

February 18, 2026

2:00 PM

Regional Transit System (RTS) Building

34 SE 13th Road, Gainesville, FL

2nd Floor Conference Room

1.

CALL TO ORDER

2.

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved: ?

Seconded: ?

Passed

4.

ROLL CALL & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Present:

Leistner

Link

Wood

Carver

McGinnis

Klutz

Also Present:

Achaia Brown, FDOT

Laurie Santana, FDOT

Atkins Realis Consultants

Quorum Met

Chair Leistner requested that a Roll Call checklist be added to all agendas.

5.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No action items from January TAC agenda other than approval of agenda and minutes.

January minutes will be provided with next month's agenda.

6.

PUBLIC COMMENT

7.

ACTION ITEMS

7.1

UPWP Amendment (2024-2026)

FY24/25 – FY25/26 UPWP Amendment # 6:

The Gainesville & Alachua County TPO (DBA and serving in its role as the MTPO for the Gainesville Urbanized Area) intends to de-obligate \$1,000,000 from Gainesville MTPO PL Agreement No. G2889, leaving a balance of \$1,400,000 for the period July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. Therefore, the TPO is proposing an amendment to the UPWP to update the Task Tables and Summary Tables to reflect the de-obligation amount. In accordance with the FDOT MPO Handbook, the following items are included as supporting documentation:

1. Revision Log
2. UPWP Revision Form #6
3. Current Pages (Task & Summary Tables)
4. Proposed Pages (Task & Summary tables)
5. Final UPWP (Whole document – with updated tables 2024 - 2026)
6. TIP (to be provide by the Department)
7. Cost Certification (to be provided by the Department following District review)

Director Whitfield presented item including a high-level overview of key changes.

Moved: McGinnis

Seconded: Wood

Passed

7.2

New UPWP 2026-2028

DRAFT FY26/27 – FY27/28 UPWP:

The Gainesville & Alachua County TPO (DBA and serving in its role as the MTPO for the Gainesville Urbanized Area) is preparing the DRAFT FY26/27 – FY27/28 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the next two-year periods. The UPWP is a federally required statement of work that outlines transportation planning priorities and activities within the metropolitan planning area. It identifies planned tasks and products, responsible parties, timelines, costs, and funding sources over a two-year period. The program is required by the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and the Florida Department of Transportation. Adoption and continued implementation of the UPWP is necessary for GACTPO to remain eligible for state and federal transportation funding for local programs, projects, and system improvements. The pr preparation of this DRAFT

follows procedures and schedules established by FDOT's Metropolitan Planning Organization Handbook.

Moved: Carver

Seconded: McGinnis

Passed

7.3

[Adopt List of Priority Projects](#)

LOPP Update:

The List of Priority Projects (LOPP) is required annually to ensure that transportation planning efforts align with changing funding availability, shifting community needs, and project progress. The LOPP is a mechanism for ensuring that limited resources (time, money, personnel) are directed toward the most urgent, high-impact, and viable projects. These updates serve as a critical bridge between long-term planning and immediate, five-year, or annual implementation, allowing new projects to be added, completed ones to be removed, and projects to be re-ranked based on current criteria. The TPO and Florida Department of Transportation have evaluated the current FY 26/27 – 30/31 LOPP and did not identify a need to make any changes to list of projects and their ranks. It should be noted that re-approving the List of Priority Projects as it currently stands will now allow the University Blvd. Lighting Project (Programmed Project 207658-3) to be able to be expedited to construction. Therefore, no changes are proposed other than updating the fiscal years to reflect the next fiscal cycle of FY27/28 – FY31/32.

Chair Leistner requested that the extents for two projects be updated:

- Project 5 should be from SW 16th Avenue to 8th Avenue
- Project 9 should be from SW 34th Street to SW 13th Street

Chair Leistner also noted that the City was moving forward with design for East University Avenue, east of SE Hawthorne Road to East 31st Street.

Per Achaia Brown, FDOT, the University Avenue Lighting Project was advancing in FY 30/31

Moved: Wood, with suggested edits

Seconded: Kluttz

Passed

8.

[DISCUSSION](#)

8.1

[Bike/Ped Master Plan Update](#)

Alison Moss, Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager, provided an update on the Plan.

- TAC members noted that the 13th Street project was missing from the City Top 20 Bikeway projects, but should be represented.
- Request to show existing and funded trails on the Long-Distance Connectors exhibit for context
- TAC members expressed concern and interest in how the different 'buckets' of projects will be compared with one another for overall prioritization and funding.

9.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1

[RTS Ridership Report \(Jan\) and Discussion of Future Trends Report](#)

10.

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

- GACTPO Board Meeting - March 2, 2026
- Countywide Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Community Meeting #3 - Late March:
<https://growth-management.alachuacounty.us/Planning/BikePedMasterPlan>

11.

AGENCY REPORTS / PARTNER UPDATES

Moss mentioned that the County's SS4A Action Plan would be on the March 10th BOCC agenda for approval.

12.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

13.

MEMBER COMMENTS

14.

ADJOURNMENT