

MINUTES

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

General Purpose Meeting Room
Gainesville Regional Utilities Administration Building
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
October 19, 2005

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Bill Lecher, Chair Dean Mimms, Vice Chair Dekova Batey Linda Dixon Steve Dopp Kathy Fanning John Gifford Brian Kanely Kristen Nowicki Doug Robinson	David Deas Scott Fox Doreen Joyner-Howard Allan Penska	Ken Kaltenbach Chandler Otis	Marlie Sanderson Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill Lecher, Alachua County Contract/Design Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:13 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.

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, stated that University of Florida staff has asked that an agenda item be added to discuss the Archer Road Sub-Area Study.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the meeting agenda amended to add Agenda Item IV_B. Archer Road Sub-Area Study- Alternative Analysis. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Lecher asked for approval of the September 28, 2005 TAC meeting minutes.

ACTION: Steve Dopp moved to approve the September 28, 2005 TAC meeting minutes. Dean Mimms 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 November 3rd at 3:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He added that there would be a public hearing on the Year 2025 Needs Plan and Cost Feasible Plan on November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for November 30th. He noted that the next Long Range Transportation Plan public workshop is scheduled for October 27th.

IV_B. ARCHER ROAD SUB-AREA STUDY- ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS

Mr. Sanderson stated that University of Florida (UF) staff was present to discuss the Archer Road Sub-Area Study.

Ms. Linda Dixon, UF Planning Office Manager, discussed the Archer Road Sub-Area Study alternatives and answered questions. She noted that the TAC Subcommittee recommended Archer Road Sub-Area Alternative #3 because it is consistent with the Archer Road Charrette.

Chair Lecher reviewed the reasons for the TAC Subcommittee alternative selection.

Mr. Ken Kaltenbach, The Corradino Group Senior Vice President, discussed the sub-area modeling and answered questions.

ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Archer Road Sub-Area Alternative #3. Kathy Fanning seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. YEAR 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN- COST FEASIBLE PLAN PROJECTS

Mr. Sanderson stated that MTPO staff has developed cost estimates for Year 2025 Transportation Needs Plan projects. He discussed the cost estimates and answered questions.

Mr. Kaltenbach discussed an evaluation of the Needs Plan performed by The Corradino Group.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TAC needs to develop recommendations to the MTPO on the Cost Feasible Plan. He lead the TAC through a "String & Ribbons" exercise as a means for it to identify fully funded projects for the Cost Feasible Plan.

The result of the “String & Ribbons” exercise are shown in Exhibit 1.

EXHIBIT 1

COST FEASIBLE PLAN “STRING & RIBBONS” EXERCISE PROJECTS			
PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT	SELECTION SCORE	FUNDING [\$millions]
RTS-1	Regional Transit System (RTS)- Replacement Buses	8	\$9.0
ITS-1	ITS- Traffic Management System	7	\$16.0
E	SE 16 th Avenue 4-Laning	7	\$5.3
I ₁	University Avenue 2-Laning [W 13 th Street to Waldo Road]	5	\$4.1
	Archer Road/SW 16 th Avenue Intersection Reconstruction	3	\$10.0
	Depot Avenue Corridor Reconstruction	3	\$11.0
H	State Road 24 4-Laning	3	\$8.3
V	SW 20 th Avenue Reconstruction [SW 43 rd Street to SW 34 th Street]	3	\$12.0
X	Tower Road Phase 1 [Archer Road to SW 24 th Avenue]	2	\$12.5

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO include the following projects in the Cost Feasible Plan:

- 1. Regional Transit System (RTS)- Replacement Buses;**
- 2. ITS- Traffic Management System;**
- 3. SE 16th Avenue 4-Laning;**
- 4. University Avenue 2-Laning [W 13th Street to Waldo Road]; and**
- 5. SW 20th Avenue Reconstruction [SW 43rd Street to SW 34th Street]**

with some of the funding taken from the ITS- Traffic Management System project in order to fully fund the SW 20th Avenue Reconstruction project. Brian Kanely seconded. Brian Kanely called the question; question call passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. YEAR 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN- COST FEASIBLE PLAN PRIORITIES

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TAC needs to rank its Cost Feasible Plan projects.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the following in the

Cost Feasible Plan priorities:

1. **Regional Transit System (RTS)- Replacement Buses;**
2. **ITS- Traffic Management System;**
3. **SE 16th Avenue 4-Laning;**
4. **University Avenue 2-Laning [W 13th Street to Waldo Road]; and**
5. **SW 20th Avenue Reconstruction [SW 43rd Street to SW 34th Street]**

Brian Kanely seconded. Motion withdrawn.

The TAC scored the Cost Feasible Plan-recommended projects. Mr. Sanderson reported the results.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the following Cost Feasible Plan priorities:

COST FEASIBLE PLAN “STRING & RIBBONS” EXERCISE PROJECTS			
RANK	PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT	FUNDING [Millions]
1	ITS-1	ITS- Traffic Management System	\$16.0
2	RTS-2	Regional Transit System (RTS)- Replacement Buses	\$9.0
3	V	SW 20 th Avenue Reconstruction [SW 43 rd Street to SW 34 th Street]	\$12.0
4	E	SE 16 th Avenue 4-Laning (total project cost is \$5.30 million)	\$1.5
TOTAL			\$38.5

with the following additional comments:

1. **that the Traffic Management System project’s funding allocation could be reduced should local funding be made available;**
2. **that the Regional Transit System (RTS)- Replacement Buses project’s funding allocation could be reduced to accommodate fully-funding Priority #4 and Priority #5; and**
3. **that the TAC also recommends the University Avenue (from West 13th Street to Waldo Road) Lane Reduction Project as Priority #5. (This \$4.1 million project is outside the Cost Feasible Plan allocation.)**

Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO amend the adopted Year 2025

2025 Needs Plan to include the University of Florida High Priority Project. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. MTPO URBAN DESIGN POLICY MANUAL- PROPOSED CHANGES

Mr. Sanderson discussed proposed revisions to the MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual and answered questions. He noted that there were two significant changes. He said one revision is the addition of a streetlighting policy and the other revision is that there would be design review of only construction, reconstruction and enhancement projects.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the following changes

to the MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual:

- 1. administrative revisions;**
- 2. the addition of Policy 7.9 Streetlighting Fixture Policy, including a Special District Map; and**
- 3. changes to Policy 10 MTPO Design Team included in the draft, except to also include in Policy 10:**
 - A. the review of scoping concepts for resurfacing projects; and**
 - B. that state and local new construction, reconstruction and resurfacing projects on arterials and collectors, as well as enhancement projects, are to be reviewed by the Design Team.**

Dean Mimms seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Senior Planner, announced that the SW 20th Avenue Design Project Steering Committee meeting was rescheduled from Monday, October 24th to Friday, October 28th.

Mr. Sanderson noted that the SW 20th Avenue Design Project public workshop was scheduled for November 9th.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date

Bill Lecher, Chair