

MTPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization
for the Gainesville and Alachua County Area

Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Grace Knight Conference Room
Alachua County Administration Building
12 SE 1st Street, Gainesville, Florida

- I. Call to Order (Chair Steiner)
Chair Steiner called the meeting to order.
- II. Chair's Announcements (Chair Steiner)
None
- III. Agenda Review (Chair Steiner)
Agenda was reviewed and approved (noting the modification of Item E in title). Harra moved the agenda and Levy seconded. It was passed unanimously.
- IV. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum (Chair Steiner)
All members were present and there was a quorum.
- V. Approval of Minutes
Dondandville moved approval of the Minutes and Levy seconded. Minutes from February were approved unanimously.
- VI. Consent Agenda
None
- VII. Action Items

A. Public Participation Plan (PPP) Update

Presenting the draft PPP to the MTPO advisory committees for approval prior to the MTPO Board Meeting on April 4, 2025

Escalante asked a number of questions. He noted it was important to make sure that public sees reliability and consistency on noticing meetings. He also inquired about the inclusion of the LRTP in the PPP.

Public comments – Kali Blunt, RN suggested that the MTPO look at opportunities like providing refreshments at meetings.

Escalante and Chair Steiner noted there may questions about legality and use of federal funds for such purposes.

The motion was moved by Escalante and seconded by Harrar. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Title VI/ Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

Presenting the draft Title VI and LEP to the MTPO advisory committees for approval prior to the MTPO Board Meeting on April 4, 2025

Escalante asked about bilingual requirements and special population requirements.

The motion was moved by Dondanville and seconded by Levy. The motion passed unanimously.

C. ICAR

Updated ICAR for review and recommendations for approval prior to the MTPO Board Meeting on April 4, 2025

This item was tabled by the TAC and the CAC also agreed to table.

Escalante noted this was needed as a countywide TMA. ICAR addresses the issues.

D. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – SR26

(University Avenue) from SR20 to SR222 (NE 39th Blvd)

Amendment to MTPO Fiscal Years 2024-25 to 2028-29

Transportation Improvement Program to include funding in

FY2026 for the resurfacing of SR26 (University Avenue) from SR20 to SR222 (NE 39th Blvd)

This is out to Waldo Road. Motion was moved by Dondanville and seconded by Escalante. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – SR26A (SW 2nd Avenue) from SR26 (University Avenue) to SR26 (University Avenue)

Amendment to MTPO Fiscal Years 2024-25 to 2028-29

Transportation Improvement Program to include funding in FY2026 for the resurfacing of SR26A (SW 2nd Avenue) from SR26 (University Avenue) to SR26 (University Avenue)

Chair Steiner noted this is an old one-way pair. After discussion Escalante moved and Dondanville seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

- F. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – SR200 (US301) from north of SR26 to SR24 (NE Waldo Rd)

Amendment to MTPO Fiscal Years 2024-25 to 2028-29

Transportation Improvement Program to include funding in FY2026 for the resurfacing of SR200 (US301) from north of SR26 to SR24 (NE Waldo Rd)

Question about whether its waldo road. SR 24 is right. “Terminus” of SR24. After discussion Escalante moved and Harrar seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

- G. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – SR26 (Newberry Road) from NW 43rd Street to SW 38th Street

Amendment to MTPO Fiscal Years 2024-25 to 2028-29

Transportation Improvement Program to include funding in FY2026 for SR26 (Newberry Road) from NW 43rd Street to SW 38th Street

Levy and Escalante discussed long lasting concerns about the design not taking parking. Lowering speed limit was not addressed. Functional class issue is an issue. Felt like the MPO

relented to not taking out parking but hat this was the agreement that was made. Levy note that speed is an issue and there are frequent accidents with injuries.

After discussion Harrar moved and Dondanville seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Information Items

A. Draft 2025 Meeting Calendar

Proposed updates to 2025 meeting calendar for TAC/CAC meetings for discussion

Escalante raised concerns about the timeline to incorporate recommendations of TAC and CAC. No major objections though.

IX. Upcoming Meetings of Interest

A. MTPO Meetings

- Subcommittee meeting – March 24, 2025
- Board meeting – April 4, 2025

B. LRTP Workshop: March 25, 2025 from 5pm – 7pm

Freedom Community Center at Veterans Memorial Park
7340 SW 41st Place, Gainesville, Florida

C. Florida Metropolitan Planning Partnership – April 23, 2025

Florida Department of Transportation, Burns Building Auditorium
Tallahassee, Florida

D. MPOAC Quarterly Meeting – April 24, 2025

The Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Rd
Orlando, Florida

E. National Transit Institute's updated course on *Public Involvement in Transportation Decision Making* – May 6-8, 2025

Tampa, Florida

X. Member Comments

Levy – As it relates to Bylaws CAC needs more members. Good opportunity is Hero's Day, April 12th. (used to be the Bike rodeo)

Escalante – several meetings ago. Deferred some studies that were intact. What is the status? Spending down MPOs funds.

XI. Public Comments (General)

None

XII. Adjournment

Chair Steiner adjourned the meeting.

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