



## **East Lake Task Force**

### **Minutes**

**Thursday, September 24, 2009**

#### **MEETING LOCATION:**

**Lake County Administration Building  
315 W. Main Street (Room 233)  
Tavares, Florida**

#### **East Lake Task Force Committee Members**

**Commissioner Jimmy Conner, Lake County - Absent**  
**\* Councilmember Norb Thomas, City of Tavares - Present**  
**Commissioner Linda Stewart, Lake County - Absent**  
**\* Commissioner William Ferree, City of Eustis - Present**  
**Councilmember James Yatsuk, City of Mount Dora - Absent**  
**Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County - Absent**  
**Councilmember Holly Curley, City of Umatilla - Absent**  
**Ben Biscan, Florida Central Railroad - Absent**

**Phone (352) 315-0170 – Fax (352) 315-0993**

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

T.J. Fish, Executive Director  
Sandy Minkoff, MPO Attorney  
Pam Richmond, MPO Project Manager  
Dave Marsh, FDOT/MPO Liaison  
Sue Goldfuss, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

## **OPENING**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Proper Noticing

Councilmember Norb Thomas called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. and noted that the meeting was properly noticed.

## **TASK FORCE ITEMS**

### **I. Status of Road Projects**

- SR 44 – US 441 to Orange Avenue  
Mr. Fish stated construction funding for US 441 is several years out.
- SR 19 – Downtown Eustis  
Mr. Fish state we are looking to FDOT to meet with Umatilla and Eustis.
- SR 19 – Little Lake Harris Bridge  
Update given by Mr. Fish.
- SR 19 Resurfacing (Altoona)  
Mr. Fish discussed the need to update Umatilla comp plan.
- CR Old US 441 – Downtown Tavares  
Mr. Fish discussed interlocal agmt w/Lake Cty re: Old 441.
- CR 561 PD&E Study (Astatula)  
Mr. Fish stated the PD&E is almost complete.

### **II. Wekiva Parkway, Wekiva Trail and SR 46 Update**

- Status of the PD&E Study
- Wekiva Trail Feasibility Study
- Tolling Concerns

Discussion regarding SR 44 and the 6 million cost compared to the original 20 million cost. The Wekiva Parkway needs a PD&E Study; and OOCEA announced the John Land Extension, Phase 2. Brief discussion regarding the Wekiva Trail Feasibility Study and the Tolling Concerns.

### **III. Orange Blossom Express – Steps to Commence Service**

Discussion regarding continuous weld. Even without SunRail, the OB Express has the ability to stand alone. There will be an Alternatives Analysis joint with MetroPlan Orlando if SunRail passes through. Ben Biscan has been in contact with CSX. Brief discussion regarding rail and the MPO drafting the scope of alternatives analysis.

### **IV. LakeXpress**

- Route 4 Kickoff July 1 (Altoona to Zellwood)  
Since July, the route has been performing okay.
- Route 1 (Spine Route) and Route 3 (Mount Dora Circulator)  
There is a two-year test.
- Golden Triangle Transit Plan  
We are wanting to get the Golden Triangle circulator running off the US 441 spine. Between Leesburg and Tavares is where most of the ridership is.

### **V. Project Prioritization – State Roads**

- **SR 44** – US 441 to Orange Avenue (Mount Dora to Eustis)

- **SR 44** – East of Orange Avenue toward St. John’s River
- **Wekiva Parkway & Wekiva Connector** (replacing SR 46)
- **US 441** – SR 44 to SR 46 (Mount Dora)
- **SR 19** – CR 561 to CR 48 including LLH Bridge (Tavares to Howey)
- **SR 44** – Orange Avenue to CR 46A (Eustis east)
- **SR 19** – Downtown Eustis

Brief discussion ensued.

#### **VI. Project Prioritization – County Roads**

- **CR 561** – SR 19 to CR 455 (Tavares to Eustis)
- **CR 44** – SR 19 west to US 441 (Eustis to Leesburg)
- **CR 44** and Eustis eastern bypass concept
- **CR Old 441** (Tavares to Mount Dora)
- **CR 19A** and Eudora Road and intersection with CR Old 441
- **Round Lake Road** (Mount Dora)
- **CR 437** Realignment (Mount Plymouth/Sorrento)
- **CR 46A** Realignment (East Lake Wekiva Area)

Mr. Fish briefly reviewed each road.

#### **VII. Transportation Concurrency Update: Effects of SB 360, HB 1021**

Mr. Fish covered new legislation affecting the Transportation Concurrency Management System.

#### **VIII. Energy Efficiency & Conservation Strategies**

- Lake County Projects
- Two-County Initiative
- Future Transportation Projects under Federal Grant Programs
  1. Passenger Rail
  2. Bus Transit
  3. Signal Synchronization
  4. Bus Shelters
  5. Car Charging Stations
  6. Other Projects

Mr. Fish gave a brief overview on the meeting in Wildwood this morning and stated that municipalities could position themselves with future grant opportunities.

#### **IX. Staff Report / Comments**

- Sept. 30 Board Member Training  
The three members present (Thomas, Ferree and Sue Hooper) responded they would be present.
- National Executive Workshop on State Transportation and Climate Change  
Mr. Fish reported on the Executive Workshop.

#### **X. Task Force Members Reports / Comments**

None

#### **XI. Public Comments**

None

#### **XII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.