

Technical Advisory Committee Agenda

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Lake-Sumter MPO - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting – April 2024

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I. OPENING

- A. Call to Order
- B. Proper Noticing
- C. Determination of Quorum
- **D.** Motion to allow virtual member voting if requested.
- E. Proposed revisions to today's Agenda

II. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

At this point in the meeting, the Committee will hear questions, comments, and concerns from the citizens. If the issue raised is not on today's Agenda, action will not be taken by the Committee at this meeting. Questions may be answered by staff or referred for appropriate staff action. If further action is necessary, the item may be placed on a future Committee agenda. Public comment shall be limited to three minutes per person.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Recommendation for approval is requested for Agenda Items.

- A. Approval of TAC February 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of the FY 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Developed every two years and updated annually to identify target goals and objectives to be accomplished by Lake~Sumter MPO staff and consultants, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) serves as the annual budget. The UPWP describes work elements to be performed, indicating local agency work participation and sources of funding. You can review the current DRAFT UPWP here: DRAFT FY 2025-2026 UPWP



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C. Approval of the Lake-Sumter MPO 2024 Updates to the Title VI Program & Limited English Proficiency Plan.

The purpose of a Title VI Program is to establish guidelines to effectively monitor and ensure that an agency follows all Title VI, Environmental Justice, Justice40, and LEP access requirements.

Attachments: Title VI, LEP Memo, Title VI Program Update, LEP Plan Update

DISCUSSION ITEMS IV.

A. DRAFT 2024 List of Priority Projects

The LOPP represents the unfunded transportation improvements that were not programmed for the following five-year period, in order of priority. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) uses each MPO's LOPP to aid in their decisions as to which projects should be added to their Work Program each year. The Lake~Sumter MPO approves its LOPP annually. MPO staff and consultants will present the DRAFT 2024 LOPP for review and comment from the committee members. The FINAL 2024 LOPP will be on the June meeting cycle for approval.

Attachments: 2023 LOPP Projects Funding Status

B. Federal Discretionary Grant Funding Strategy

MPO staff developed the Grant Identification and Funding Strategy to identify a draft list of projects that could be considered for Federal Discretionary Grants. The attached draft list has been developed from the adopted TIP, the List of Priority Projects, and adopted budgets or capital improvement plans from the local counties and cities for inclusion within the initial Federal grant screening process. In addition to the list is a corresponding map. MPO Staff and the consultant team are looking for additional project details that will support the candidacy of each project for Federal Discretionary Grant Funding from the IIJA.

LSMPO Project List

Link to a GIS web map that shows projects: LSMPO Project Grant Screening (arcgis.com).

C. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan – Goals and Objectives and Revenue Forecast

The 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) prepared by the Lake~Sumter MPO and serves as the primary guidance for developing transportation system improvements and additions in the MPO's planning area over the next 25 years.

The LRTP is a federally required short- and long-term plan addressing multimodal transportation needs within the MPO's planning area. The plan is required to be updated every five years and must cover a 20-year horizon. The 2050 LRTP is a financially constrained plan that includes projects to best meet the transportation system's identified needs within the limits of projected revenues. It is important that the LRTP accurately reflects transportation needs. It is utilized by local and state planning officials to select projects for inclusion in their capital improvement and work programs. The intent and purpose of an LRTP is to encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of a cost-feasible intermodal transportation



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system that enhances mobility and freight movement. The LRTP considers how projects could affect the transportation system's resiliency and reliability and enhance travel and tourism in the area.

Attachments: 2050 LRTP Goals and Objectives and 2050 Revenue Forecast 2045 LRTP Goals and Objectives

D. Heart of Florida Loop Trail. The Heart of Florida Loop Trail was voted to become the next Regionally Significant Priority Trail for the State of Florida at the recent Florida Greenways and Trails Council meeting this week in Winter Haven, so this should direct significant funding to its completion! The most significant gap is in Marion and Lake County along SR 40, and this section is along publicly owned land so we should be able to complete the trail quickly. The Heart of Florida Loop is already approximately 80% complete, missing only approximately 40 miles of its 280+ mile loop that isn't already programmed and funded, or already constructed. A SUNTrail funding request for the PD & E of this section has been submitted for funding during the current funding cycle.

Attachments: SUNTrail Regional Trail Network,

Heart of Florida Loop Trail Status SUN Trail Tentative Work Program

PRESENTATIONS, STATUS REPORTS

- A. FDOT Report Chuck Koppernolle
- **B.** FTE Report Siaosi Fine
- C. Transit Report Jill Brown, Lake County Transit
- **D.** County, City Updates, Committee Member Comments
- E. 2024 Funded Member Projects in Appropriations Bill
- F. Green House Gas Ruling Letter

V. ADJOURNMENT NEXT MEETING: JUNE 12, 2024 @ 1:30

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, Section 286.0105, if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the above named board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. All interested citizens are welcome to attend. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of the proceedings should contact (352) 315-0170, 48 hours in advance of the meeting.