

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, September 10, 2014
Lake~Sumter MPO
1616 South 14th Street, Leesburg, Florida

OPENING

Vice-Chairman Jamie Hanja called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. who 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 (<i>arrived late</i>) | Lake County, D1 |
| Brian Herman | Lake County, D2 |
| Jamie Hanja, Vice-Chairman | Lake County, D4 |
| Richard Nelson | Lake County, D5 |
| Doug Tharp | Sumter County |
| 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 |
| David Clutts | City of Tavares |
| Stephen Stone | City of Wildwood |

Members Absent

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| Ted Wicks | Lake County, D3 |
| Bonnie Nebel | Town of Howey-in-the-Hills |
| Peni Berger | City of Mount Dora |

Staff Present

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| Pam Richmond | MPO Project Manager |
| Mike Woods | Transportation Planner |
| 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, stated she had no update on the construction projects in the Lake and Sumter area. Vice-Chairman Hanja asked what work was being done on SR 19 under the overpass for US 27. UPDATE: Maintenance is regarding sodding the shoulders to bring them up to current standards on SR 19 from Groveland to Howey-in-the-Hills.

B. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

None

C. County Reports

None

D. MPO Staff

Pam Richmond reported Sumter County has hired Richard Baier as the new Public Works Director, and he attended the Technical Advisory Committee meeting. Mike Woods announced the Horrible Hundred bicycle event scheduled in South Lake in November and asked if anyone knew of any construction or road work in the area.

Chairman Steve Ferrell arrived at this time and the gavel was passed by Vice-Chairman Hanja.

E. CAC: Members Comments and Reports

None

AGENDA UPDATE

None

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

None

ACTION ITEMS

A. August 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made by Jamie Hanja to approve the August 13, 2014 minutes; seconded by David Clutts -- **motion passed 12-0.**

B. Recommend Approval to Amend FY 2014/15 – 2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Richmond explained the annual amendment of roll forward projects requested by FDOT as well as the inclusion of the Lake County and Sumter County newly adopted programs. The TAC noted a correction needed on line 62 of the resolution. The US 441 project is in Leesburg and not Mount Dora. Sue Goldfuss advised the final Lake County Transportation Construction Program was not received in time for the online agenda; however, a hard copy has been provided to the CAC. **MOTION** was made by Susy Gibson to recommend approval to Amend FY 2014/15 – 2018/19 TIP with the noted correction; seconded by David Clutts -- **motion passed 12-0.**

C. Appoint Project Prioritization Subcommittee Members

Ms. Richmond briefed the CAC on the role of the Project Prioritization Subcommittee and what would be expected of the individual appointed. She advised the three TAC appointees were each from Lake County cities, and she requested a Sumter County representative for the CAC. After a brief discussion, Doug Tharp volunteered to be on the committee. **MOTION** was made by David Clutts to appoint Doug Tharp to the Project Prioritization Subcommittee; seconded by Richard Nelson -- **motion passed 12-0.**

D. Appoint Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Subcommittee Members

Ms. Richmond explained the importance of the LRTP Subcommittee and what would be expected from the members. She advised who the three TAC appointees were and stated the commitment would be less than the previous subcommittee. After a brief discussion, Richard Nelson volunteered to be on the committee. **MOTION** was made by Doug Tharp to appoint Richard Nelson to the Project Prioritization Subcommittee; seconded by Brian Herman -- **motion passed 12-0.**

E. Recommend Approval of 2015 Central Florida MPO Alliance Regional Priorities

Mr. Woods stated the CFMPOA List of Regional Priorities approved for the first time last year was instrumental in getting funding for the Coast-to-Coast Trail. The CFMPOA approved the attached draft list in June, and they are expected to adopt at the October 10 meeting. He

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reviewed the list of SIS Highway Projects, noting the focus for the Lake~Sumter MPO is on trails. **MOTION** was made by Susy Gibson to recommend approval of the 2015 Central Florida MPO Alliance Regional Priorities; seconded by David Clutts; Discussion regarding clarification of the SR 50 Alternatives Analysis on the list of Regional Transit Priorities is for Bus Rapid Transit -- **motion passed 12-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2015 Legislative Positions

Staff reviewed the 2014 priorities approved by the governing board in January. A draft list for 2015 will be presented in October. The MPO's focus is on state level priorities, and the CAC was requested to advise if there is a new issue they would like addressed or possibly an old issue needing to be re-addressed. Brief discussion ensued regarding Close the Gaps, State Transportation Trust Fund and Charter County Surtax. Ms. Goldfuss will email the 2014 list to the CAC since copies were not provided.

B. CR 435 and Wekiva Parkway

Ms. Richmond gave an update on the project and the results of the study FDOT conducted. The Lake County BCC as well as the Orange County Commissioner for that district are in support of leaving the ramps. At the MPO's request, FDOT studied the Interchange at SR 429 & CR 435 and concluded the temporary ramps were not necessary and should be removed once the segment of SR 429 is complete to the Kelly Park Road Interchange. A map was shown on the screen, and Ms. Richmond gave a detailed explanation of the impact to the community of removing the ramps once the connection is open. Lengthy discussion ensued. The MPO will look to address the project in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

PROJECT UPDATES

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

Ms. Richmond gave a brief update stating the analysis is wrapping up, and there is a meeting tomorrow with the consultants. Ridership projections are dismal. There will be a series of three public meetings to present the report.

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

Ms. Richmond stated she is waiting on the Traffic & Revenue Study for the Lake-Orange Parkway, and the Wellness Way Sector Plan is still on hold.

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

Ms. Richmond reported the Interchange Justification Report (IJR) has been delayed due to the change to the CR 468 Interchange. She explained funding changes that affected construction.

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

The selection process of design-build will not be completed until May 2015; however, Lake County is still moving forward with the connector road.

E. Trails: Central Florida C2C Trail and Wekiva Trail

Mr. Woods reviewed the maps in detail. The Heart of Florida Loop is moving forward quicker than expected.

F. Villa City Development of Regional Impact (DRI)

Ms. Richmond gave a brief update on the DRI. She reviewed a map and discussed the roadway connectivity. The developer has regrouped and changed the land use, and she has not seen it yet.

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G. Studies: US 301 PD&E Study, SR 50 Corridor Study

Ms. Richmond reported the US 301 PD&E Study is just getting started in Coleman. The SR 50 Corridor Study is a precursor to a PD&E Study, and will be an opportunity to address safety concerns.

CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

It was confirmed that Jamie Hanja would be the CAC representative attending the Governing Board meeting on September 24, 2014 at 2 pm at the Lake~Sumter MPO.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Steve Ferrell, Chairman