

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
August 28, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Mimms, Chair
Bill Lecher, Vice Chair
Linda Dixon
Steve Dopp
Bob Elmore
John Gifford
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Debbie Leistner
Mac McEachern
Shenley Neely

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Bird
Rick Drummond
Greg DuBois
Barbara Hatchitt
Jodi Hopkins

OTHERS PRESENT

Dakova Batey
Patricia Hurd
Tim Jackson
John Sabatella
David Welch

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dean Mimms, City of Gainesville Chief of Comprehensive Planning, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mimms asked the visitors to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, requested that agenda item X., Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture and Standards, be deleted from the agenda in order to develop additional backup material to present to the Committees.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to delete agenda item X., FDOT Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture and Standards. Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the July 31, 2002 minutes. Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Sanderson announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for October 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for October 30.

V. ALACHUA COUNTY CORRIDOR DESIGN MANUAL

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, stated that the Alachua County Public Works Department (ACPWD) has submitted the draft Corridor Design Manual for MTPO Advisory Committee review and approval. He said that the manual represents the efforts of local planning and public works staffs, advisory committee members, members of the local engineering community, the chamber of commerce, elected officials and the consulting firm of Glatting Jackson.

Mr. Matt Dominy, ACPWD Director, discussed the steering committee and introduced the consultants for the Alachua County Corridor Design Manual.

Mr. Tim Jackson, Glatting Jackson et al Principal, discussed the draft Alachua County Corridor Design Manual and answered questions.

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to recommend that the MTPO adopt the Alachua County Corridor Design Manual as an addendum to its Urban Design and Streetscape Policy Manual. Debbie Leistner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. STATE ROAD 24 (ARCHER ROAD) SIGNAL INSTALLATION

Mr. Dedenbach stated that FDOT has submitted design plans for the installation of a signalized intersection at SR 24/Archer Road and SW 23rd Street. He noted that this is in regard to concerns for the safety of students crossing Archer Road to access transit stops, which was brought to the MTPO by a University of Florida student a few years ago.

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the SR 24/Archer Road design plans and that the City of Gainesville coordinate, during the construction of the Old Archer Road bicycle trail, north and south bicycle and pedestrian connections across the right-of-way between Archer Road and Old Archer Road at this intersection. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. STATE ROAD 24 (ARCHER ROAD) LEVEL OF SERVICE (LOS)

Mr. Sanderson stated that this agenda item concerns the LOS on Archer Road from Interstate 75 to SW 16th Avenue. He said that analysis, performed earlier this summer, showed that Archer Road was operating at an unacceptable LOS F. He noted that, since this condition raised concerns with the City and County concurrency management staffs, TAC Chair Mimms, has requested that this issue be discussed by the full TAC. He reported the results of the analyses for splitting the Archer Road facility at SW 34th Street. He also reported the status of the SW 34th Street traffic analysis. He stated that MTPO staff would be requesting that FDOT perform a Highway Capacity Software (HCS) analysis for this facility.

VIII. THREE UNIVERSITY AVENUE INTERSECTIONS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at the August 8th meeting, the MTPO received the enclosed material from Mr. David Welch concerning the need for intersection modifications on University Avenue at NW 25th Street, NW 26th Street and NW 32nd Street.

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to recommend that the MTPO, and its Advisory Committees, review these three intersections next year with the annual preparation of the List of Priority Projects. Shenley Neely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. SW 20th AVENUE CHARRETTE PRIORITIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that, according to FDOT District 2 staff, there may be enough Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for the top three STP priorities that the MTPO approved on August 8. He gave an overview of the SW 20th Avenue Charrette Projects. He said that MTPO staff advised FDOT staff that the next phase of SW 20th Avenue Charrette projects is Phase 1-B. He noted that the SW 20th Avenue Charrette Phase 1-B projects are not prioritized.

Mr. Bill Lecher, ACPWD Civil Engineer III, discussed the proposed roundabout and answered questions.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, FDOT Transportation Planner, discussed funding for STP projects and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Alachua County Public Works Department recommendations to construct the roundabout at SW 38th Terrace as priority number one, with priority number 2 being a design study for SW 20th Avenue with one product being a determination of the remaining priorities in Phase 1-B. Bill Lecher seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XI BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAINING SEMINAR

Mr. Sanderson stated that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (B/PAB) staff requested discussion concerning a one-day training seminar on the use of advanced Bicycle and Pedestrian Level of Service Models. He said that the seminar would cost approximately \$6,000. He noted that Sprinkle Consulting, Inc., the seminar facilitator, also developed the Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan.

Mr. Dakova Batey, City of Gainesville Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Assistant, discussed the proposed Sprinkle Consulting training seminar and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to refer the bicycle and pedestrian training seminar issue back to the B/PAB so that it may develop additional alternatives such as:

- 1. requesting that Dr. Linda Crider, University of Florida Research Scientist, investigate options for sponsoring a training seminar;**
- 2. FDOT sponsoring a training seminar; and**
- 3. sending City, County and MTPO staffs to a Sprinkle Consulting bicycle and pedestrian level of service training course.**

Doreen Joyner-Howard seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Joyner-Howard stated that she would research the possibility of FDOT sponsoring the seminar.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Date

Dean Mimms, Chair