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

Gainesville Regional Utilities
General Purpose Meeting Room
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
January 19, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Mimms, Chair
Rob Ayers
Greg DuBois
Bob Elmore
John Gifford
Charles Justice
Brian Kanely
Bill Lecher
Mac McEachern
John Sabatella

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Crittenden
Chris Bird
Linda Dixon
Barbara Hatchitt
Semmy Ju
Pat Reynolds

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Gerry Dedenbach
Mike Escalante
Andrea Vogler_____

OTHERS PRESENT

Chuck Kiester
Janet Kreischer
Onelia Lazarri
Marcia Lockhart

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dean Mimms, City of Gainesville Chief of Comprehensive Planning, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mimms asked all those present to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

ACTION: Rob Ayers moved to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of two items dealing with mast arms. Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 5, 2000 MINUTES

ACTION: Rob Ayers moved to approve the January 5, 2000 minutes. Greg DuBois seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, stated that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2000 and the next TAC meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2000.

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

A. ALACHUA COUNTY NEEDS PLAN

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

B. W. UNIVERSITY AVE./MAIN STREET ANALYSIS - DRAFT SCOPE-OF-WORK

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its August 17, 1999 meeting, the MTPO referred the W. University Avenue preferred alternative to the B/PAB, CAC, TAC, FDOT District 2 and Ms. Melanie Carr, FDOT Management Systems Coordinator, for review and comment. He said that the MTPO requested that a recommendation be developed concerning whether the boundaries of the project should go farther east and west and for a review of the Year 2020 transportation model assumptions. He discussed the Advisory Committees' and FDOT's comments and recommendations.

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at their January 5, 2000 meetings, the CAC and TAC recommended that the MTPO conduct a Main Street traffic analysis to investigate the feasibility of reducing this road from four lanes to two lanes to allow permanent on-street parking. He said that, in addition, the Design Team is recommending that the MTPO pursue the two-lane road, even before the modeling.

Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group Vice President, briefly discussed the efforts involved in modeling W. University Avenue, Main Street and several alternatives included in the modeling.

Mr. Rob Ayers questioned whether the MTPO would need to conduct a bid process for approximately \$15,000.

Mr. Sanderson stated that single-source contracts are allowed for amounts below \$25,000.

ACTION: Rob Ayers moved to recommend that the MTPO select option one to test several lane options on SR 26. Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. DRAFT URBAN FORMS CONCEPTS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at the January 5 meeting, Mr. Blanton conducted a work session on the urban form concept alternatives. He said that the TAC asked several questions and commented on the urban form concept alternatives.

ACTION: Rob Ayers moved to recommend that:

- 1. the MTPO proceed with the development of the four urban form concepts including general examples of what transportation modifications could occur;**
- 2. the Westward Growth urban form concept be renamed Continue Current Conditions; and**
- 3. The consultant try to enhance transit and decrease the number of roadway widenings on the Continue Current Conditions scenario in order to make this concept more desirable.**

Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

D. LEVEL OF SERVICE (LOS) ISSUES - NW 34th STREET AND 13th STREET

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the specially adopted LOS standards in the City of Gainesville's (City's) Comprehensive Plan for segments of these two roads expired as of December 14, 1999. He introduced Ms. Onelia Lazarri, City of Gainesville Senior Planner, who was present to discuss this item.

Ms. Lazarri discussed the LOS standards and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to approve the City's recommendation to:

- 1. amend the annual LOS report to reflect that the LOS standard for segments S-27 and S-4 be reverted to LOS D;**
- 2. split segment S-27 at NW 53rd Avenue;**
- 3. conduct an ART-PLAN analysis on the newly proposed road segment of NW 34th Street (from NW 53rd Avenue to US 441); and**
- 4. request assistance from City and County staff for any additional field work that is needed.**

Rob Ayers seconded; motion passed unanimously.

D. TRAFFIC SIGNAL OPTIONS - SW 34th STREET AND ARCHER ROAD

Mr. Ayers stated that FDOT is working to upgrade the traffic signal at the intersection of Archer and SW 34th Street. He said that mastarms are not feasible because the intersection is too large. He said that FDOT is exploring other options such as truss/monotubes and span-wire signals.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Date

Dean Mimms, Chair

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