended by the Alachua County Public Works Department and any necessary administrative changes. Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. UNFUNDED PROJECT PRIORITIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TAC needs to readdress Table 5- Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 6- Traffic Operations Priorities moving Priorities 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 15 to Table 5- Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities and include a footnote on Table 6 to indicate that the project are only for the State Highway System. Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 1- Enhancement Priorities to add as Priority #4 Sidewalks on SW 8th Avenue from east of Tower Road to Parker Road and Priority #5 Sidewalks on SW 43rd Street from SW 40th Boulevard to SW 20th Avenue. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 5- Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities to:

- 1. modify Priority #2 to be the purchase of two buses per year;**
- 2. add as new priorities:**
 - A. Priority #3 the Traffic Management System Upgrade; and**
 - B. Priority #4 the purchase of two buses per year; and**
 - C. Traffic Operations Priorities #5, #6, #7, #8, #12, #13 and #15 as STP Fund Priorities #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18.**

Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Jesus Gomez moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Table 5- Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities modified to show the purchase of five lift-equipped vans as the new Priority #5. Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. SW 20TH AVENUE TRANSPORTATION DESIGN STUDY PROPOSAL

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TAC, at its last meeting, recommended that the MTPO revise Unified Planning Work Program Task 3.4 to include a project for the SW 20th Avenue Student Village Transportation Study that includes a land use component; and an update of the Gainesville Metropolitan Area bicycle counts. He said that the TAC deferred further discussion of this agenda item until the next TAC meeting.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the SW 20th Avenue

Transportation Design Study Proposal that includes:

- 1. includes a land use component and a connection between SW 20th Avenue and Hull Road; and**
- 2. a Regional Transit System representative on the steering committee.**

Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. YEAR 2025 TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE- STATUS REPORT

Mr. Sanderson discussed the status of the Year 2025 Transportation Plan Update and answered questions.

IX. GAINESVILLE TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

Mr. Sanderson discussed the results of the Gainesville Transportation Survey and answered questions.

X. REVIEW OF MODEL RESULTS

Mr. Sanderson reviewed the results of the model validation and answered questions.

XI. FAILING ROADS- TODAY AND YEAR 2025

Mr. Sanderson discussed roadway facilities operating at an unacceptable level of service today and in 2025 based on the transportation model analysis and answered questions.

XII. ROAD CONSTRUCTION TO ADDRESS DEFICIENCIES

Mr. Sanderson discussed the cost estimates for modifying the roadway network such that all facilities are operating at an acceptable level of service and answered questions.

XIII. ADOPTED/PROPOSED VISION STATEMENTS

Mr. Sanderson discussed the two proposed Year 2025 Long Transportation Plan vision statements and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve as the Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan Vision Statement:

“Land use developed with intensity and density that creates more balance in east-west Gainesville area growth and distribution of prosperity. That land use pattern is served by a highly-efficient multimodal transportation system, which discourages dependence on only travel by automobile, and allows mode choice. The transportation system is safely used by people of all ages/ income classes, supported by a dedicated transportation funding source and provides for:

- 1. improved/high tech transit that is fare free;**
- 2. a walkable University and town centers;**
- 3. an improved bikeway/trail system; and**
- 4. better road connectivity.”**

Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed 9 to 2.

XIV. PROPOSED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Mr. Sanderson discussed the proposed Year 2025 Transportation Plan goals and objectives and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to approve the Year 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan goals and objectives (Exhibit 1). Kristen Nowicki seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XV. VISIONING SESSIONS- ROADWAY AND TRANSIT NETWORK CONCERNS

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Year 2025 Transportation Plan update visioning sessions materials and answered questions.

XVI. RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE 1- HIGHWAY PROPOSAL

Mr. Sanderson stated that there are two recommended model testing alternative proposals for addressing the Gainesville Metropolitan Area transportation network level of service deficiencies. He said that Alternative 1 is a highway project-oriented solution and Alternative 2 is a transit service-oriented solution. He discussed Alternative 1- Highway Proposal and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Alternative 1- Highway Proposal Table 1 with NW 83rd Avenue from NW 23rd Avenue to NW 39th Avenue shown as a widen from 2-lane to 4-lane facility and the following additions:

- 1. NW 76th Boulevard extension; and**
- 2. the Bruderly SW 20th Avenue/SW 43rd Street 4-lane connector from SW 24th Avenue to SW 62nd Boulevard Proposal (Exhibit 2).**

Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XVII. RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE 2- TRANSIT PROPOSAL

Mr. Sanderson discussed Alternative 2- Transit Proposal and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve Alternative 2- Transit Proposal. Linda Dixon seconded. Dean Mimms called the question; Question call passed unanimously. motion passed 8 to 1.

XVIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Date

Bill Lecher, Chair