

MINUTES

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

Conference Room
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
July 30, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Lecher, Vice Chair
Steve Dopp
Bob Elmore
John Gifford
Stephen Hofstetter
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Jeff Logan
Kristen Nowicki
Geoff Sample

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dean Mimms, Chair
Jennifer Auger
Linda Dixon
Greg DuBois
Brian Kanely
Mac McEachern

OTHERS PRESENT

Shenley Neely
John Sabatella
Myrna Widmer
Fred Wright

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Thomas Hill
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bill Lecher, Alachua County Civil Engineer III, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Lecher asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Vice Chair Lecher asked the TAC to approve the agenda.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to approve the meeting agenda as amended to discuss as agenda items:

- V. Year 2003 List of Priority Projects Table 4; and
- XV_A. Level of Service Facility A-6.

Steve Dopp 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 August 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for October 15.

V. YEAR 2003 LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS TABLE 4

Mr. Jeff Logan, Regional Transit System Director, discussed whether Priority #1 Block Grant Transit Funds was necessary to be included in the table.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to delete Priority #1 Block Grant Transit Funds and rank the remaining priorities accordingly. Steve Dopp Seconded; motion withdrawn.

VI. W. UNIVERSITY AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION

Mr. Sanderson stated that the State Road 26A reconstruction design plans include acquisition of right-of-way to realign SR 26 with SR 26A and to provide instreet bicycle facilities. He said that these bicycle facilities were requested by the MTPO and will provide connectivity between the existing instreet bikelanes on State Road 26 and the University of Florida. He noted that during its June 18 meeting, the MTPO approved a motion to:

“Refer the enclosed City Commission Resolution to it’s advisory committees for recommendations, including consideration of a landscape plan to add livability to the affected area.”

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO recommend that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) continue with its current plans to purchase the needed right-of-way on W. University Avenue to construct instreet bikelanes. Bob Elmore seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEWBERRY ROAD TURNLANES

Mr. Sanderson stated that representatives of the Council of University Neighborhood Association (CUNA) expressed their concerns regarding the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) plans to modify the three median openings on Newberry Road between NW 43rd Street and NW 39th Road at the June 19 MTPO meeting,. He said that the MTPO requested FDOT meet with the local citizen groups to discuss the issues and to reach an agreement on planned median opening modifications. He reported that FDOT staff met with CUNA representatives and other local citizens and reached an agreement on the Newberry Road median opening modifications. He said that FDOT will continue with plans to add a left-turn lane to the two medians west of 39th Road, but will close the median opening just east of NW 43rd Street.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Florida Department of Transportation's recommendations discussed in the June 30, 2003 FDOT memorandum. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII SR 226 (S. 16TH AVENUE) RESURFACING PROJECT

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has forwarded 60 percent design plans for resurfacing SR 226 from Archer Road to Williston Road. He noted that this project will maintain the existing roadway configuration.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Florida Department of Transportation's sixty percent design plans for the State Road 226 Resurfacing Project. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. SR 329 (MAIN STREET) RESURFACING PROJECT

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has forwarded 60 percent design plans for resurfacing SR 329 from Williston Road to S. 16th Avenue. He noted that this project will maintain the existing roadway configuration and that the scope of this project would not accommodate the inclusion of bikelanes.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Florida Department of Transportation's sixty percent design plans for the State Road 329 Resurfacing Project. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. SR 331 (WILLISTON ROAD) RESURFACING PROJECT

Mr. Sanderson stated that FDOT has forwarded 60 percent design plans for resurfacing SR 331 from SW 13th Street to E. University Avenue. He noted that this project will maintain the existing roadway configuration and include the reconfiguration of the Main Street intersection.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Florida Department of Transportation's sixty percent design plans for the State Road 331 Resurfacing Project. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XI. SR 331 (WILLISTON ROAD) TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Mr. Thomas Hill, MTPO Senior Planner, stated that FDOT has forwarded design plans for the construction of a new mast arm traffic signal at the intersection of Williston Road and SE 16th Avenue.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Florida Department of Transportation’s sixty percent design plans for the Williston Road and SE 16th Avenue traffic signal project with the following conditions:

- A. verify that roadway lighting meets FDOT standards; and**
- B. replace the metal street sign with an illuminated street sign attached to the horizontal mast arm, if structurally possible.**

Kristen Nowicki seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. DESIGN PLAN PERCENTAGE REVIEW POLICY

Mr. Sanderson discussed the current design plan review policy in the currently adopted MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual. He said that these procedures indicate when projects are forwarded to the Design Team for review. He noted that these procedures are not adequate and should be replaced by new guidelines.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO revise the MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual to include the following policy for the review of proposed transportation projects:

Project Design Plan Review Stages

Type	Scoping	30 Percent	60 Percent
Construction	✓	✓	✓
Resurfacing	✓	-	✓
Traffic Signals	✓	-	✓
Traffic Operations	✓	-	✓
Enhancement	✓	-	✓

John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XIII. WALKABLE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Mr. Sanderson discussed the Walkable Community Workshops grant program. He said that the MTPO submitted an application for this program several years ago, but did not receive funding. He added that the MTPO needs to decide if it wants to submit another application for this program. He noted that there would need to be funding partners that would contribute to the \$8,000 fee besides the MTPO and workshop attendance needs to justify the expense of training,

technical assistance and direct support.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO should not apply for a Walkable Community Workshops grant. Steve Dopp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XV_A LEVEL OF SERVICE REPORT FACILITY A-6

Mr. Lecher discussed the traffic counts on NW 43rd Street.

Mr. Sanderson stated that MTPO staff would research this facility, correct any error in the Level of Service Report and report back to the TAC Subcommittee.

XV. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Date

Dean Mimms, Chair