

# **Northwest Lake Task Force**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 17, 2013**

**10 a.m.**

**Fruitland Park City Hall  
506 W. Berckman St.  
Fruitland Park, Florida**

### **In Attendance:**

Mayor Jim Richards  
Commissioner Tim Sullivan  
Councilmember Sharon Kelley  
T.J. Fish  
Pamela Richmond  
Mike Woods  
Thad Carroll  
Peggy Hayes  
Dan Vincent  
D.C. Maudlin

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mayor Jim Richards. Those in attendance were asked to make introductions.

T.J. Fish gave a status update of the state road projects located within the task force area. These projects included the various phases of US27//441 widening project in Fruitland Park/Lady Lake/The Villages and Leesburg. Mayor Richards suggested that in order to expedite the widening that maybe the Lady Lake segment could be broken into two pieces.

An update was also given on the progress of getting improvements to the US27/SR 44 intersection funded and findings of the ongoing US 27 Reliever Study. Com. Kelley, Mayor Richards and Thad Carroll provided information on the need to improve the intersection of Micro Racetrack Road.

Highlights and status update of the SR 44 School Zone improvement, SR 44 resurfacing, I-75 widening, SR 19 widening, C-514/I-75 interchange and PD&Es in the Task Force area were given.

T.J. Fish gave a status update of the county road projects located within the task force area. The availability for state grant money for CR 466A was discussed as well as the current status of CR 48 east of US 27 and CR 470 for both the Lake County and Sumter County portions.

T.J. Fish and Mike Woods led a discussion on the status of transit projects in the Task Force area related to LakeXpress, and Para-transit services. Mike Woods gave a status update of the ongoing Major Update of the Lake County Transit Development Plan Public Transportation. Sumter County transit was also mentioned during the discussion.

Mike Woods provided an update of the Safe Access to School study and demonstrated the information and tools available on the project website: [LakeSumterSafeSchool.com](http://LakeSumterSafeSchool.com)

A general update of the Leesburg Trail System-extension to Sumter County Line and the Gardenia Trail in Leesburg, Fruitland Park, and Lady Lake was given. Thad Carroll provided an update from the perspective of the Town of Lady Lake.

T.J. Fish provided an update on Economic Preparedness and the major projects in and around the study are moving forward as potential economic development generators and how they all tie together. These projects included the transition of businesses from the CSX A-Line in Orange County to the CSX-S Line in Sumter County; the C-470 Corridor in Lake and Sumter Counties; the Leesburg International Airport plans; and the Leesburg Energy and Aerospace Technology Park.

Task Force members made general comments and public comment time was made available. The next meeting will be held in July 2013, exact time, date and location to be determined. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.