

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, February 12, 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. All present stated their name and affiliation.

Members Present

Steve Ferrell, Chairman	Lake County, D1
Ted Wicks	Lake County, D3
Jamie Hanja, Vice-Chairman	Lake County, D4
Susy Gibson	City of Clermont
George Rosario	City of Groveland
Regis LeClerc	Town of Lady Lake
David Clutts	City of Tavares
Stephen Stone	City of Wildwood

Members Absent

Brian Herman	Lake County, D2
Richard Nelson	Lake County, D5
Doug Tharp	Sumter County
Iris Alfonso	Sumter County
Bonnie Nebel	Town of Howey-in-the-Hills
Jeff Boykin	City of Minneola

Staff Present

Pam Richmond	MPO Project Manager
Mike Woods	Transportation Planner
Olga Marcondes	Transportation Planner
Sue Goldfuss	Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Others Present

Vickie Wyche	FDOT
Manny Rodriquez	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

Pam Richmond announced that the annual traffic counts have begun for Lake and Sumter Counties, and she asked to be notified if there are any issues with loose ropes. Mike Woods stated that the CAC comment form should be on the website in about ten days, and that the email will go to him.

E. CAC: Members Comments and Reports

George Rosario, City of Groveland, advised that he discussed an issue with T.J. Fish regarding a report he gave at the Feb 3 city council meeting.

Susy Gibson, City of Clermont, commented on the Jan 22 Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet.

AGENDA UPDATE

None

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

None

PRESENTATION

A. Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Strategy

Mr. Manny Rodriguez, FDOT, provided an overview of the new ITS architecture and how it relates to the MPO.

ACTION ITEMS

A. January 8, 2014 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 George Rosario to recommend approval of the January 8, 2014 minutes; seconded by David Clutts -- **motion passed 8-0**.

B. Draft FY 2014/15 – 2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Richmond gave a brief explanation of the draft document stating it is the blueprint for the MPO, and she requested any comments be directed to staff.

MOTION was made by David Clutts to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2014/15 – 2015/16 UPWP; seconded by George Rosario -- **motion passed 8-0**.

C. Request of FDOT to Take Lead Role on Coast-to-Coast Trail through Lake and Sumter Counties

Mr. Woods explained the request that would alleviate the smaller jurisdictions that could be overwhelmed with the projects in their areas since the largest gap of the trail runs through Lake and Sumter Counties.

MOTION was made by Steve Stone to recommend approval of the request of FDOT to take lead role on Coast-to-Coast Trail through Lake and Sumter Counties; seconded by Regis LeClerc -- **motion passed 8-0**.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2013 Transportation Management System Annual Report

Ms. Richmond stated the report was prepared by Olga Marcondes and includes roadway conditions and crash data as well as updating urban boundaries and functional classifications. Ms. Marcondes assisted with the explanation of the road colors. Brief discussion ensued regarding Lakeshore Drive around Lake Minnehaha.

B. Process to Develop *Transportation 2040*

Ms. Richmond gave a brief overview of the process that will be starting soon and is due for adoption December 2015.

PROJECT UPDATES

A. Rail Initiatives

Ms. Richmond advised the continuous welded track upgrades are nearing completion as well as the US 441 Corridor Study. Public meetings have been ongoing. Brief discussion ensued regarding economic development from SunRail and the Tavares Freight Village.

B. Lake-Orange Parkway and Wellness Way Sector Plan

Ms. Richmond gave a brief update and advised that the website has good information.

C. Sumter County Interchanges: C-468 and CR 514

Ms. Richmond reported that the C-468 half interchange build is getting ready to begin, and CR 514 at I-75 will be evaluated as part of the upcoming US 301 PD&E Study. She further explained the road connections to the Villages, and how they will help alleviate congestion.

D. Minneola Interchange

Ms. Richmond gave an update on the status of the consultants that were recently hired by the Hills of Minneola. She reviewed the location of the interchange for the committee.

E. Trails

Mr. Woods showed photos of several projects.

Staff announced the new member orientation scheduled March 19.

CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

It was confirmed that Steve Ferrell would be the CAC representative attending the Governing Board meeting on February 26, 2014 at 2 pm at the Lake~Sumter MPO.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Steve Ferrell, Chairman