

## MINUTES

### Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization South Lake Task Force Meeting

Thursday, June 5, 2014  
Clermont City Hall  
685 W. Montrose Street, Clermont, Florida

#### **Governing Board**

★Commissioner Tim Sullivan, Lake County, D1  
★Commissioner Sean Parks, Lake County, D2  
★Mayor Pro-Tem Ray Goodgame, City of Clermont  
★Council Member Evelyn Wilson, City of Groveland  
Mayor Tony Rosado, City of Mascotte  
Mayor Pat Kelly, City of Minneola  
Council Vice-President Joe Wynkoop, Town of Montverde

#### **Administrators**

David Heath, Lake County  
★Darren Gray, City of Clermont  
Redmond Jones, City of Groveland  
Jim Gleason, City of Mascotte  
Mark Johnson, City of Minneola  
Mary Mason, Town of Montverde

#### **TAC (staff)**

Chris Schmidt  
Fred Schneider  
Dottie Keedy  
★Ken Harley  
★Jim Hitt  
★Aaron Mercer

#### **CAC (citizens)**

Steve Ferrell  
★Brian Herman  
Susy Gibson

#### **BPAC (bike/ped)**

Scot Hartle  
★Helen McCormick  
Bryan Davis  
Roy Pike  
Kelly Price

#### **★ Member Present**

#### OPENING

*Commissioner Sean Parks, MPO Chairman Elect, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and verified that the meeting was properly noticed.*

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

*None*

#### TASK FORCE ITEMS

1. Bicycle Friendly Community Designation and Runner Friendly Community Designation
  - a. Community Support  
*T.J. Fish stated that the MPO staff is providing support on this initiative and that Mike Wood has been working with the South Lake Chamber of Commerce and the local business community. He discussed the impacts that these designations will have in the area.*
  - b. Infrastructure  
*Commissioner Sean Parks discussed some of the infrastructure questions he had, particularly the bike lanes and which roadways could have a 4ft bike lane added. Jim Stivender, Director of Public Works, talked about some of the infrastructure issues and limitations on roadway projects but stated that Lake County has as a goal to include paved shoulders on every road that is widened or resurfaced in their priority list. Funding sources for these projects were also discussed.*

c. Local Government Support

*T.J. Fish stated that part of the local government support goes beyond just making the road and trails safe but also to facilitate the permitting process for organized events.*

2. Public Transportation

a. LYNX Routes – Link 55 and Link 204

*Link 55 – the timing issues on the transfer locations were discussed.*

*Link 204 – the decline of ridership has been substantial and it makes it difficult to justify continuing the program. Staff is looking for other options such as the vanpooling*

b. Future SR 50 LakeXpress Service

*Discussion included the delays to the start of the service and funding issues.*

c. Effects of Medicaid Reform on Public Transportation

*Discussion included the changes due to the Medicaid reform effecting Lake County funding. T.J. Fish detailed the impact on the budget for para-transit trips and the consequences it will have on the funding for LakeXpress and how it will affect the local municipalities. Ken Healey discussed the contracts for service providers and other issues encountered during this transitional period.*

3. Minneola Interchange

a. North Hancock Road Extension – CR Old 50 North to Fosgate Road

*Lake County portion programmed for design in 2015 and construction completed by the end of 2016.*

b. Interchange – Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise Project

*Programmed design in 2015 and construction in 2016.*

c. North Hancock Road Extension – Interchange north of CR 561A

*This is a developer driven project. Landowners are formalizing agreements.*

d. Citrus Grove Road – Public/Private Partnership

*Working with FDOT to have the preliminary design phase advanced. Also, \$1million in appropriation money were programmed.*

4. Lake-Orange Parkway (US 27-SR 429 Connector)

a. Orange/Lake Parkway, LLC

*Briefly discussed.*

b. Status of State Infrastructure Bank Loan

*Loan awarded with conditions that are currently being addressed.*

c. FDOT Role

*Funds are programmed for PD&E and FDOT is waiting for loan and toll study before allocating funds to other projects*

d. Status of Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise Traffic and Revenue Study

*Study is in progress*

5. Status of County Road Projects and Funding

*Jim Stivender reported on the status of county road projects. T.J. Fish stated that as the staff prepares the list of priority projects that will be adopted in August, all the regionally significant projects will be in line with the projects that Public Works is working on.*

6. Status of State Road Projects and Funding

*There were no questions on specific state road projects and/or funding. T.J. Fish gave a brief update on the US 27 widening from Lake Louisa through Boggy Marsh Rd. The only other project in the south lake area is the Groveland SR 50 realignment. Staff has been successful working with FDOT in helping them understand the marriage of the roadway realignment project with the Coast-to-Coast trail.*

7. Trail Projects and Funding

a. Central Florida Coast-to-Coast Trail State Appropriation

*Briefly discussed. T.J. Fish emphasized that FDOT is looking for the projects that are shovel-ready. He stated that the biggest gap is in Sumter County and that it does not yet have a PD&E study. FDOT is advancing the project for this July and already started scoping the study.*

b. South Lake Trail – Clermont to Silver Eagle Road (South Lake High School)

*Currently under construction. Jim Stivender said the county is working on contractor issues and that he wanted to make the task force members aware.*

c. South Lake Trail – Silver Eagle Road to SR 33

*Right-of-Way and construction funding needed.*

d. South Lake Trail – SR 33 to CR 565 (Villa City Road)

*Part of the SR 50 realignment.*

e. South Lake Trail – Villa City Road to Van Fleet Trail in Sumter County

*Currently in the design phase.*

f. South Sumter Trail – Van Fleet Trail to Withlacoochee State Trail

*The MPO is asking FDOT for a study.*

8. Safe School Access Transportation Study

*We are in implementation mode. A matrix database was built to prioritize needs for all schools. T.J. Fish is asking all the committees to take the lead in addressing the issues on these reports.*

TASK FORCE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

*Ray Goodgame stated that everyone is welcomed to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Clermont's Arts and Recreation Center.*

*Sean Parks said that they would be having their in-person mayors meeting next week in Minneola. He said that an email reminder would be sent.*

ADJOURNMENT

*As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.*