



**EAST LAKE TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 26, 2008
Eustis City Hall
10 North Grove St.
Eustis, Florida 32726**

Members Present:

Commissioner Debbie Stivender
Councilmember Norb Thomas
Commissioner Linda Stewart
Commissioner Scott Ales
Councilmember James Yatsuk

Representing:

Lake County
City of Tavares
Lake County
City of Eustis
City of Mount Dora

Members Absent:

Commissioner Welton Cadwell
Councilmember Holly Curley
Ben Biscan

Representing:

Lake County
City of Umatilla
Florida Central Railroad

Staff:

T. J. Fish
Melanie Marsh
Susan Goldfuss

Executive Director
Attorney
Executive Assistant

Commissioner Debbie Stivender called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and noted that the meeting was properly noticed. All present stated their names and affiliation.

I. FOCUS AREA OF TASK FORCE

T.J. Fish reviewed the map reflecting the Golden Triangle and Wekiva areas combining to form the East Lake network which also includes Umatilla and the Florida Central Railroad. Brief discussion reference the road network for this task force to work through. Committee members would like to see proposed land uses on the task force maps.

II. FUNDED ROAD PROJECTS

Mr. Fish reviewed the projects in the current Transportation Improvement Program that pertain to the task force, and discussed the map of US 441 projects. Discussion reference traffic patterns and whether progress was being made at all due to future development. Brief review of Lake County Construction Program.

III. WEKIVA PARKWAY AND SR 46

Mr. Fish explained the effect of the Wekiva Parkway on Mount Dora, Umatilla and Eustis. Task force members reviewed the recent East Lake Workshop that discussed Round Lake Road, Britt Road and Wolf Branch Road. Mr. Fish reiterated the status of those roads in the 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan; and how an alternate corridor is needed to relieve US 441. Brief discussion reference CR 44 from Eustis to SR 44 at Lowes. Lengthy discussion reference Wekiva connection and a north to west corridor. The City of Umatilla has requested discussing a connection to CR 42. Mr. Fish wants to make sure projects on the 2035 Transportation Plan are cost feasible. Mr. Fish gave a brief update on the Eustis Study.

IV. UNFUNDED PROJECTS AND NEEDS

Mr. Fish reviewed the List of Unfunded Priority Projects with a brief explanation of the change of US 441 segments in Leesburg. Committee members reviewed the List of Regionally Significant County Roads and discussed CR 44 from Eustis to Leesburg. Mr. Fish explained the MPO's involvement in any road that is a collector or above.

V. LAKEXPRESS PHASING

T.J. Fish explained that the Mount Dora circulator was being delayed from summer to fall due to busses not delivered yet. Brief discussion reference the transit development plan moving from transit to commuter rail and marketing dollars for LakeXpress.

VI. COMMUTER RAIL AND LONG RANGE PLANS

Brief discussion.

VII. TRAIL PROJECTS

Brief discussion reference the East/West trail connection.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION CONCURRENCY UPDATE

Mr. Fish gave a brief update on the status of the MPO's involvement effective January 1. He is working on an interlocal agreement with Tavares regarding a review of transportation concurrency exception area.

IX. UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE FUNDING TASK FORCE

Mr. Fish gave a brief update on the task force formed to assist Lake County with transportation alternative funding rather than using impact fees only. They are to make a formal recommendation to the Lake County BCC by the end of the year.

X. STAFF REPORT / COMMENTS

None

XI. TASKFORCE MEMBERS / COMMENTS

None

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.