



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Wednesday, February 11, 2015
Regular Meeting, 1:30 p.m.**

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OPENING

Call to Order
Proper Noticing
Determination of Quorum

I. REPORTS

- A. Florida Department of Transportation: Vickie Wyche, MPO Liaison
- B. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
- C. County Reports
- D. MPO Staff: T.J. Fish, Executive Director; Pam Richmond, MPO Project Manager; Mike Woods, Transportation Planner; Olga Marcondes, Transportation Planner; and Francis Franco, GIS Manager
- E. TAC: Members Comments and Reports

II. AGENDA UPDATE

Proposed revisions to today's agenda

III. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

IV. PRESENTATION

A. Goods and Freight Movement in the Lake~Sumter MPO Area

Ryan Marks, FDOT Freight Coordinator, is performing outreach to District 5 MPOs to gain feedback on issues throughout the nine-county district regarding the movement of freight and goods. Committee members are encouraged to share local issues and concerns that affect freight. This may include locations within the two-county regional roadway network in which conflicts or congestion may occur or may include opportunities to support economic development with infrastructure improvements.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommend Amending FY 2014/15 – 2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program

FDOT has requested four amendments to the MPO's five-year Transportation Improvement Program based on the department's recent programming of funds for the four projects. The first proposed amendment would add public transportation capital

funds, \$878,038, in the current fiscal year for capital needs including vehicles for LakeXpress. The second proposed amendment would add \$326,115 to the SR 19 Project Development & Environment Study, which is to be finalized this current fiscal year; the study addresses the widening to four lanes from CR 48 in Howey-in-the-Hills to CR 561 in Tavares. The third proposed amendment would program for US 27 in Lake County from Boggy Marsh Road to Lake Louisa Road \$75,000 in design funds in the current fiscal year, \$38,786,612 in construction funds in FY 2015/16, and \$1,022,076 in construction funds in FY 2017/18. The fourth proposed amendment would program in the current fiscal year \$43,567 in safety funds to install lighting at the intersection of CR 561 and CR 455 in Lake County south of Astatula.

B. Recommend Modifying *TRANSPORTATION 2035*

Even with the 2040 Transportation Plan under development, state and federal agencies require modifications to three projects in the adopted long-range transportation plan, TRANSPORTATION 2035. The first modification is to move the SR 19 project design phase from the five-year increment of 2026-2030 to 2010-2015 in order to enable the funding eligibility for the project for the design phase, which is underway. Right-of-way and construction timing of the project will be addressed in the development of the 2040 plan this year. The second project requiring a modification to the plan is the addition of Wekiva Parkway Section 2C, which will be the new SR 46 alignment from 1,500 feet east of Round Lake Road in Lake County to the Lake/Orange County Line toward the new SR 429. The segment was not originally included in the plan as it was not requiring state or federal funding because it was being funded by the now Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX), formerly the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority. CFX is now pursuing a federal TIFIA loan (Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act) for this and other segments. The third modification is the SR 44 Bridge over the St. John's River connecting Lake County to Sumter County. This modification has been requested by FHWA and FDOT to achieve consistency between the TIP and LRTP. The TIP was amended in October 2014 to add this project as a bridge replacement, funding PD&E in FY 2014/15, design in 2015/16, and ROW in FY 2017/18.

C. 2015 Legislative Positions & Priorities

The Governing Board amended the list of legislative positions and priorities at the January 28 meeting. Positions on Amendment 1 dollars being directed to regional trails and the full funding of the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) were added as priorities. State legislative committees will meet three weeks in February. The 2015 Florida Legislative Session begins March 3. The document is available for potential action to amend at the February meeting.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

The Long Range Transportation Plan Subcommittee will workshop in March. An overview of upcoming tasks and the adoption schedule will also be discussed at the meeting. The committee is asked to begin reviewing the current plan's Goals, Objectives and Policies and to recommend GOPs for the new plan.

B. Prioritization Process

The Prioritization Process Subcommittee will workshop in March to draft a new List of Priority Projects for discussion in April. A formal draft will be brought forward for approval in May. The Governing Board will be asked to approve the final document in June.

C. Upcoming Trail Summit

MPO staff is in the process of planning a summit on regional trails. A tentative date of Friday, March 27 is being planned and will soon be confirmed. The summit will be an opportunity for the general public and those interested in regional trails to receive a thorough overview of the Coast to Coast Connector initiative as well as details on existing trails and planned trails. The event will also focus on the eco-tourism opportunities for economic development.

D. 2014 Transportation Management System Annual Report

MPO Staff presented the 2014 TMS Annual Report to the Governing Board at the January 28 meeting, at which time it was formally accepted. Staff will provide an overview of the annual report on the MPO's Transportation Management System. The TMS includes layers of data, including traffic counts, reserved trips, levels of service, crash locations, crash type, and safety countermeasures. The TMS also includes the services of traffic study reviews, assistance in comprehensive planning and grantwriting assistance. Also, the FY 2015/16 TMS Budget was approved in January and will be distributed to administrators to be incorporated in each local government's budget process.

VII. PROJECT UPDATES

- A.** US 301 Project Development and Environment Study (Sumter County) – US 301/SR 44 Intersection Improvements and US 301/Florida's Turnpike Interchange Improvements
- B.** I-75/CR 514 Interchange Planning (Sumter County near Coleman)
- C.** C-468/Florida's Turnpike Interchange (Sumter County)
- D.** C-470 Study
- E.** Wekiva Parkway Project
- F.** Trails: Central Florida C2C Trail and Wekiva Trail
- G.** Minneola Interchange: Florida's Turnpike/North Hancock Road/Citrus Grove Road
- H.** Lake-Orange Parkway (US 27 to SR 429)
- I.** SR 50 Corridor Study
- J.** DRI Status Update (Villa City and Plaza Collina)

VIII. CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

February 25, 2015 @ 2 p.m. at the Lake~Sumter MPO.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - NEXT MEETING: April 8, 2015, 1:30 p.m. @ Lake~Sumter MPO

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, Section 286.0105, if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. All interested citizens are welcome to attend. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of the proceedings should contact the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization at (352) 315-0170, 48 hours in advance of the meeting.