



## **East Lake Task Force**

### **Minutes**

**Monday, June 15, 2009**

#### **MEETING LOCATION:**

**Lake County Agricultural Center  
1951 Woodlea Road (Training Room A)  
Tavares, Florida**

#### **East Lake Task Force Committee Members**

**Commissioner Jimmy Conner, Lake County - Absent**  
**Councilmember Norb Thomas, City of Tavares - Absent**  
**\* Commissioner Linda Stewart, Lake County - Present**  
**Mayor Scott Ales, City of Eustis - Absent**  
**\* Councilmember James Yatsuk, City of Mount Dora - Present**  
**Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County - Absent**  
**Councilmember Holly Curley, City of Umatilla - Absent**  
**Ben Biscan, Florida Central Railroad - Absent**

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#### **STAFF PRESENT**

T.J. Fish, Executive Director  
Sandy Minkoff, MPO Attorney  
Tom Burke, Senior Transportation Planner  
Dave Marsh, FDOT/MPO Liaison  
Sue Goldfuss, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

## **OPENING**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Proper Noticing

Councilmember Jim Yatsuk called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. and noted that the meeting was properly noticed.

## **TASK FORCE ITEMS**

- I.** Status of Road Projects
  - SR 44 – US 441 to Orange Avenue
  - SR 19 – Downtown Eustis
  - SR 19 – Little Lake Harris Bridge
  - SR 19 Resurfacing (Altoona)

Mr. Fish gave a brief overview of the resolution regarding SR 44. Commissioner Stewart discussed the 4-laning SR 44 versus Round Lake Road. Brief discussion regarding Britt Road realignment/extension.

- II.** Wekiva Parkway, Wekiva Trail and SR 46 Update

Mr. Fish gave an update on the public hearing. He briefed the committee on the MPO planning process and approved funds. The Lake BCC needs to agree for expressway and location of road and trails. Mr. Fish gave an update on the trail alternatives.

- III.** Project Prioritization – State Roads
  - SR 44 – US 441 to Orange Avenue (Mount Dora to Eustis)
  - Wekiva Parkway (replacing SR 46)
  - US 441 – SR 44 to SR 46 (Mount Dora)
  - SR 19 – CR 561 to CR 48 including LLH Bridge (Tavares to Howey)
  - SR 44 – Orange Avenue to CR 46A (Eustis east)
  - SR 19 – Downtown Eustis

Mr. Fish gave an update.

- IV.** Project Prioritization – County Roads
  - CR 561 – SR 19 to CR 455 (Tavares to Eustis)
  - CR 44 – SR 19 west to US 441 (Eustis to Leesburg)
  - CR 44 and Eustis eastern bypass concept
  - CR Old 441 (Tavares to Mount Dora)
  - Eudora Road / CR 19A and intersection with CR Old 441
  - Round Lake Road (Mount Dora)
  - CR 437
  - CR 46A

Mr. Fish gave an update on the policy recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee and discussion ensued regarding concerns of CR 561 through Astatula and also CR 44.

**V.** Florida Central Railroad Project

Mr. Fish gave an update on the freight requests and discussed the rail in disrepair from Tavares to Eustis.

**VI.** LakeXpress

- Route 4 Kickoff July 1 (Altoona to Zellwood)
- Route 1 (Spine Route) and Route 3 (Mount Dora Circulator)
- Golden Triangle Transit Plan

Mr. Fish gave a brief update on the service circulators and funding for the spine between Leesburg and Tavares. Discussion regarding Bike Ped and the study to take the trail into downtown Eustis. Further discussion regarding the trail on CR 44B.

**VII.** Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Brief discussion regarding surface transportation funds and Department of Energy funds.

**VIII.** Transportation Concurrency Update:

- Recently passed legislation – SB 360, HB 1021
- SR 44 from US 441 to Orange Avenue

Lengthy discussion regarding the interpretation of Secy Pelham's legislation; and the mobility fee.

**IX.** Staff Report / Comments

- Set regular meeting date

Task Force members are okay with MPO staff scheduling quarterly meetings as needed.

**X.** Task Force Members Reports / Comments

None.

**XI.** Public Comments

None.

**XII.** Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 10:55 a.m.