

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

Meeting Room
Gainesville Regional Utilities
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
October 25, 2000

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Dean Mimms, Chair Linda Dixon Bob Elmore John Gifford Charles Justice Bill Lecher Jeff Logan Phil Mann Mac McEachern Melissa Norman Patricia Reynolds John Sabatella Carol Walker	Barbara Hatchitt Joye Brown Greg DuBois	John Maruniak Maria Savoia	Marlie Sanderson Gerry Dedenbach Andrea Vogler

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dean Mimms called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mimms introduced himself and asked those present to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to approve the meeting agenda. Mac McEachern seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 30, 2000 AND SEPTEMBER 6 MINUTES

ACTION: Bill Lecher moved to approve the August 30 and September 6 minutes. Mac McEachern seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Gerry Dedenbach, MTPO Senior Transportation Planner, announced that the next MTPO meeting is November 9 at 1:30 p.m. and the next TAC meeting is scheduled for November 29. He stated that, due to the need to adopt the Long Range Transportation Plan by December 14, an additional Committee meeting is currently scheduled for November 15.

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

A. SW 24TH AVENUE CROSS SECTION

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at the August 30 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, representatives from the Alachua County Public Works Department (ACPWD) presented, for review and comments, the roadway cross-sections developed for the SW 24th Avenue/SW 62nd Boulevard project. He said that the CAC, at its August 30 meeting, referred this issue to the MTPO's Design Team. He noted that, at its September 19th meeting, the Design Team received a presentation from ACPWD staff, however, they took no action regarding this item. He added that they did, however, encourage ACPWD staff to construct the road consistent with the MTPO's adopted standards as contained in the Urban Design and Streetscape Policies. He concluded that the TAC needs to develop an MTPO recommendation concerning the proposed SW 24th Avenue and SW 62nd Boulevard cross sections.

Mr. Bill Lecher, ACPWD Assistant Director, discussed the SW 24th Avenue construction project and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to:

- 1. approve the proposed SW 24th Avenue cross section as presented; and**
- 2. request that ACPWD consider transit operations during the design.**

Patricia Reynolds seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. TRAFFIC CITATION INFORMATION

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its July meeting, the MTPO discussed bicycle and pedestrian safety at intersections. He said that, during this discussion, the MTPO requested information, from law enforcement, concerning traffic citations issued for failure to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians. He noted that a table which summarizes the data received from the University of Florida Police Department, Gainesville Police Department and the Alachua County Sheriff's Office is included in the meeting materials. He added that staff requested, but did not receive, information from the Florida Highway Patrol.

The Committee discussed whether this issue should be discussed by the TAC because it is not under the jurisdiction of the MTPO.

Mr. Mac McEachern expressed concern that the Gainesville Police Department had not issued traffic citations for failure to yield the right of way to pedestrians unless the infraction resulted in a crash.

ACTION: Mac McEachern moved to:

- 1. recommend that the MTPO request that the City of Gainesville discuss with the Gainesville Police Department why they had not issued traffic citations, for failure to yield the right of way to pedestrians, unless the infraction resulted in a crash; and**
- 2. request that the MTPO refrain from referring non-technical issues, such as these, to the TAC.**

Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its July meeting, the MTPO discussed pedestrian safety at intersections. He said that, during this discussion, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) offered to make a presentation concerning this issue to the MTPO and its Advisory Committees. He noted that staff from the City of Gainesville's Public Works Department, in conjunction with FDOT staff, prepared a presentation concerning pedestrian signals and gave this presentation at the September 19 Design Team and October 11 Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (ACTDCB) meetings. He reviewed the ACTDCB recommendation and the Design Team comments.

Mr. Phil Mann, City of Gainesville Public Works Department Traffic Engineer II, gave a presentation concerning pedestrian signals.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. include audible traffic signals, where appropriate, in new transportation projects and plans as directed by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century;**
- 2. include accessible pedestrian signals during the Main Street reconstruction project; and**
- 3. add the installation of accessible pedestrian signals, where appropriate, to the MTPO's Urban Design and Streetscape Policies.**

Charles Justice seconded; motion passed unanimously.

D. PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its March 20 meeting, the MTPO discussed whether brick or textured-paver crosswalks and sidewalks were difficult for individuals with disabilities to navigate because of the unevenness of the textured surface. He said that, during this discussion, the MTPO agreed to refer this issue to the ACTDCB. He reviewed the ACTDCB and Design Team recommendations.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. use street print with colored asphalt to highlight pedestrian crosswalks where constrained by cost or State design requirements. Elsewhere, allow flexibility to utilize pavers, bricks and alternate treatments that meet the following criteria:**
 - a. minimize:**
 - 1. the gaps between paving slabs; and**
 - 2. any vertical deviation between textured pavers;**
 - b. define the junction between the footway and roadway with a full-height curb or tactile paving; and**
 - c. construct all crosswalks and curbs in the most safe and stable manner.**

Jeff Logan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

E. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

There was no discussion of this agenda item.

F. ARCHER ROAD/SW 23RD TERRACE TREES

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, at its July meeting, the MTPO approved a motion to refer to the Advisory Committees, for their review and comment, the discussion of opportunities for tree plantings along Archer Road and SW 23rd Terrace. He said that, at its September meeting, the Design Team, discussed the City of Gainesville Arborist's comments concerning this issue. He reviewed the joint Design Team, City of Gainesville and MTPO staff recommendation.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to approve the Design Team, City of Gainesville Arborist and staff recommendations to:

- 1. plant 210 trees on SW 23rd Terrace as part of the 2000-2002 “Treemendous Gainesville” program;**
- 2. request that Alachua County work together with the City of Gainesville in planting and maintaining trees along the Old Archer Road corridor;**
- 3. encourage the City Commission to authorize City staff to work outside the city limits on this project; and**
- 4. maintain a fourteen foot buffer along S.W. Archer Road for future expansion, from S.W. 23rd Terrace to S.W. 13th Street, of the Depot Avenue multi-purpose trail.**

Jeff Logan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

G. TRANSPORTATION OUTREACH PROGRAM

Mr. Dedenbach stated that the Transportation Outreach Program Advisory Council is requesting applications for funding under the Transportation Outreach Program. He said that the TAC needs to recommend whether or not the MTPO should submit a project funding request. He noted that the application deadline is November 8, 2000.

The TAC discussed whether or not the MTPO should submit a project funding request.

H. ANNUAL CAMPUS MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT PACKET

Mr. Dedenbach stated that, recently, staff was asked to review the proposed year 2000 Amendment Packet for the University of Florida Comprehensive Master Plan. He said that staff reviewed this material and reported back to Mr. Maruniak that we did not have any review comments to provide him at this time. He said that members of the TAC should inform staff whether they want additional information concerning any proposed amendment.

The TAC took no action concerning this agenda item.

Ms. Linda Dixon, City of Gainesville Transportation Planning Analyst, requested an amendment to the agenda to discuss the City of Gainesville’s proposed Bike Route System.

ACTION: Jeff Logan moved to amend the agenda to include discussion of the Bicycle Routes item as requested by Linda Dixon. John Sabatella seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Linda Dixon discussed the proposed Bike Route System.

ACTION: Charles Justice moved to recommend that the:

- 1. MTPO support, in concept, the downtown bicycle route proposal; and**
- 2. City and County jointly fund the production of the Bike Route signs.**

Jeff Logan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Date

Dean Mimms, Chair

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