



**SOUTH LAKE TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 8, 2008
Clermont City Hall
685 W. Montrose St.
Clermont, Florida 34711**

Members Present:

Commissioner Elaine Renick
Council Member Ray Goodgame (arrived late)
Mayor David Yeager
Commissioner Judy Tice
Councilmember James Gearhart (Alternate)
Councilor Bonnie Nebel

Representing:

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

Members Absent:

Commissioner Debbie Stivender
Mayor Felix Ramirez
Town Councilman Joe Wynkoop

Representing:

Lake County
City of Mascotte
Town of Montverde

Staff:

T. J. Fish
Sandy Minkoff
Tom Burke
Susan Goldfuss

Executive Director
Attorney
Sr. Transportation Planner
Executive Assistant

Mayor David Yeager, Immediate Past Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. and noted that the meeting was properly noticed.

I. Minneola PD&E Studies and Project Progress Report

Lengthy discussion regarding the upcoming October 23rd meeting. The true final alignment to be presented. Minneola City Council has made their recommendation.

Councilmember Ray Goodgame arrived at this time.

Lengthy discussion regarding the properties involved, litigation, right of way, and eminent domain. Consensus of the task force was for the least invasive option to the public.

II. Status of Major County Road Projects

T.J. Fish reviewed the CR 561 alignment concept on the 2 maps provided for the Hills of Minneola DRI. Discussion regarding Sugarloaf Mountain Rd. Further discussion regarding Minneola's approval of the DRI and the county owning the roadway network. MPO priority is for the PD&E study; however, funding of the study was an issue. Creative ways for funding were discussed.

III. Status of Hartwood-Marsh Road, Phase 1, and \$3 Million FDOT Grant

FDOT funding continues to roll forward waiting on the match from Lake County. FDOT is working with the Lake BCC on this issue.

IV. Status of State Road Projects and Funding

The SR 50/US 27 intersection will continue to be the #1 priority of the MPO. The safety concern in front of Magnolia Point has been resolved. Mr. Fish briefed the task force on the Plaza Collina SR 50 segment; SR 50 TRIP grant application; and the potential bypass for trucks at SR 50 and SR 19 intersection in Groveland.

V. Proposed Agreement Among FDOT and Local Governments Regarding SR 50

FDOT is being asked to fund improvements. Mr. Fish explained guidelines and how it should be structured. The MPO is supporting priorities in Clermont that parallel and would benefit SR 50. Brief discussion with FDOT staff.

VI. Transportation Concurrency Update

Mr. Fish gave an update on SR 50, US 27, South Hancock Rd, and CR Old 50.

VII. Transit and Trails

Brief discussion regarding the South Lake Trails being a major priority.

The Service Development Grant for the Clermont to Orlando LYNX route has been extended one more year for a 3 year FDOT grant.

VIII. Staff Report / Comments

None

IX. Taskforce Members / Comments

Councilmember Ray Goodgame requested Lake County Public Works for restriping at Oakley Seaver intersection.

Councilor Bonnie Nebel discussed possible federal money for the Howey Bridge due to the Growth Management Bill in Congress.

X. Public Comments

None.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.