



CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Wednesday, November 12, 2014
Regular Meeting, 4 p.m.**

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OPENING

Call to Order
Proper Noticing
Determination of Quorum
Introductions

I. REPORTS

- A. Florida Department of Transportation: Vickie Wyche, MPO Liaison
- B. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (if present)
- C. County Reports (if present)
- D. MPO Staff: T.J. Fish, Executive Director; Pam Richmond, MPO Project Manager; Mike Woods, Transportation Planner; and Francis Franco, GIS Manager
- E. CAC: Members Comments and Reports

II. AGENDA UPDATE

Proposed revisions to today's Agenda

III. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. October 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes
- B. 2015 CAC Meeting Calendar

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Draft Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Update

The MPO is responsible for actively involving all affected parties in an open, cooperative and collaborative process that provides meaningful opportunities to influence transportation decisions. The Public Involvement Plan is a guiding document to the MPO's public outreach. The document provides a framework for general public involvement. Staff is proposing an update to the current Public Involvement Plan to address and to refine the public hearing requirements for the required transportation plans and programs developed for the MPO. Following committee recommendations, the proposed amendments will be subject to a 45-day public review period to begin Dec 10 prior to action by the MPO Governing Board at the Jan 28, 2015 meeting.

B. Draft Constrained Corridors Map

Proposed changes were provided in October by MPO committees and the Governing Board on the Constrained Corridors Map. The map serves as a policy document that constrains each regionally-significant roadway in the two-county region to a maximum number of through-lanes. The lane-constraint policy does not apply to turn lanes. The Constrained Corridors Map is a supportive document to the development of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. The map was first adopted during the development of the 2035 plan and guided the development of the Needs Plan and the Cost-Feasible Plan, which are both primary components of the transportation plan. Staff requests committees approve the draft map with any additional changes. Staff will request final approval of the map, with any changes by committees or board, at the December 10 Governing Board meeting.

C. Draft Regionally Significant Corridors Map

In addition to designating all state and federal highways as regionally-significant, the Regionally Significant Corridors Map qualifies certain county roadways for state grant funding, specifically through the Transportation Regional Incentive Program. Of county roadways designated as regionally-significant, most are major collectors, either urban or rural. Minor collectors are not typically regionally-significant. Regionally-significant county roadways are typically higher-volume facilities spanning a large geographical area or connecting counties or communities. Changes were recommended in October by committees and board. Staff requests committees approve the draft map with any additional changes. Staff will request final approval of the map, with any changes by committees or board, at the December 10 Governing Board meeting.

D. Draft Emerging Regionally Significant Corridors Map

Related to the previous item, the Emerging Regionally Significant Corridors Map indicates future regional significance for roadways that either have not yet been constructed or that have not yet evolved to a status of regional significance but are anticipated to do so based on growth plans. Comments were made and approved by the Governing Board on Oct 22. Changes were recommended in October by committees and board. Staff requests committees approve the draft map with any additional changes. Staff will request final approval of the map, with any changes by committees or board, at the December 10 Governing Board meeting.

E. 2015 Legislative Positions and Priorities

The Governing Board approved the draft, which was with committee input, on October 22. The positions with priorities are being brought back before the MPO leading up the commencement of the 2015 Legislative Session. Final approval is typically in January, with monitoring throughout the session. The Lake County state legislative delegation has scheduled their annual public hearing Dec. 2. State legislative committees will meet two weeks in January and three weeks in February. The 2015 Florida Legislative Session begins March 3.

F. Election of Officers effective January 2015

The committee is to nominate and to vote on a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2015. The current member list is provided. The new chairman would begin presiding at the January 2015 committee meeting.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. List of Priority Projects - Submittal of New Projects

Committees are requested to prepare for submittal of new projects and to begin work on the project applications forms for new projects. Projects already on the List of Priority Projects will require an updated application. Submittal of new projects, including an application and an updated application for existing projects, must occur by the committee meetings the second week of January 2015.

B. 2014 Horizon Award Nominations

Committee members are encouraged to nominate deserving local governments for transportation projects or policies that were advanced during 2014. The awards will be presented at the Eighth Annual Horizon Awards Dinner January 28, 2015.

C. Update on Public Transportation Task Force

Staff will provide an update on the November 6 meeting of the MPO's Public Transportation Task Force. Items include an update on the status of the US 441 Corridor Alternatives Analysis (Orange Blossom Express Study – Orlando to Golden Triangle), commencement of SR 50 fixed-route service, potential changes to current LakeXpress services, and the policy distinction between regional spine services and local circulator services.

VII. PROJECT UPDATES

- A.** US 301 Project Development and Environment Study (Sumter County) – US 301/SR 44 Intersection Improvements and US 301/Florida's Turnpike Interchange Improvements
- B.** C-468/Florida's Turnpike Interchange (Sumter County)
- C.** I-75/CR 514 Interchange Planning (Sumter County near Coleman)
- D.** Trails: Central Florida C2C Trail and Wekiva Trail
- E.** Minneola Interchange: Florida's Turnpike/North Hancock Road/Citrus Grove Road
- F.** Lake-Orange Parkway (US 27 to SR 429)
- G.** Villa City Development of Regional Impact (DRI)
- H.** SR 50 Corridor Study

VIII. CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

December 10, 2014, 2 p.m. at the Lake~Sumter MPO.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: January 14, 2015, 4:00 p.m. @ Lake~Sumter MPO

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, Section 286.0105, if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization 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 the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization at (352) 315-0170, 48 hours in advance of the meeting.