

MINUTES

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

Multi-Purpose Meeting Room
Gainesville Regional Utilities
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
October 24, 2001

| MEMBERS PRESENT | MEMBERS ABSENT | OTHERS PRESENT | STAFF PRESENT |
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| Bill Lecher, Vice Chair Linda Dixon Bob Elmore John Gifford Ralph Hilliard Doreen Joyn er-Howard Charles Justice Brian Kanely Mac McEachern | Rick Drummond Greg DuBois Barbara Hatchitt Jeff Logan Melissa Norman Chris Roeder | Travis Claytor | Gerry Dedenbach Michael Escalante |

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Lecher introduced himself and asked those present to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

ACTION: Charles Justice moved to approve the meeting agenda. Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to approve the August 29, 2001 minutes. Charles Justice seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vice Chair Lecher announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for November 8 at 1:30 p.m. He said that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for November 28.

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

A. WEST 6th STREET SAFETY PROJECT

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, reviewed the action taken by the Design Team, concerning this issue, at its June 19 meeting. He reported that, due to funding constraints, precluding the purchase of the abandoned CSX railroad right-of-way, this project originally reviewed and approved by the Design Team has been reduced to the intersection of West 6th Street / West 5th Terrace and West University Avenue only.

Ms. Doreen Joyner-Howard, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Transportation Planner, discussed the West 6th Street Safety Project and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the 30 percent plans for the W 6th Street Safety Project. Brian Kanely seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. ALACHUA COUNTY FUNDING WORKSHOP

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its June 7 meeting, the MTPO discussed the Fiscal Years 2002 - 2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and approved a motion to schedule a transportation funding workshop. He said that staff has prepared a funding report, which provides answers to questions received from MTPO members, concerning this issue. He noted that the report also contains a funding summary for Alachua County from Fiscal Years 1991/1992 through 2000/2001. He added that this report is for information only and no action is required.

Ms. Joyner-Howard discussed FDOT funding and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO accept the report as a completed planning document with the requested appendices:

- 1. FDOT District 2 transit funding; and**
- 2. the 1993, 1995 and 2000 Cost Feasible Plans (CFPs) to determine if the CFP funding projections were met.**

Charles Justice seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. FDOT TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Dedenbach stated that FDOT has requested an opportunity for the MTPO to comment on the Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2002/2003 to 2006/2007. He said that the TAC needs to recommend whether the MTPO should request changes to existing or proposed projects or request that new projects to be added to, or existing projects to be deleted from this document.

Mr. Michael Escalante, MTPO Principal Transportation Planner, discussed the Tentative Five Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2002/2003 to 2006/2007 and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO:

1. **request that FDOT revise its Tentative Five Year Work Program to:**
 - A. **add an additional project to fund any unfunded SR 26/26A enhancements to coincide with the SR 26/26A resurfacing and reconstruction project schedules, if FDOT research indicates that this project is not fully funded; and**
 - B. **add an additional project to purchase right-of-way to construct the MTPO-approved cross-section and build the bicycle/ pedestrian trail on the Hull Road Extension-north corridor; and**
2. **refer the Gainesville Metropolitan Area projects in Exhibit D with preliminary engineering in Year 2001/02 to the Design Team.**

Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

D. HIGH VOLUME PEDESTRIAN AREAS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its February 15 meeting, the MTPO discussed issues concerning pedestrian safety at intersections and approved motions to:

- “1. *consider the addition of exclusive pedestrian phases in high volume pedestrian-traffic areas; and*
2. *refer this issue to the MTPO’s Advisory Committees to identify and prioritize high volume pedestrian traffic areas in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area.”*

He said that staff researched this issue and prepared a ranked inventory of areas which may be suitable for implementation of exclusive pedestrian phase signals. He reviewed the staff recommendation concerning this issue and answered questions.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. identify high-volume pedestrian traffic areas for implementation of exclusive pedestrian phase signal timing as shown in Table 2;**
- 2. include Table 2 in Section 5.0 (Pedestrian Policies) of the MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual with the following modifications;**
 - A. without the RANK column; and**
 - B. deletion of rank numbers 7 and 8 high volume pedestrian traffic areas; and**
- 3. require an intersection and/or corridor transportation operational analysis to determine whether an exclusive pedestrian phase is feasible.**

John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

E. US 441 AT PAYNES PRAIRIE- BICYCLE SAFETY STUDY

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its August 16 meeting, the MTPO approved a contract with Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. to conduct a bicycle safety study on US 441 from SW 114th Way to SW 63rd Avenue. He said that the purpose of this study is to develop US 441 corridor cross-section options and to evaluate the options to enhance the safety of bicyclists along this corridor. He noted that the consultant is responsible for developing conceptual corridor designs with cost estimates for each design. He added that, due to the nature of this project, the Design Team seems to be the appropriate group to act as the steering committee for this project.

ACTION: Brian Kanely moved to recommend that the MTPO direct the Design Team to serve as the US 441 at Paynes Prairie Bicycle Safety Study Steering Committee with the following additional members added:

- 1. a representative from the Alachua County Sheriff's office;**
- 2. a representative appointed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Recreation, Paynes Prairie State Preserve;**
- 3. a representative appointed by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission;**
- 4. a representative appointed by the Old Florida Heritage**

Highway Corridor Management Council; and

- 5. two representatives designated by the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board, one representing on road cycling interests and one representing offroad cycling interests.**

Ralph Hilliard seconded; motion passed unanimously.

F. DOWNTOWN PARKING GARAGE

Mr. Dedenbach stated that a member of the CAC requested a discussion of the plans for the downtown parking garage including street changes and traffic flow. He said that staff recommends that the CAC request that the MTPO refer this issue to the Design Team.

Mr. Brian Kanely, City of Gainesville Transportation Systems Manager, discussed the downtown parking garage access and egress on SW 2nd Street and answered questions.

G. UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA- TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that Exhibit 1 is an excerpt from the MTPO's currently adopted Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that identifies University of Florida transportation projects that are identified as funded over the next five years. He said that, at the July 11 meeting, the TAC discussed the current status of these projects and decided to ask for a status report on these projects in three months. He noted that staff has been informed by Ms. Linda Dixon, University of Florida Strategic Planner for University Master Planning, that these projects are not funded and should not have been included in the MTPO's TIP. He added that this agenda item is for information only and that no action is required.

Ms. Dixon discussed the University of Florida transportation projects and answered questions. She noted that the University projects identified in the TIP are not scheduled to be constructed at this time.

H. REVIEW OF PROPOSED CITY OF GAINESVILLE AND ALACHUA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, included in the meeting materials are the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Clearinghouse Review Committee comments concerning MTPO staff's review of the proposed City of Gainesville and Alachua County Comprehensive Plans.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO request that City, County and MTPO staff:

- 1. continue to work together in a joint planning effort to address**

- consistency issues related to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County Comprehensive Plans and the MTPO's Livable Community Reinvestment Plan;**
- 2. review available implementation tools such as multimodal districts, land development regulations and other incentive/disincentive tools that support the implementation of the Livable Community Reinvestment Plan; and**
 - 3. consider designation of transportation concurrency exception areas within the unincorporated areas of the County, in particular the Archer Road corridor as describe in the Livable Community Reinvestment Plan.**

Brian Kanely seconded; Linda Dixon called the question; question call passed unanimously. Motion passed 8 to 01.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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