

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council



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TO: Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO)

FROM: Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation Planning

SUBJECT: **Traffic Analysis for SW 62nd Boulevard and SW 24th Avenue**

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (BPAB) recommend that the MTPO:

1. keep the existing two-lane divided configuration for the SW 62nd Boulevard and SW 24th Avenue corridors as described in the adopted SW 20th Avenue Area Charrette Plan; and
2. acquire, by easement or purchase, adequate right-of-way to construct the bicycle/pedestrian trail describe in the SW 20th Avenue Area Charrette Plan.

JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommend that the MTPO:

1. agree with the conclusion of the traffic analysis that the results indicate the adequacy of a two lane cross-section for SW 62nd Boulevard and SW 24th Avenue and that a four lane cross-section is not warranted; and
2. receive additional more detailed planning and traffic operations studies before the long range transportation plan is amended.

MTPO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

MTPO staff recommend that the MTPO keep the existing two-lane divided configuration for the SW 62nd Boulevard and SW 24th Avenue corridors as described in the adopted SW 20th Avenue Area Charrette Plan and not amend the long range transportation plan.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on December 12, the MTPO decided to:

1. *schedule a public hearing to consider amending the long range transportation plan;*
2. *contract with Renaissance Planning Group to test alternative road networks both with and without the proposed Butler Plaza expansion that includes four-lane and two-lane alternatives for SW 62nd Boulevard and SW 24th Avenue; and*
3. *request that Alachua County Public Works Department staff develop cost estimates for the alternatives tested.*

Enclosures

Enclosed please find the following documents:

1. the January 22, 2003 Renaissance Planning Group report entitled Analysis for Potential Amendment to the 2020 Transportation Plan;
2. SW 20th Avenue/Hull Road Area- Charrette Implementation Plan;
3. Alachua County Attorney Memorandum dated February 10, 2003;
4. Alachua County Public Works Department Cost Estimates; and
5. December 16, 2002 Butler Enterprises Memorandum.