

## MINUTES

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

Wednesday, May 14, 2014  
Lake~Sumter MPO  
1616 South 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

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| Steve Ferrell, Chairman    | Lake County, D1   |
| Ted Wicks                  | Lake County, D3   |
| Jamie Hanja, Vice-Chairman | Lake County, D4   |
| Richard Nelson             | Lake County, D5   |
| Doug Tharp                 | Sumter County     |
| Iris Alfonso               | Sumter County     |
| Roy Pike                   | City of Groveland |
| David Clutts               | City of Tavares   |
| Stephen Stone              | City of Wildwood  |

#### **Members Absent**

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| Brian Herman  | Lake County, D2            |
| Susy Gibson   | City of Clermont           |
| Bonnie Nebel  | Town of Howey-in-the-Hills |
| Regis LeClerc | Town of Lady Lake          |
| Jeff Boykin   | City of Minneola           |

#### **Staff Present**

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

#### **Others Present**

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| Vickie Wyche | FDOT |
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#### 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  
Ms. Pam Richmond stated that Ms. Rebekah Hammond, Government Affairs Officer, had been present at the Technical Advisory Committee meeting and reported that the Turnpike/I-75 interchange is advancing rapidly and going to construction later this year; and the Minneola interchange was delayed briefly due to technicalities, but is moving forward. If the CAC is interested, FTE could come to a committee meeting for a more detailed report.
- C. County Reports  
None

D. MPO Staff

Michael Woods reported on the scenic byway extension applications. The Florida Black Bear Scenic Byway (FBBSB) is developing the Umatilla and Palatka applications and the Green Mountain Scenic Byway (GMSB) is developing the Mount Dora extension. He showed the maps of the three extensions. Francis Franco reminded committee members to send any comments on the draft FY 2014/15 Transportation Improvement Program to him. It is on the homepage of the MPO's website and is an item on the agenda.

E. CAC: Members Comments and Reports

None

AGENDA UPDATE

None

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

None

ACTION ITEMS

A. April 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION** was made by Stephen Stone to approve the April 9, 2014 minutes; seconded by Doug Tharp -- **motion passed 9-0.**

B. Recommend Comments for Draft FY 2014/15 – 2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Franco asked if there were any comments at this time. He further stated that there will be an additional Appendix C in the final document.

No action taken.

C. Recommend Approval of Resolution of Support of Reassignment of Proportionate Share Obligation from C-468/Florida's Turnpike Interchange to US 301/Florida's Turnpike Interchange

Ms. Richmond explained that growth patterns and priorities have shifted in The Villages. Growth did not go as originally planned and there is a regional benefit to shift the funds from the interchange at C-468 to the interchange at US 301 to expedite priorities for safety concerns. She clarified that this is separate from the US 301 PD&E currently underway. Proportionate share funds can advance faster than the PD&E process. Discussion ensued regarding the impact of the C-468 widening and the timing of US 301.

**MOTION** was made by Richard Nelson to recommend approval of the Resolution of Support of Reassignment of Proportionate Share Obligation from C-468/Florida's Turnpike Interchange to US 301/Florida's Turnpike Interchange; seconded by Ted Wicks -- **motion passed 9-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FY 2019/20 – 2034/35 List of Priority Projects

Ms. Richmond advised that the LOPP subcommittee had met a couple times, and the first item discussed was that a better process is necessary. The CAC representative, Mr. David Clutts, explained the process for next year as it is too late for this year. Ms. Richmond stated that the draft document will be presented in June and she will provide a Variance Report that will show what projects moved from table to table and to what position. Chairman Ferrell asked committee members to listen to the public and be the voice of the community. Rather than widening, the MPO should look to intersection improvements, transit, design improvements and to pay attention to widening constraints.

B. Legislative Update

Ms. Richmond briefed the committee on legislation that staff is monitoring. The Coast-to-Coast bill that the Governor vetoed last year, may be approved this year but in lesser amounts. Mr. Woods clarified that the big news is that the language in the bill that makes these trails eligible for state funding. The legislature passed the Central Florida Expressway Authority bill that will eliminate the current expressway authority and include Lake County. Brief discussion ensued regarding the effect on the Lake~Sumter MPO. Further discussion regarding transit busses impeding traffic.

C. Lake~Sumter Transit Development Plan Annual Update

Mr. Woods led the discussion and showed a map of the current routes and the changes being discussed. He is interested in any comments from the committees. The transfer station at Lake Tech may change to the shopping center due to some issues; however, there would still be a stop at Lake Tech due to the students using the system. Discussion ensued regarding LYNX 204 and riders moving to reThink and the possibility of Van Pools. Discussion continued regarding Medicaid transportation for paratransit; bike/ped infrastructure projects (sidewalks); and the Sumter County circulator routes.

D. Implementation of Safe School Access Study

Mr. Woods reminded the committee of the three-year study. MPO staff is asking committee members to keep the word out for school safety sidewalk projects. He referred members to the website that has all the information on each school. We want to make sure that projects are incorporated into new developments.

PROJECT UPDATES

A. US 441 Corridor Alternatives Analysis (Orange Blossom Express Study – Orlando to Golden Triangle)

Ms. Richmond stated the project is winding down.

B. Lake-Orange Parkway (US 27 to SR 429) and Wellness Way Sector Plan (South Lake)

Ms. Richmond stated she wasn't sure where the project was and that Wellness Way could be in jeopardy.

C. I-75/CR 514 Interchange Planning (Sumter County near Coleman)

Ms. Richmond stated there was no further update since the last meeting.

D. Minneola Interchange: Florida's Turnpike/North Hancock Road

Ms. Richmond reiterated that it was delayed, but is still moving forward.

E. Trails: South Lake Trail, South Sumter Connector Trail, Wekiva Trail

Mr. Woods gave an update on each of the trails.

CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

It was confirmed that Steve Ferrell would be the CAC representative attending the Governing Board meeting on May 28, 2014 at 2 pm at the Lake~Sumter MPO.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Steve Ferrell, Chairman