



**EAST LAKE TASK FORCE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, July 29, 2008  
Tavares City Hall  
201 East Main St.  
Tavares, Florida**

Members Present:

Councilmember Norb Thomas  
Commissioner Linda Stewart  
Councilmember James Yatsuk

Representing:

City of Tavares  
Lake County  
City of Mount Dora

Members Absent:

Commissioner Debbie Stivender  
Commissioner Welton Cadwell  
Commissioner James Rotella  
Councilmember Holly Curley  
Ben Biscan

Representing:

Lake County  
Lake County  
City of Eustis  
City of Umatilla  
Florida Central Railroad

Staff:

T. J. Fish  
Susan Goldfuss

Executive Director  
Executive Assistant

Councilmember James Yatsuk called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. and noted that the meeting was properly noticed. All present stated their names and affiliation.

**I. FUNDED ROAD PROJECTS**

Mr. Fish reviewed the projects in the current Transportation Improvement Program that pertain to the task force. Discussion reference SR 44 concurrency issues and adding safety and pedestrian rather than adding travel lanes; Lake County funding the study from impact fees; cooperation between Eustis, Mount Dora and Lake County; and the MPO putting the study high on the priority list. SR 46 not to be widened due to Wekiva Parkway. Eustis Commission has requested a study of the needs around the city. Brief discussion regarding Wolf Branch Road and Round Lake Road intersection.

**II. WEKIVA PARKWAY AND SR 46**

Discussion regarding the intersection of SR 46 and US 441. A study is requested regarding 6 laning US 441 from Rennigers to SR 44. The Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee is looking at the trail along the Wekiva Parkway.

**III. UNFUNDED PROJECTS AND NEEDS**

Brief discussion regarding SR 44 from Lowes to Orange Avenue in Eustis.

**IV. TRANSPORTATION CONCURRENCY UPDATE**

Mr. Fish stated he would like to get Lake County, Eustis, Mount Dora and FDOT in a fair share agreement regarding SR 44 (formerly CR 44B). The MPO would facilitate the agreement.

**V. COMMUTER RAIL AND TIMING OF FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Brief discussion.

**VI. 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 regarding the proposed LakeXpress Route 4 to Altoona that will connect to LYNX in Zellwood.

**VII. TRAIL PROJECTS**

Mr. Fish briefed the committee on the Tavares to Mount Dora study. Mount Dora moving forward with the study east; and Eustis studying along the railroad. The MPO assists with the regional trails with the cities taking the responsibility of the smaller connections. Discussion regarding Rails to Trails; downtown Mount Dora to East Lake connection; possible joint application between Mount Dora and Lake County; railroad right of way; and Eustis getting a public sponsor.

**VIII. 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. Brief discussion.

**IX. STAFF REPORT / COMMENTS**

None

**X. TASKFORCE MEMBERS / COMMENTS**

Commissioner Stewart thanked the cities of Tavares, Eustis and Mount Dora for working with the county on annexation.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.