

MINUTES

Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2014
Lake~Sumter MPO
1616 South 14th Street, Leesburg, Florida

OPENING

Chairman Steve Ferrell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and noted that the meeting was properly noticed and that a quorum was present. Chairman Ferrell requested that Introductions be added to the agenda. All present stated their name and affiliation.

Members Present

Steve Ferrell, Chairman	Lake County, D1
Brian Herman	Lake County, D2
Ted Wicks	Lake County, D3
Jamie Hanja, Vice-Chairman	Lake County, D4
Richard Nelson	Lake County, D5
Susy Gibson	City of Clermont
George Rosario	City of Groveland
Regis LeClerc	Town of Lady Lake
Stephen Stone	City of Wildwood

Members Absent

Doug Tharp	Sumter County
Bruce Master	City of Fruitland Park
Bonnie Nebel	Town of Howey-in-the-Hills
Jeff Boykin	City of Minneola
David Clutts	City of Tavares

Staff Present

Pam Richmond	MPO Project Manager
Mike Woods	Transportation Planner
Francis Franco	GIS Manager
Sue Goldfuss	Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Others Present

Vickie Wyche	FDOT
Roy Pike	City of Groveland, CAC Alternate

REPORTS

- A. Florida Department of Transportation
Ms. Vickie Wyche, MPO Liaison, gave an update on the construction projects in the Lake and Sumter area.

- B. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
None

- C. County Reports
None

D. MPO Staff
None

E. CAC: Members Comments and Reports

George Rosario, City of Groveland, wanted to know if there was any type of travel compensation for members. Chairman Ferrell advised that reimbursement was not an allowable expense under the federal planning grant for committee members, and that maybe there could be teleconferencing capabilities that he asked staff to look into. Mr. Rosario also thanked Lake County for railing repairs made at CR 565 and Silver Eagle Road.

Jamie Hanja, Lake County D4, wanted to know when the web-based form will be available for Citizen Transportation Concerns. She continues to have traffic safety concerns that she feels are not being adequately addressed by Lake County. Mr. Woods advised that the form was still under development, and he will let the CAC know when it is available online.

Susy Gibson, City of Clermont, reiterated her concerns regarding the pavement markings at US 27 and Hooks Street that do not line up, creating a confusing and dangerous situation for drivers. Her original complaint was in August during construction and thought it would be fixed upon completion, and she felt the problem could have been avoided. Ms. Wyche will check into it and find out if any additional work is yet to be completed. FOLLOW-UP: Ms. Gibson was contacted, and it appears that the new lines were moved after her conversation with that individual.

Richard Nelson, Lake County D5, thanked FDOT for their quick response and good work on the dip in the road on SR 44.

AGENDA UPDATE

None

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

None

PRESENTATION

A. Florida Department of Transportation and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Tentative 5-Year Work Programs for FY 2014/15 – 2018/19

Ms. Wyche reported on projects funded in the FDOT Tentative 5-Year Work Program in both Lake and Sumter Counties. The information provided is on the FDOT and Lake~Sumter MPO website. Ms. Richmond advised that there was no representative present for the turnpike. The handout in the packet summarizes one project each for Lake County and Sumter County.

ACTION ITEMS

A. November 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Ferrell requested that the motion for minute approval be made by someone who was present at the meeting. **MOTION** was made by Jamie Hanja to recommend approval of the November 13, 2013 minutes; seconded by Brian Herman -- **motion passed 9-0**.

B. Recommend Approval to Amend FY 2018/19 – 2034/35 List of Priority Projects

Ms. Richmond gave a detailed explanation for the reasoning for the project being added to the LOPP. A map was shown for the CR 435 / Future SR 429 Interchange, and the study would be for impacts in Mount Plymouth with and without the Interchange after the Wekiva Parkway is constructed. It would be a feasibility study and considered a pre-PD&E as to whether the project has merit.

MOTION was made by Susy Gibson to recommend approval to Amend FY 2018/19 – 2034/35 LOPP; seconded by George Rosario -- **motion passed 9-0.**

- C. Recommend Approval of Urban Area Boundaries and Functional Classification Maps
Ms. Richmond gave a brief explanation of the process that occurs after each ten-year census that affects urban boundaries. Each county will have its own map for the Chairman to sign.

MOTION was made by George Rosario to recommend approval of the Urban Area Boundaries and Functional Classification Maps; seconded by Richard Nelson; Discussion ensued regarding why it takes three years to get the information, and then the MPO is given a short deadline to get them signed. Ms. Richmond clarified that there are variables for funding for urban and rural boundaries, and she is comfortable that they are as accurate and inclusive as possible -- **motion passed 9-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. FY 2013/14 – 2017/18 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
Ms. Richmond explained the amendment that came up after the committees met in November but before the governing board meeting in December. A brief discussion ensued regarding the Lake-Orange Parkway funding. Even though the private landowners have applied for a State Infrastructure Bank loan, the MPO continues to move forward with the traditional funding route through FDOT. The MPO is monitoring and will make adjustments if the loan is approved.
- B. FY 2014/15 – 2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program
Ms. Richmond and Mr. Woods explained that staff is rewriting the entire document as it was in need of a full update.
- C. Horizon Award Nominations
Ms. Richmond encouraged members to make nominations before the Jan 10 deadline.

PROJECT UPDATES

- A. Rail Initiatives
Ms. Richmond advised the continuous welded track upgrades are nearing completion. She and Francis Franco had walked the tracks and photo documented the process.
- B. Lake-Orange Parkway and Wellness Way Sector Plan
Previously updated in Discussion Item A.
- C. Sumter County Interchanges: C-468 and CR 514
Ms. Richmond reported that the C-468 interchange is getting ready to break ground.
- D. Minneola Interchange
Ms. Richmond reported that the turnpike is waiting for the developer's commitment to construct the road on the north side of the interchange. The interchange is anticipated to open in 2016.
- E. Trails
Mr. Woods showed the most recent map of the Coast-to-Coast Trail and provided an update on the funded South Sumter Connector, which is the biggest gap. He also explained the funding associated with the Wekiva Trail. Partnerships will be necessary in order to move these projects forward in a timely manner.

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CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

It was confirmed that Steve Ferrell would be the CAC representative attending the Governing Board meeting on January 22, 2014 at 4 pm at the Clermont Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5: p.m.

Steve Ferrell, Chairman