

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, November 9, 2011
Lake~Sumter MPO
1616 South 14th Street, Leesburg, Florida

OPENING

Chairman Susy Gibson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and noted that the meeting was properly noticed. A quorum of eight was present.

Members Present

Susy Gibson, Chairman	City of Clermont
Steve Ferrell	Lake County, D3
Bill Smalley	Lake County, D4
Bill Calhoun, Vice-Chairman	Lake County, D5/Town of Lady Lake
Dick Lastowka	Sumter County
Roy Pike	City of Groveland
Richard Llewellyn	Town of Howey-in-the-Hills
Stephen Stone	City of Wildwood

Members Absent

Davis Talmage	Lake County, D1
Brian Herman	Lake County, D2
Judy Stewart	Town of Astatula
Wayne Carter	City of Eustis
Bruce Master	City of Fruitland Park
Bill Farner	City of Leesburg
Charlie Humphries	City of Minneola
David Clutts	City of Tavares

Staff Present

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

Others Present

Carl Mikyska	FHWA
Vickie Wyche	FDOT
Regina Colson	FDOT

FDOT REPORT was given by Vickie Wyche who gave an update on the Lake and Sumter projects.

MPO STAFF REPORT was given by Pam Richmond and Mike Woods who gave an update of the activities and road projects for their specific areas. Ms. Richmond reported on the SR 50 PD&E Public Hearing in Groveland and stated the city's preferred alternative. She also reported on the US 441 PD&E Project Kick-off which is for the section in Mount Dora from SR 44 to SR 46. Mr. Woods commented on the trail portion of the SR 50 PD&E Study in Groveland; and he reported on the Wekiva Trail PD&E that the MPO is refining the scope and Local Agency Program Agreement with FDOT. He reviewed the Safe School Access Transportation Study website, and reiterated to the committee members that the MPO has crash data information that can be shared at any time, and to let him know if they would like a report for a particular intersection.

CAC MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Susy Gibson, City of Clermont, requested information as to how handle overgrown trees that block the view at certain intersections. Mr. Woods advised to make a comment to FDOT, and that the city or county have the responsibility to make sure there is safe clearance.

Steve Stone, City of Wildwood, commented that he is happy to see the poles go up at the intersection of SR 44 and Powell Road for the coming traffic light.

Steve Ferrell, Lake County D3, announced the upcoming SR 19 PD&E Project Kick-off on November 15 at the Mid-Lakes Christian Church in Tavares from 5 – 7 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA UPDATE

None

PRESENTATIONS

A. Florida Department of Transportation Tentative 5-Year Work Program for FY 2012/13–2016/17
Ms. Wyche showed a video presentation to the committee members illustrating how gas taxes are used and distributed and its impact on the 5-Year Work Program. Additional information can be found at www.d5wpph.com/2011. Ms. Wyche then presented the committee members with a list of the tentative 5-Year Work Program's projects. Gas taxes are not enough to fund the roadway needs. Alternative, creative solutions must be found. FDOT must plan regionally in cooperation with local agencies and private developers to find solutions. Ms. Richmond stated that she attended the public hearing and made comments on behalf of the LSMPO.

B. What it Means to be a Transportation Management Area (TMA)
Carl Mikyska, Federal Highway Administration, introduced Regina Colson from the FDOT Office of Policy Planning. Mr. Mikyska presented to the committee members some of the issues and requirements that come with a TMA designation. In the last 10 years, there has been an 18% population increase in the State of Florida. Currently the Census Bureau is working on the definition of the urban/non-urban areas and it should be completed by March-May 2012. Areas with populations greater than 200,000 are classified as a transportation management area. Transportation plans and programs within a TMA must be based on a continuing and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out by the MPO in cooperation with the State and transit operators. In addition, the transportation planning process must include a Congestion Management Plan. The CMP must be completed 18 months after TMA designation. The FHWA and the FTA certifies the transportation planning process in a 4-year cycle. Recently, the MPO staff visited Volusia TPO as they went through their certification process. Mr. Mikyska advised that the CAC is not federally mandated; however, it is mandated by the State of Florida and that the CAC has a lead role in engaging the public. He further briefed the committee on the Public Involvement Plan and the 45 day public involvement periods for a TMA. Discussion ensued regarding the different pots of funding.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION was made by Bill Calhoun to approve the following Consent Agenda items; seconded by Dick Lastowka -- **motion passed eight to zero.**

- A. Minutes for June 8 and September 14, 2011
- B. 2012 CAC Meeting Calendar

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommend Approval by Resolution to Amend the FY 2011/12 – 2015/16 Transportation Improvement Program

MOTION was made by Dick Lastowka to recommend the board amend the FY 2011/12 – 2015/16 TIP; seconded by Bill Calhoun -- **motion passed eight to zero.**

- B. Recommend Approval of 2012 State Legislative Positions

Mr. Woods suggested that the position regarding the Office of Greenways and Trails be removed from the list as it has already been moved by the state and the issue is now mute. The committee discussed the State Transportation Trust Fund and requested information regarding the indexing of state fuel taxes and when that started. Staff stated they would report back to the committee.

MOTION was made by Bill Calhoun to recommend approval of the 2012 State Legislative Positions as presented by keeping the priorities 1, 2 and 3 and removing number 4; seconded by Steve Ferrell -- **motion passed eight to zero.**

As a follow-up to the committee's request, Mr. Woods researched and found that the indexing of state fuel taxes started June, 1985. He reported the information at the end of the meeting.

- C. Election of Officers for 2012

MOTION was made by Bill Calhoun to nominate and retain Susy Gibson as Chairman; seconded by Dick Lastowka -- **motion passed eight to zero.**

MOTION was made by Dick Lastowka to nominate and retain Bill Calhoun as Vice-Chairman; seconded by Steve Ferrell -- **motion passed eight to zero.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Congestion Management Plan

Ms. Richmond explained that staff has been working for the past several months in an effort to have a CMP completed some time next year. Staff plans to provide policies and strategies in January.

- B. CAC Goals for 2012

Ms. Richmond asked the committee members to think about their goals in order to discuss in more detail at the next meeting in January. Discussion ensued regarding getting more people involved in the CAC and speaking to governing board members about appointments and not re-appointing someone who does not attend regularly.

- C. Horizon Award Nominations

Ms. Richmond explained the 2011 Horizon Awards will be presented at the January 25, 2012 Annual Dinner and Awards. She suggested that members consider nominating deserving local governments, people, partners and or projects for the awards. Members were asked to nominate online thru the MPO website.

CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

It was confirmed that Susy Gibson would be the CAC representative attending the Governing Board meeting on December 7, 2011 at 2 pm at the Lake~Sumter MPO.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Susy Gibson, Chairman