



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Wednesday, May 14, 2014
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. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of February 12 and April 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes

B. Recommend Comments for Draft FY 2014/15 – 2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program

With the public comment period opened in April for the draft TIP, the item is on the agenda with the option to take action to recommend any changes. The final dollar amounts, or the fiscal years in which a phase of a project is funded, may be adjusted when the final TIP is presented for approval in June. The TIP covers the next five fiscal years of funding from all sources: federal, state, regional, local and private. The TIP is consistently impacted by changes to the FDOT Work Program. A resolution for adoption will be presented in June. The draft TIP can be reviewed in its entirety as submitted to FDOT on the Home Page of the MPO's website at LakeSumterMPO.com.

C. Recommend Approval of Resolution of Support of Reassignment of Proportionate Share Obligation from C-468/Florida's Turnpike Interchange to US 301/Florida's Turnpike Interchange

Sumter County and the Florida Department of Transportation are considering a reassignment of the proportionate share obligations of The Villages currently allocated to the construction of a half-interchange on Florida's Turnpike at C-468 to improving the existing Turnpike/US 301 interchange and that of SR 44/US 301. At the request of Sumter County, MPO staff was asked to investigate whether improvements at the existing Turnpike/US 301 interchange represent a greater current need than moving forward with construction of a half interchange on the Turnpike at C-468 later this year. In response, staff reviewed current traffic data and other available information, including the interchange justification report completed by Florida's Turnpike Enterprise in March 2010 and recent traffic counts in and around the impacted area to determine current traffic patterns and trends. The information suggests that capacity and safety improvements at the US 301 interchange represent a greater need in the near term of the two interchanges; however, an interchange at the Turnpike and C-468 may be needed in the future to serve the area's growing traffic volumes. Postponing the partial interchange will not have a significant impact of the regional transportation network. Exactly when and if it will be needed will be addressed as part of the MPO's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan update which is just getting underway. Sumter County has requested formal action to support the change. FTE has no objection to this proposal based on their statements during a phone conference with FDOT and Sumter County last month.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FY 2019/20 – 2034/35 List of Priority Projects

Staff has been given direction to move forward on utilizing the new format for the LOPP that lists priorities for each phase of project development: construction (CST), right-of-way acquisition (ROW), design/engineering (PE), project development and environmental study (PD&E), and special studies/analyses. A LOPP Subcommittee has been formed to review and make recommendations on the process the MPO utilizes to populate and prioritize the projects in the LOPP. Subcommittee members have met twice since the last TAC meeting and will lead a discussion on a proposed process for updating future LOPPs, the process timeline, and the requirements for adding new projects to the LOPP. The subcommittee will also show the first draft version of the LOPP that includes their recommendations for the updated LOPP related to shifting projects around and to a different table as a result of receiving funding since the LOPP adoption last August. Staff requests feedback from committees on each table so that staff can develop a formal draft document for public comment. In June, MPO staff will present the formal draft LOPP for committee recommendation and Governing Board approval, and the draft will be available for a 60-day public comment period. In August the LOPP will be brought before the MPO for adoption.

B. Legislative Update

Staff continues to monitor proposed legislation impacting transportation in Sumter County and Lake County. Staff will provide an update on the legislation that passed the house and Senate, such as legislation on Florida's MPOs, the Central Florida Expressway Authority, the Central Florida Coast-to-Coast Trail, and transit buses impeding traffic.

C. Lake~Sumter Transit Development Plan Annual Update

Staff is currently preparing the 2014 annual update for the Lake~Sumter TDP, which will include the following elements as specified in the FAC: Rule 14-73.001:

a. Past year's accomplishments compared to the original implementation program;

- b. *Analysis of any discrepancies between the plan and its implementation for the past year and steps that will be taken to attain original goals and objectives;*
- c. *Any revisions to the implementation program for the coming year;*
- d. *Revised implementation program for the tenth year;*
- e. *Added recommendations for the new tenth year of the updated plan;*
- f. *A revised financial plan; and*
- g. *A revised list of projects or services needed to meet the goals and objectives, including projects for which funding may not have been identified.*

MPO staff will lead committee members through a comment and question session on the current and proposed fixed route service implementation. The draft TDP Annual Report will be submitted to FDOT on or before July 1, 2014 and the final will be submitted on or before September 1, 2014. MPO Governing Board or Committee approval is not required for this document.

D. Implementation of Safe School Access Study

Staff requests committee member participation in outreach efforts to bring attention to the needs identified around schools within each jurisdiction. Municipal appointees would focus on schools within the municipality and county appointees would focus on schools in the unincorporated areas of the district to which the committee member is appointed. MPO staff will assist in outreach efforts by helping to identify priorities on which to focus. Staff will also assist in requesting of the jurisdictions to approach elected bodies when appropriate.

VI. PROJECT UPDATES

- A. US 441 Corridor Alternatives Analysis (Orange Blossom Express Study – Orlando to Golden Triangle)
- B. Lake-Orange Parkway (US 27 to SR 429) and Wellness Way Sector Plan (South Lake)
- C. I-75/CR 514 Interchange Planning (Sumter County near Coleman)
- D. Minneola Interchange: Florida’s Turnpike/North Hancock Road
- E. Trails: South Lake Trail, South Sumter Connector Trail, Wekiva Trail

VII. CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

May 28, 2014, 2 p.m. at the Lake~Sumter MPO.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - NEXT MEETING: June 11, 2014, 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.