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Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization East Lake Task Force Meeting

Thursday, March 27, 2014
Agricultural Center, Training Room A
1951 Woodlea Road, Tavares, Florida

Governing Board

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Steve Ferrell
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Richard Nelson
Bonnie Nebel
David Clutts

BPAC (bike/ped)

Scot Hartle
Machelle Koonce
Rich Dunkel
Lori Barnes
Pam Hunt
★Dennis Wood

★ Member Present

AGENDA UPDATE

None

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

None

TASK FORCE ITEMS

1. Presentation by VHB: US 441 Corridor Study (Orange Blossom Express)
Laurence Lewis with VHB provided an overview of the US 441 Corridor Study. The website (Us441corridor.com), provides information regarding the study as well as public involvement opportunities. Open House public event in Apopka in May.

Mr. Fish reported FDOT is looking for a commitment from all the partners before they will include the study in their work program. The consensus is that the study should only be programmed pending the results of the alternative analysis and local agreements are in place.

Mr. Fish reported FDOT requesting a 25 percent local match, \$500,000, among all partner, including Orange County, Orlando and Apopka.

2. FCEN Track Replacement Construction Project -
All work should be completed by late April 2014.
3. SR 44 Design
The Executive Director gave an update and led a discussion on the status and widening of SR44.
4. Wekiva Trail Development
The future of the Wekiva Trail was discussed and the key pieces still needed for the project to advance were contemplated by the Task Force.
5. Wekiva Parkway
Current status of the Wekiva Parkway project was provided by staff.
6. Public Transportation
MPO staff led a discussion on the plans for implementation of the Transit Development Plan. As part of that discussion timing of Golden Triangle enhanced circulator service was discussed. Lake County Public Transportation staff and MPO staff provided information on the incentive program for the bus stop and bus shelter installation.
7. Status of East Lake Road Projects
Brief updates on each road project were provided by Mr. Fish.
8. Regional Trail Development
Michael Woods provided an update on the regional trail development.
9. Safe School Access Transportation Study – Parent Responsibility Zones
The completed study is posted online and discussion took place regarding the parent responsibility zones. The Parent Responsibility Zone (PRZ) is the zone in which parents are responsible for a child's transportation to and from school. Only students who reside beyond the PRZ will receive district transportation service.
 - *Elementary School PRZ – 1.5mi.*
 - *Middle School PRZ – 2.0mi.*
 - *High School PRZ – 2.0mi.*
10. Scenic Byway Update
Status of Scenic Byways were provided by MPO staff.

TASK FORCE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS – *Opportunity was provided for member comments.*

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.