



**SOUTH LAKE TASKFORCE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 1, 2008
Clermont City Hall
685 W. Montrose St.
Clermont, Florida 34711**

Members Present:

Commissioner Elaine Renick
Council Member Ray Goodgame
Mayor David Yeager
Councilmember Allen Sherrod
Councilmember James Gearhart (Alternate)
Councilor Bonnie Nebel

Representing:

Lake County
City of Clermont
City of Minneola
City of Groveland
City of Groveland
Town of Howey-in-the-Hills

Members Absent:

Commissioner Debbie Stivender
Commissioner Judy Tice
Mayor Felix Ramirez
Town Councilman Joe Wynkoop

Representing:

Lake County
Town of Astatula
City of Mascotte
Town of Montverde

Staff:

T. J. Fish
Sandy Minkoff
Susan Goldfuss

Executive Director
Attorney
Executive Assistant

Council Member Ray Goodgame, MPO Chairman-Elect, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and noted that the meeting was properly noticed.

I. Status of SR 50 Funding and Status of \$7.5 Million TRIP Grant

T.J. Fish gave a brief background of the Plaza Colina TRIP (Transportation Regional Incentive Program) grant. After continuous deadlines, the State Secretary of Transportation granted a final extension of 60 days; making the final deadline of June 18th to provide the match. He further explained the MPO recommendation to have him go before both the Lake County BCC and Clermont City Council regarding a loan from each that could be paid back with proposed developments if Plaza Colina falls through. Mr. Fish stated his concern of losing the grant money; and requested guidance from the task force on the proposal and the split of funds between the two entities. Discussion ensued reference special taxing districts; supplemental impact fees; the need for public hearings; changing level of service; and gas tax. Discussion continued as members of the public expressed concerns with the current service standards of SR 50 and the immediate need for relief. Further discussion reference an appropriate split for the match and the inclusion of more municipalities.

II. Status of US 27 Funding

Brief discussion reference the open segment in Minneola; the completed segment in the Four Corners area that is already at capacity; the segment south of SR 50 that is not in the FDOT work program; and the segment from 561A north to Leesburg is not scheduled for widening.

III. Minneola PD&E Studies

Brief status of the PD&E Study west of the Hills of Minneola DRI.

IV. Minneola Turnpike Interchange and Supporting Roadway Network

Brief update by T.J. Fish.

V. Hartwood-Marsh Road and Winter Garden

Discussion reference the county incentive grant; and changing from US 27 to the county line, to US 27 to Hancock Rd. in order to keep the grant intact. Mayor Yeager met with the Winter Garden City Manager, who relayed they are not developing along that corridor. Mr. Fish will meet with him and report back.

VI. Transit Development Plan for South Lake

Mr. Fish explained the process of the 2020 Transit Development Plan to be adopted in August. He also stated the Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) meetings discussing SR 19; the Howey bridge; and CR 48. Discussion reference LakeXpress connecting to LYNX; and commuter rail.

VII. Transportation Concurrency Update

The Transportation Concurrency Management System (TCMS) is working, and the MPO is close to having all information from municipalities. Brief discussion.

VIII. Staff Report / Comments

Mr. Fish gave an update on the Lake County Transportation Alternative Funding Task Force and explained what their task is. An item of discussion has been the municipalities taking over maintenance of the roads in their areas.

IX. Taskforce Members / Comments

Allen Sherrod stated that Groveland may be interested in maintenance, and will bring it up at a council meeting. David Yeager agreed to discuss at a Minneola council meeting.

Ray Goodgame discussed the intersection of SR 50 and Oakley Seaver that needs a restriping for the southbound left turn lane and possible signal timing.

VIII. Public Comments

Pam Lee, a resident who lives on SR 19 between the turnpike south to Groveland, stated her concerns with the truck traffic along that 6 mile stretch. Much of the land is for sale, and she felt that joint efforts could take place between FDOT, Groveland and Rails to Trails as far as purchasing the right of way for that stretch of road in preparation for widening and landscaping. Mr. Fish explained that it would first need a PD&E Study. Brief discussion.

IX. Adjournment

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