



**LAKEXPRESS TASKFORCE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday October 7, 2009  
LakeXpress Route 3 Bus**

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Elaine Renick  
Commissioner Sanna Henderson  
Commissioner Sharon Kelly  
Commissioner Linda Stewart

Representing:

Lake County BCC  
City of Leesburg  
City of Fruitland Park  
Lake County BCC

**Members Absent:**

Mayor Jim Richards  
Commissioner William Ferree  
Councilmember James Yatsuk  
Commissioner Jennifer Hill  
Commissioner Welton Cadwell  
Commissioner Jimmy Conner  
Councilmember Norb Thomas  
Commissioner Don Burgess

Representing:

Town of Lady Lake  
City of Eustis  
City of Mount Dora  
Lake County BCC  
Lake County BCC  
Lake County BCC  
City of Tavares  
Sumter County

**Staff:**

T. J. Fish  
Michael Woods  
Erin Hartigan  
Nancy Valenzano  
Anna Lai  
David Hope  
Ken Harley  
Ralph Bowers, City Manager  
Tadd Carroll, Senior Planner  
Diane Poitras, Transit Planner  
Jo Santiago

Representing:

LSMPO Executive Director  
LSMPO Transportation Planner  
LSMPO Attorney  
LSMPO Recording Secretary  
LSMPO Intern  
Lake County Public Transportation  
Lake County Public Transportation  
City of Fruitland Park  
Town of Lady Lake  
FDOT D5  
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The LakeXpress Task Force meeting took place on the LakeXpress Route 3 Circulator Bus. The bus left the LakeXpress Ardice Transfer Station (Eustis Square) promptly at 2:38 p.m.

- I. Lake County Public Transportation Report – Ken Harley** gave a brief explanation of the LakeXpress Ardice Transfer Station. **David Hope** added the bus holds 26 sitting passengers and another 14 passengers can stand and use the hand rails.
- II. MV Transportation Report - None**

**III. MPO Staff Report - Michael Woods** referred to the agenda packet which included a list of staff recommended locations for first 21 bus shelters. **David Hope** added that Public Transportation Staff has been installing all signage. **T.J. Fish** reported the importance of cities/municipalities working with county on maintenance issues. The MPO is in process of working on an ADA Compliance Study for all current and future bus stop and bus shelter locations in Lake County. The County Commission recently approved using Federal Stimulus funds (ARRA) for 20 shelters. **Mr. Fish** added the county is looking at installing solar powered shelters. **David Hope** added they will work with private shopping center owners while planning the shelter locations.

**IV. Discussion Items –**

A. Bus Shelters – comments included:

- Shelters and more signage are needed.
- The County will be working with the six municipalities along the route on final design and location of the proposed shelters.

B. TDP Update-(included in the agenda packet)

- Due to the noise of the bus discussion was halted; the Taskforce was asked to just observe the bus in operation and the passengers as they utilized the system.

C. Transit Technologies: (included in the agenda packet)

1. Automatic vehicle locators
2. Automatic passenger counters
3. Vehicle cameras
4. Fareboxes

D. Ride Observation Survey – members were asked to complete the survey.

**V. Task Force Member Comments –** Great ride, glad we rode the bus-was the general comment.

Below is a summary of written comments received:

**Vehicle**

Identification: Route 3 was clearly visible on the bus

Cleanliness:

Very Clean

Clean

The bus is clean

Are buses outfitted with trash cans?

Mechanical: Brakes a little noisy, some vibration

Broken plexiglass behind driver

Good

Good

**Driver**

Interaction with Passengers:

Great  
None noted, not a normal ridership day  
Good  
Great

Driving Behavior:

Great  
Came to complete stops  
Good

Appearance:

Good  
Fine  
Great  
Good

**Route 3**

Service comments:

Good  
No delays, remained on schedule  
On time

Bus Stop Comments:

Bus stops should have universal sign for bus, and phone number to call about schedule  
Signs are hard to see, should have international symbol  
Not enough signage  
Not well defined yet, exposed to the elements  
Good

Proposed Bus shelter Comments:

Current transfer station is not marked, needs a sign  
Designed to limit sun exposure  
Need more signs

Passenger Interaction with Service Route:

Passengers seems aware of protocols, flag stops

**General comments:**

1. Some profanity and conversations with lewd content were noted, families with children given the option of other transportation may choose to forego transit.
2. Everything was good, future plans will help.
3. Impressed, keep up the good work.

**VI. Public Comment - None**

**VII. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.