

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, January 14, 2015
Lake~Sumter MPO
1616 South 14th Street, Leesburg, Florida

OPENING

Chairman Steve Ferrell called the meeting to order at 4: p.m.; and he confirmed the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was present. All present stated their name and affiliation.

Members Present

Steve Ferrell, Chairman	Lake County, D1
Ben Homan	Lake County, D2
Ted Wicks	Lake County, D3
Richard Nelson	Lake County, D5
Doug Tharp	Sumter County
Susy Gibson	City of Clermont
Don Griffey	City of Eustis
John Schaller	City of Fruitland Park
Stephen Stone	City of Wildwood
Steve Printz	Sumter County
Sam Slaughter	City of Minneola
Iris Alfonso	City of Webster
David Kilmartin	Town of Howey-in-the-Hills

Members Absent

Natalie Werner	Lake County, D4
Peni Berger	City of Mount Dora
David Clutts	City of Tavares
Regis LeClerc	Town of Lady Lake

Staff Present

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

Others Present

Vickie Wyche	FDOT
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REPORTS

- A. Florida Department of Transportation None
- B. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise None
- C. County Reports None
- D. MPO Staff Mr. Woods shared he will provide a report during project updates.

CAC: Members Comments and Reports

Stephen Stone commented on speed and safety issues on SR 44 in Wildwood; a petition was started to have the speed limit addressed. Susy Gibson suggested using a registered voter's petition and stated it is very effective to use.

Susy Gibson commented on the turn signal at Hartwood Marsh and US Hwy 27 that causes cars to back up. Susy Gibson questioned if committee members could have alternates appointed. It was confirmed by Ms. Goldfuss that alternates may be appointed to the committees. Ms. Gibson commented she would like to see members have the basic knowledge of Roberts Rules of Order.

Steve Ferrell shared the Get to Know Your MPO training is a good format for new members to become acquainted with the MPO process.

John Schaller shared City of Fruitland Park has a meeting scheduled January 22 at 7 pm regarding the 466A widening.

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 2015/16-2019/20

Ms. Vickie Wyche, FDOT District 5 MPO Liaison presented the Tentative 5-Year Work Programs. Discussion.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommend Adoption of Public Involvement Plan (PIP)

Mike Woods provided brief explanation of the recommended updates to the PIP and the process for updating the MPO planning documents. He mentioned all of documents are available online but if requested the MPO will provide hard copies. He explained the importance of involving the public in the MPO process. Mr. Woods shared the final action for approval is scheduled for MPO Governing Board meeting in January.

MOTION was made by Susy Gibson to recommend adoption of the Public Involvement Plan Update; seconded by Stephen Stone -- **motion passed 13-0.**

B. 2015 Legislative Positions and Priorities

MOTION was made by Doug Tharp to approve the 2015 Legislative Positions and Priorities; seconded by Steve Printz – **motion passed 13-0.**

C. Election of Vice-Chairman for 2015

Chairman Ferrell explained at the November meeting Jamie Hanja was elected to serve Vice-Chairman; however since that time she pulled her application for reappointment for Lake County.

MOTION was made by Steve Ferrell to appoint Iris Alfonso as Vice-Chairman; seconded by Steve Printz, as there were no further nominations, nominations closed -- **motion passed 13-0**.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. List of Priority Projects – Submittal of New Projects

Doug Tharp provided update on the subcommittee meeting held earlier today. He stated the first item discussed was a new website for submittal of projects and shared it will make the implementation easier on staff. He provided a brief explanation of the website and provided information regarding the shorter timeframe and amended schedule. Ms. Richmond said the change in legislative schedule meant for a shorter timeframe for the MPO to adopt the list. She added the web application will be "read only" for the public and shared the information applicants will be able to view.

B. Long Range Transportation Plan

Ms. Richmond shared the LRTP subcommittee met on Jan 9 and provided a summary of the meeting and an overview of the activities completed to date.

C. Upcoming Summits

Mr. Woods stated a summit will be scheduled in March. He discussed the Coast to Coast project and provided a brief update. Mr. Woods explained the importance of regional trails and public transportation.

D. Horizon Award Nominations

Chairman Ferrell provided a brief summary of the history of the Horizon Awards. Mike Woods encouraged committee members to nominate projects by January 16 using the MPO website and added the dinner is scheduled January 28, 2015 at the Clermont City Center.

PROJECT UPDATES

Staff provided updates on the following projects:

- 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 and Plaza Collina Development of Regional Impact (DRI)
- H. SR 50 Corridor Study

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 28, 2015 at 4 pm at Clermont City Hall.

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Susy Gibson reported Lake County Days are scheduled February 17 and 18. Chairman Ferrell provided brief explanation. He also thanked new members for their participation and Iris Alfonso for agreeing to serve as Vice-Chair for 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:05p.m.

Steve Ferrell, Chairman