



Minutes were approved on 5-11-05

**University of Florida Transportation Study Committee
April 18, 2005 @ 3:00 PM
University Athletic Association Conference Room
226 Stadium
MINUTES**

Members Present:

Ms. Linda Dixon, Manager, Planning Office, Facilities Planning & Construction
Diego Arguea, Student
Harold Barrand, Physical Plant Division
Clinton Collins, Bureau of Economic & Business Research
Linda Crider, Urban & Regional Planning
Lily Elefteriadou, Civil & Coastal Engineering
Scott Fox, Transportation and Parking Services
Justin Kristan, Student
Bob Miller, Finance and Administration
Renee Musson, O'Connell Center
Julia Reiskind, Botany
Alan Rukin, Student
Ata Sarajedini, Astronomy
Ruth Steiner, Urban & Regional Planning

Members Absent:

Sheri Bryan, IFAS, Facilities Planning & Operations
Arlene Ellis, Physical Plant
Robert Hockman, Veterinary Medicine
Willine Momprevil, Student
Rose Nealis, College of Nursing
Scott Nygren, English
Don Powell, University Police Department
Gail Sasnett-Stauffer, College of Law

Visitors:

Eric Lewis, Facilities Planning & Construction

The University Transportation Study Committee (TSC) met on Monday, April 18, 2005 at Facilities Planning and Construction Division, 232 Stadium West Conference Room. Linda Dixon, Chair, presided and called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Linda Dixon welcomed committee members to the April 18, 2005 TSC meeting and members agreed introductions were not necessary.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Scott Fox made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented.

Second: Lily Elefteriadou

Motion carried unanimously

III. Adoption of Minutes

Motion: Ata Sarajedini made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Second: Harold Barrand

Motion carried unanimously

IV. Draft Map Review

-Open Space Connections, Urban Design Connections, and Road Hierarchy

Linda Dixon presented the Open Space Connections map depicting the three open space land use categories along with recommended and existing shared-use paths (i.e., greenway trails) and critical pedestrian connections for committee review and recommendations:

Committee members discussed the following issues regarding shared use path connections:

- South side of Hull Road and the overpass at 34th Street.
- Archer Road and SW 23rd Terrace--direct connection from the Vet School South.
Linda Dixon stated that this concept has been talked about in the past and is in the current Master Plan. She is not showing it on the new map because of the current research that is going on and from a security standpoint it is a very sensitive area.
- SW 2nd Avenue connection to downtown.

Urban Design Connections

Linda Dixon presented The Urban Design Connections map depicting the relationship of buildings, roads, bicycle and pedestrian corridors, gateways (i.e., major entry points) and primary destinations. The purpose of this map is to illustrate connectivity between important gateway and primary destinations on campus.

Committee members made suggestions and recommendations to add the following areas as a Gateway:

- The junction at SW 13th Street and Archer Road
- SW 34th Street and SW 2nd Avenue

Members felt that the university should enhance these facilities to help prevent accidents and make it safe for bicyclists in that area.

Linda Dixon asked the committee members what they saw as the university's role in enhancing these off-campus intersections. Members suggested:

- Overpass at Hull Road
- City should do saturation enforcement in problem areas for both drivers and pedestrians.
- Gateway projects and designating SW 34th Street and SW 2nd Avenue as a gateway.
- Conversations with State and Federal Government regarding the importance of making roads safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Choose two or three gateway areas that are strategic entrance to campus and work on them.

Members discussed their desire to link the gateway designations to intersection improvement recommendations. They also talked about differences in the function of each gateway.

Linda Dixon suggested classifying the gateways in categories as Major, Bicycle/Pedestrian, Minor, and Emerging. Committee members made the following suggestions for categorizing the gateways and recommended:

MAJOR

SW 2nd Avenue and SW 34th Street
Hull Road and SW 34th Street
SW 8th Avenue and SW 13th Street
Gale Lemerand Drive and University Avenue
SW 13th Street and University Avenue
Gale Lemerand Drive and Archer Road
SW 13th Street and Archer Road
SW 2nd Avenue and 13th Street

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN

SW 4th Avenue/Stadium Rd and SW 13th Street
SW 5th Avenue/Inner Road and SW 13th Street
Newell Underpass
NW 15th Street and University Avenue

EMERGING

SW 23rd Terrace and Archer Road
Diamond Road/SW 9th Avenue and SW 13th Street
SW 16th Avenue and Archer Road
Cultural Plaza and Hull Road

All other gateways would be classified as minor, but called "access points" or something similar.

Members also discussed the designation of Primary Destinations on the map and requested that it be renamed. Members recognized that there are different types of campus destinations--vehicular destinations, non-vehicular destinations and transit hubs. One

member recommended collapsing the destination designations at the Museum and Performing Art Center into one symbol for the Cultural Plaza Complex.

- V. The remaining agenda items were deferred until the next meeting.**

- VI. Committee members agreed on April 25, 2005 @ 1:00 pm and May 16, 2005 @ 10:00 am as two additional meeting dates.**

- VII. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.**