

MINUTES

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

**Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Regular Meeting, 4 p.m.**

**1616 South 14th Street
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OPENING

Steve Ferrell called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.; and confirmed the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was not present.

Members Present

Steve Ferrell, Chairman	Lake County, D1
Regis LeClerc	Town of Lady Lake
Stephen Stone	City of Wildwood
Doug Tharp	Sumter County
Steve Printz	Sumter County
David Kilmartin	Town of Howey-in-the-Hills

Members Absent

Ben Homan	Lake County, D2
Ted Wicks	Lake County, D3
Natalie Werner	Lake County, D4
Sam Slaughter	City of Minneola
David Clutts	City of Tavares
Don Griffey	City of Eustis
Suzy Gibson	City of Clermont
John Schaller	City of Fruitland Park

Staff Present

T.J. Fish	Executive Director
Pam Richmond	MPO Project Manager
Mike Woods	Transportation Planner
Francis Franco	GIS Manager
Doris Davis	Executive Assistant
Thomas Burke	Transportation Planner

Others Present

Vickie Wyche	FDOT
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I. REPORTS

- A. Florida Department of Transportation
Vickie Wyche, MPO Liaison gave the Construction in progress report and Lane Closures updates.
- B. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
None
- C. County Reports
Steve Ferrell made note that the report for Sumter County is attached in the agenda package.
- D. MPO Staff
T.J. Fish introduced Thomas Burke, a returning LSMPO employee, and provided a brief summary of the projects that he will be working on. Mike Woods provided information on an upcoming Forum & Bike-Ped Safety Summit that will be held in Clermont on November 13-15. He encouraged everyone to please attend if possible.
- E. CAC: Members Comments and Reports
Stephen Stone reported on concerns that he has on accidents that are occurring at Powell Rd and SR 44. Steve Ferrell made mention that his two year term on the CAC is up this year.

II. AGENDA UPDATE

None

III. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. August 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes -
Steve Ferrell noted that Amber Gartner, P.E., Kimley-Horn was not listed as being present under the Others Present Column on the August 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes. **Motion** was made by Doug Tharp to approve the August 12, 2015 minutes, seconded by Steve Printz – **motion passed 6-0.**
- B. September 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes – Steve Ferrell noted that T.J. Fish was not listed under the Staff Present column on the September 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Ferrell also noted that the date listed under the Confirmation of Representative Attending Governing Board Meeting was incorrectly listed as October 28, 2015 instead of September 23, 2015. **Motion** was made by Doug Tharp to approve the September 9, 2015 minutes, seconded by Steve Printz – **motion passed 6-0.**

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. TRANSPORTATION 2040 - Recommend Approval of Draft Document
T.J. Fish presented the formal draft document updating the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Fish explained that Transportation 2040 will be presented to the MPO Governing Board on October 28, at which time the board will be requested to approve the draft document and open an official public comment period, which would commence on November 5. This will give staff sufficient time to address any recommended changes that may result from the actions of committees or of the Governing Board. The proposed schedule meets the requirements of the Public Involvement Plan. Mr. Fish asked for any changes and a recommendation of approval of the draft document. **Motion** was made by Doug Tharp to approve the draft document, seconded by Steve Printz– **motion passed 6-0.**
- B. Draft Legislative Positons and Priorities
T.J. Fish asked committee members to share any items of interest that may be taken up by governmental/professional associations to the Lake County State Legislative Delegation. The approved

document will then be distributed to local delegates and to appropriate legislators serving on applicable committees. The legislative process will be monitored through the session, which is to end in March. Mr. Fish reported that the TAC Committee Recommended that number 4 on the Draft 2016 Legislative Priorities list which reads *Set Statewide Goals to Reduce Florida's Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatalities*, should be rewritten so that the MPO lobbies to have a reexamination of the current Legislation in order to strengthen and clarify the current language as to its wording related to a pedestrian safely crossing the street and having the right of way. Mr. Fish also commented that the North Lake Trail/Umatilla be added to Regional Projects. **Motion** was made by Steve Printz to approve the Draft Legislative Positions and Priorities List, seconded by Regis LeClerc – **motion passed 6-0**.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. List of Priority Projects – Submittal of New Projects

T.J. Fish discussed the annual process of developing the 2016 List of Priority Projects which begins this month. Mr. Fish asked that committee members prepare for submittal of new projects and to begin work on the project application forms for any new projects that they may have. This is the second and final year the MPO has funding through FDOT to manage consultants in assisting in the preparation of all required information in the application packages. The submittal of new projects and application packages must occur by January 13, 2016.

B. 2015 Horizon Award Nominations

T.J. Fish discussed that the 2015 Horizon Award Nominations are currently underway. Committee members are encouraged to nominate deserving local governments for transportation projects or policies that were advanced during 2015. Nominations can also be submitted for leadership and for Volunteer of the Year. The awards will be presented at the Ninth Annual Horizon Awards Dinner in January.

C. Complete Streets Workshop – Ocala Florida

T.J. Fish provided an update on the workshop that was held on October 7, on the Complete Streets Program that was hosted by FDOT District 5.

D. Election of Officers effective January 2016

Steve Ferrell made mention that during the November CAC Meeting a Chair and Vice-Chairman for the 2016 year will be nominated and elected.

VII. PROJECT UPDATES – Provided in the Agenda Package

- 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. I-75/CR 514 Interchange Planning (Sumter County near Coleman)
- C. C-470 PD&E Study in Sumter County and CR 470/CR 48 Strategy in Lake County
- D. Central Florida C2C Trail and Wekiva Trail
- E. SR 50 Corridor Study
- F. SR 44 (Dixie Avenue) Traffic Calming Feasibility Study

CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Steve Ferrell confirmed he would not be attending the October 28, 2015 MPO Governing Board Meeting

David Kilmartin asked if there will be any traffic studies done in Howey-in-the-Hills when all the new construction that is being planned is completed. Steve Ferrell and T.J. Fish gave brief update on planned road improvements.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Steve Ferrell, Chairman