



## JOINT MEETING OF East Lake Task Force & Northwest Lake Task Force

### MINUTES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017 - 2 p.m.

Lake County BCC Chambers, 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida

#### **East Lake Task Force & Northwest Lake Task Force Members:**

##### Governing Board

\*Commissioner Tim Sullivan, Lake County, D1  
\*Commissioner Wendy Breeden, Lake County, D3  
Commissioner Leslie Campione, Lake County, D4  
Commissioner Josh Blake, Lake County, D5  
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Councilmember Marc Crail, City of Mount Dora  
\*Mayor Nick Girone, City of Mount Dora  
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Commissioner John Gunter, City of Fruitland Park  
\*Commissioner Dan Vincent, Town of Lady Lake  
Mayor Jim Richards, Town of Lady Lake  
Commissioner Jay Hurley, City of Leesburg  
Commissioner Bob Bone, City of Leesburg  
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Councilmember Kirby Smith, City of Tavares  
\*Council member Katherine Adams, City of Umatilla  
Council President Eric Olson, City of Umatilla  
Pete Petree, Florida Central Railroad  
Matt Schwerin, Florida Central Railroad

##### Administrators

Jeff Cole, Lake County  
Kitty Cooper, Town of Astatula  
Ron Neibert, City of Eustis  
Brenda Brasher, Town of Howey  
Robin Hayes, City of Mount Dora  
\*John Drury, City of Tavares  
Scott Blankenship, City of Umatilla  
Gary La Venia, City of Fruitland Park  
Kris Kollgaard, Town of Lady Lake  
Al Minner, City of Leesburg

##### Technical Advisory Committee

\*Fred Schneider  
Dottie Keedy  
Richard Hatfield  
Stephen Cross  
Tom Carrino  
Vince Sandersfeld  
\*Aaron Mercer  
David Hope  
Thad Carroll  
\*DC Maudlin

##### Citizens' Advisory Committee

Bradley Campbell  
David Clutts  
Gregory Jones  
Gerald Cobb  
Christina Kurtz-Clark  
Regis LeClerc  
Victoria Diaz

##### BPAC (bike/ped)

Scot Hartle  
Sharlene Smith  
Mike Stephens  
Mark Slaby  
Lori Barnes  
Amanda Boggus  
Mike Burske  
\*Michelle Yoder  
Travis Rima

*\*Members Present*

## **OPENING**

Commissioner Tim Sullivan called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and confirmed there was proper noticing. Introductions. Commissioner Sullivan commented on his recent trip to Washington D.C. and shared one of his meetings was with the Dept. of Transportation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

## **TASK FORCE ITEMS**

- I. Trails** - T.J. Fish provided an update on the following trail projects. He commented it directly involves Lake County and actively closing gaps connecting regionally.
- A. Wekiva Trail
    - 1. Northern Lake County Connection to Coast to Coast Trail
    - 2. Approved Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study
    - 3. Lake County and Mount Dora Memorandum of Understanding with Florida Central Railroad (FCEN)  
*Mr. Fish discussed the significance of the project and the need to extend the MOU. Discussion.*
    - 4. Segments Funded for Design Phase – Neighborhood Lakes, Mount Plymouth/Sorrento, Mount Dora
    - 5. Right-of-Way Acquisition Process – FCEN Role in Protecting Corridor; LC, MD & FDOT Funding Roles
    - 6. Segments Funded for Construction; Unfunded Segments
  - B. Tav-Lee Trail Construction Project in Downtown Tavares – *Project moving forward.*
  - C. Tavares-Mount Dora Trail Feasibility Study (Tav-Dora?) – *Study funds will be available July 1 next year.*
  - D. Eustis Trail Study- *Pending not funded.*
  - E. North Lake Trail, Black Bear Scenic Trail and Heart of Florida Loop
  - F. Leesburg Trails
- Gallus Quigley discussed the upcoming public meetings in September for the Parks & Trails Masterplan. Mr. Fish commented on the use of federal funds and Sun Trail State funds.*
- II. Wekiva Parkway** – *Mr. Fish provided an update on the following segments of the Wekiva Parkway:*
- A. Wekiva Parkway ROW and Construction Schedules: CFX and FDOT
  - B. SR 429 - Kelly Park Road Interchange to SR 453 Systems Interchange
  - C. SR 453 – SR 429 to SR 46
  - D. Six-laning of SR 46 – US 441 to SR 453
  - E. SR 46/US 441 Interchange
  - F. SR 429 – SR 453 Interchange in Orange County though Lake County to Seminole County
  - G. CR 46A – New Alignment
  - H. SR 46 – CR 46A to Seminole County
  - I. Study of CR 437 Realignment and Pending Study of Round Lake Road Extension
- III. Status of FDOT Road Projects** – *Staff provided a status update for each of the following FDOT Road Projects:*
- A. US 441 – SR 46 north to SR 44
  - B. SR 44 – US 441 north to Orange Avenue/SR 44 Intersection (Eustis, Mount Dora)
  - C. US 441/27 – Lake Ella Road to Avenida Central (Lady Lake, The Villages)
  - D. CR 470 – Future State Road 470 (Leesburg, Wildwood)
  - E. US 441 – Perkins Street east to Dixie Avenue (Leesburg)
  - F. SR 19 Replacement of Little Lake Harris Bridge (Tavares, Howey-in-the-Hills)
  - G. US 27 (14<sup>th</sup> Street)/SR 44 (Dixie Avenue) Intersection – PD&E Study Request
- IV. County Road Projects** – *The following county road projects were reviewed by staff:*
- A. CR 466A, Phase 3B (Fruitland Park)
  - B. Old 441/CR 19A/Eudora Avenue Intersection – Safety Project (Mount Dora, Golden Triangle)
  - C. Rolling Acres Road
  - D. Micro Racetrack Road
  - E. SR 19/CR 561 Intersection and Slim Haywood Avenue Intersection Concept
- V. Complete Streets** *The following Complete Streets projects were reviewed by staff. Discussion.*
- A. SR 44 (Dixie Avenue) – Leesburg

- B. US 27 – Leesburg
- C. SR 19 – Umatilla
- D. SR 19 and Orange Avenue – Eustis
- E. SR 19 – Howey-in-the-Hills
- F. SR 46 (Future Sorrento Boulevard) – Mount Plymouth/Sorrento
- G. Highland Avenue – Mount Dora

**VI. LakeXpress – Route 1, Route 1A, Route 2, Route 3, and Route 4**

*Staff provided updates for each Route and discussed transit connections in Lake County.*

**VII. Lake County Transportation Management & Operations Master Plan**

*Mr. Fish shared the plan is about to wrap up and is required; it details all the steps needed to connect projects. Fred Schneider provided an update on signal timings, connection from local ports and new technology.*

**VIII. Safe School Emphasis Program**

*Mr. Fish discussed the sidewalk projects.*

**IX. Scenic Byways: Green Mountain and Black Bear**

*Gallus Quiqley provided an update on the Green Mountain Scenic Byway. Discussion regarding the usage and popularity of the destination. He added the potential economic impact is huge. Mike Woods provided an update on the Black Bear Scenic Byway.*

**X. MPO Prioritization Process**

*Mr. Fish discussed the annual prioritization process. The call for projects deadline is January.*

**XI. Potential Impacts of State Earmarks on Prioritization Process**

*T.J. Fish discussed the \$10 ml earmark for Citrus Grove and the unintended earmark. Discussion.*

**XII. Staff / Task Force Members - Reports / Comments**

**XIII. Adjournment** – There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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