

## MINUTES

### Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization South Lake Task Force Meeting

Thursday, December 5, 2013  
Clermont City Hall  
685 W. Montrose Street, Clermont, Florida

#### Governing Board

Commissioner Tim Sullivan, Lake County, D1  
★Commissioner Sean Parks, Lake County, D2  
★Mayor Pro-Tem Ray Goodgame, City of Clermont  
★Council Member Evelyn Wilson, City of Groveland  
Mayor Tony Rosado, City of Mascotte  
★Mayor Pat Kelley, City of Minneola  
Council Vice-President Joe Wynkoop, Town of Montverde

#### Administrators

David Heath, Lake County  
★Darren Gray, City of Clermont  
Willie Morgan, City of Groveland  
Jim Gleason, City of Mascotte  
★Mark Johnson, City of Minneola  
Mary Mason, Town of Montverde

#### TAC (staff)

Fred Schneider  
Amye King  
★Jim Hitt  
Aaron Mercer

#### CAC (citizens)

Steve Ferrell  
Brian Herman  
Susy Gibson  
George Rosario  
Jeff Boykin

#### BPAC (bike/ped)

Scot Hartle  
Bryan Davis  
Roy Pike  
Kelly Price

#### ★ Member Present

#### OPENING

*Commissioner Sean Parks, MPO Chairman Elect, called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. and verified that the meeting was properly noticed.*

#### AGENDA UPDATE

*None*

#### COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

*None*

#### AGENDA ITEMS

##### 1. Public Transportation

###### a. LYNX Routes – Link 55 and Link 204

*The Lynx governing board approved the agreement which will enable the route services for Link 55 and Link 204 to be reinstated. Lake County staff is coordinating with Lynx on the federal budget allocation. Link 55 route has been cut back to one-hour headway. Commissioner Sean Parks has reached out to developers of the Wal-Mart, Disney, and Cagan Crossings for the possibility of assisting with funding, and no favorable responses have been received yet. Lake County Transit is using an online survey to help in determining the best bus times.*

###### b. Future SR 50 LakeXpress Service

*All analysis shows that this route will be a successful one. The route will not deviate from SR 50. Possible circulators can be established after the spinal route is established. GIS, Paratransit, and*

*2010 Census data are being used to work with the impacted municipalities to determine the best locations for bus stops and shelters.*

c. Municipal Role in Funding

*Dottie Keedy, Lake County Community Services Director, stated that she will be making a presentation to the board in January regarding the municipal role in funding public transportation. She stated that the focus is establishing the SR50 Express Service since there is federal funding available. Lake County will only fund priority stops that are ADA compliant. Any future enhancements will require municipal budget commitment.*

2. Minneola Interchange

a. North Hancock Road Extension – Old CR 50 north to Fosgate Rd (Lake County Project)  
*In order to maintain the partnership with the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, a contract must be signed before they can advertise for design and build in 2014/15.*

b. Interchange – Florida Turnpike Enterprise Program  
*Some long-term funding strategies were discussed.*

c. North Hancock Road Extension – Interchange north to CR 561A (Property Owner Responsibility)  
*This project is developer driven. Negotiations with landowners are ongoing.*

d. Citrus Grove Road – Public/Private Partnership  
*State funding will be available in 2019. Jim Stivender, Lake County Public Works, stated that this project is ready for PD&E and it will qualify as a reimbursement. T.J. Fish stated that once the project is programmed, the MPO staff can work with FDOT to have it advanced.*

3. Wellness Way Sector Plan

*A workshop with the county commission will need to be scheduled to discuss all the issues. Commissioner Sean Parks will be contacting Darren Gray for coordination.*

4. Lake-Orange Parkway (US 27-SR 429 Connector)

a. FDOT Alternative Corridor Evaluation Process FY 2014/15  
*Briefly discussed*

b. Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study FY 2015/16  
*The MPO continues to request that FDOT fund a PD&E Study*

c. Status of Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Toll Feasibility Study  
*Briefly discussed*

5. Status of County Road Projects and Funding

*Jim Stivender, Lake County Public Works, updated the subcommittee on the status of the county's roadway projects. The work on the South Lake Trail should be completed in 2014. There are several resurfacing contracts in the task force area that are ongoing. Signal timing on the SR 50 corridor may be updated to include possible monitoring cameras which will be tied to the EOC directly. Also, at the US 27/Washington St Intersection, the old liquor store was demolished. The site plan for the site was approved so the rest of the work should be completed soon.*

6. Status of State Road Projects and Funding

*There were no questions on specific county road projects and/or funding. T.J. Fish mentioned that the SR 50 widening to 4 lanes from I-75 to Mascotte will be added to the List of Priority Projects (LOPP)*

7. Trail Projects and Funding

a. South Lake Trail – Clermont to Silver Eagle Road (South Lake High School)  
*Currently under construction.*

b. South Lake Trail – Silver Eagle Road to SR 33  
*Design is completed for this portion of the trail. Right-of-Way and construction funding are still needed. The MPO will request funding.*

c. South Lake Trail – SR 33 to CR 565 (Villa City Road)  
*The work will be done as part of the realignment project; however, there are some pending issues with the property owners that are being discussed.*

d. South Lake Trail – Villa City Road to Van Fleet Trail in Sumter County  
*Currently in design the design phase.*

e. South Sumter Trail – Van Fleet Trail to Withlacoochee State Trail/Good Neighbor Trail  
*The MPO is asking FDOT for a study.*

8. Safe School Access Transportation Study

*The completed study is posted online. A final presentation will be given to the MPO Governing Board on December 11, 2013.*

ACKNOWLEDGE 2014 MEETING CALENDAR

*A copy of the 2014 meeting calendar was given to the members present in the meeting. The calendar is also posted on the website.*

TASK FORCE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

*Commissioner Sean Parks welcomed two new members to the Governing Board, Mayor Pat Kelley (City of Minneola) and Council Member Evelyn Wilson (City of Groveland). He also complimented the City of Groveland for their new holiday lights and decorations. The job was well done.*

*Jim Hitt, City of Clermont, also stated that they were having a holiday concert that evening and that their holiday lights ceremony would be held the next day.*

*T.J. Fish reminded everyone that the MPO Annual Dinner will be held at the new Clermont Community Center following the Governing Board meeting at 4:00 pm on January 22, 2014. He said invitations are being mailed.*

ADJOURNMENT

*As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.*