

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, August 13, 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 requested a Moment of Silence for longtime CAC member Roy Pike from the City of Groveland who recently passed away. He then noted that the meeting was properly noticed and that a quorum was present. Chairman Ferrell welcomed new members. All present stated their name and affiliation; and new members introduced themselves and gave a brief background.

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
Iris Alfonso	Sumter County
Susy Gibson	City of Clermont
Don Griffey	City of Eustis
John Schaller	City of Fruitland Park
Regis LeClerc	Town of Lady Lake
Peni Berger	City of Mount Dora
Stephen Stone	City of Wildwood

Members Absent

Richard Nelson	Lake County, D5
Doug Tharp	Sumter County
Bonnie Nebel	Town of Howey-in-the-Hills
David Clutts	City of Tavares

Staff Present

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

Others Present

Vickie Wyche	FDOT
Kevin Moss	FDOT
Mary Brooks	FDOT/Central Florida Expressway Authority
Gene Quinn	Volkert, Inc.
Laura Turner	Laura Turner Planning
Steve Berger	Mount Dora resident

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 and Mike Woods both stated that their items were on the agenda. Francis Franco reminded members that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is live on the homepage of the website.
- E. CAC: Members Comments and Reports
Susy Gibson, City of Clermont, reported that she traversed a new roundabout in Clermont at 12th Street where it turns into 561. After a brief discussion, it was explained that it is for an entrance into the Lake Hiawatha Preserve that was part of the South Lake Trail Phase 3, and one can get to the trail through the park.

AGENDA UPDATE

None

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

None

PRESENTATIONS

- A. SR 50 Truck Route Realignment Design Project in Groveland
Gene Quinn, Consultant Project Manager for FDOT, presented an overview of the SR 50 truck route realignment in Groveland. The presentation provided a project update along with coordination related to the Coast-to-Coast Trail and the park and ride lot as a preview to the public meeting which has been scheduled for September 30, 2014, from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Puryear Building in downtown Groveland. Mike Woods addressed a safety concern with the trucks heading north on SR 33 to SR 19 with the Coast-to-Coast trail crossing.
- B. Wekiva Parkway Project Update
Mary Brooks, Public Information Officer for both FDOT and the Central Florida Expressway Authority on this project, gave an informative presentation on the Wekiva Parkway Project.

Susy Gibson left the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. June 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes
MOTION was made by Iris Alfonso to approve the June 11, 2014 minutes; seconded by Regis LeClerc -- **motion passed 10-0**.

Action Items B, C and D were discussed at one time, and the Motions were made afterwards. In the interest of clarity, the Motions are listed with the specific Action Item.

B. Recommend Approval of Project Prioritization Subcommittee

Ms. Richmond reviewed the resolution and explained the recommended changes from the MPO's attorney. The subcommittee will be made up of three Technical Advisory Committee members, one CAC member and one Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee member. Clarification was made that the Bylaws require any subcommittee that is comprised of different committees be created by the governing board. She further clarified that the Project Prioritization Subcommittee is formally being formed and replacing the LOPP Subcommittee as a different name. Once approved by the governing board, the CAC will appoint subcommittee members either in October or November. Ms. Richmond also explained the time commitment of any appointed members. **MOTION** was made by Ted Wicks to recommend approval of Project Prioritization Subcommittee as amended by attorney review; seconded by Brian Herman -- **motion passed 10-0.**

C. Recommend Approval of Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Subcommittee

Ms. Richmond reviewed the resolution, and stated that the attorney review comments were the same as the previous subcommittee resolution, and the member structure will be the same. The difference is that this subcommittee will dissolve once the LRTP is adopted. Discussion ensued regarding the difference between the resolution and the agenda language as to the purpose of the subcommittee. After a brief explanation, Ms. Richmond clarified that input is critical from all three committees, and the language on the agenda describes the expectation of the subcommittee members.

MOTION was made by Iris Alfonso to recommend approval of LRTP Subcommittee as amended by attorney review; seconded by Jamie Hanja -- **motion passed 10-0.**

D. Recommend Approval of LOPP Criteria Policy

Ms. Richmond explained that the resolution states the criteria for adding projects to the list of priority projects, and she noted the recommended changes after attorney review. She further pointed out the development schedule that states adoption in August, and that staff feels that since the process is starting early enough, and only projects with completed Project Information Applications are on the list, that to adopt in June would give Ms. Wyche more time to line us up for funding. With the process starting in November, and the list being vetted on a regular basis, there is no need for an official open review period, as it is not required and is not part of our Public Involvement Plan. **MOTION** was made by Ted Wicks to recommend approval of LOPP Criteria Policy as amended by attorney review and also to change the adoption schedule from August to June as requested by staff; seconded by Stephen Stone -- **motion passed 10-0.**

E. Recommend Approval to Adopt FY 2019/20 – 2034/35 List of Priority Projects

Ms. Richmond referred to the last page that was provided that details the changes for each Table from the approved Draft, and she gave a detailed explanation of the changes. **MOTION** was made by Stephen Stone to recommend approval to Adopt FY 2019/20 – 2034/35 LOPP; seconded by Brian Herman -- **motion passed 10-0.**

F. Recommend Approval of Bus Shelter Locations

Mr. Woods gave a brief review of the list that was provided, and stated that there was no need for any action today.

No action taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Lake~Sumter Transit Development Plan Annual Update
Mike Woods stated that the Lake County Board of County Commissioners approved submittal, and that the Aug 27 governing board meeting will be the final date of public comment before the final document is submitted to FDOT. After he presented the annual update to the committee, discussion ensued regarding the cancellation of Link 204.
- B. Bus Shelter Policy Update
Item was not discussed.
- C. Long Range Transportation Plan 2040
Item was not discussed.

In the interest of time, Chairman Ferrell asked if any committee members had any questions regarding the Project Updates.

PROJECT UPDATES

- A. US 441 Corridor Alternatives Analysis (Orange Blossom Express Study – Orlando to Golden Triangle)
No update given.
- B. Lake-Orange Parkway (US 27 to SR 429) and Wellness Way Sector Plan (South Lake)
No update given.
- C. I-75/CR 514 Interchange Planning (Sumter County near Coleman)
No update given.
- D. Minneola Interchange: Florida's Turnpike/North Hancock Road
Ms. Jamie Hanja stated that better signage is needed for North Hancock Road for travelers trying to find Minneola High School.
- E. Trails: Central Florida C2C Trail and Wekiva Trail
Mike Woods reviewed the C2C Connector Map and explained the Unfunded Gap Statuses.
- F. Villa City Development of Regional Impact (DRI)
No update given.

CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

It was confirmed that Steve Ferrell would be the CAC representative attending the Governing Board meeting on August 27, 2014 at 2 pm at the Lake~Sumter MPO. Chairman Ferrell requested that if any of the members have anything they would like conveyed to the governing board, to please let Sue know and she will relay the message to him.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Steve Ferrell, Chairman