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## LAKE COUNTY CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

238275-6

SR 429 (Wekiva Pkwy) from Orange County Line to West of Old McDonald Road (Section 4B), 2.447 miles.

Design Build new limited access toll road. No lane closures

Estimate completion: Fall 2014

238395-4

SR 500/US 441 from Martin Luther King Blvd. to Lake Ella Road Six laneing SR 500/US 441 from Martin Luther King Blvd. (SR 460) to Lake Ella Rd.

Estimated completion: June 10, 2014 (95%)

No lane closures

430665-1/2

SR 500 (US 441) Pave Shoulders – Lake County

from Orange County Line to SR 44

from West of Willow Street to Lake County Line

**Estimate completion:** 

Contractor went out of business, currently getting bids for new contractor.

No lane closures

238429-3

US 27/SR 50 Interchange

Clean-up. Replacing small area of sidewalk, ditch pavement and sod.

Estimate completion: May 16, 2014

No lane closures

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## LAKE COUNTY Other Projects Pending

- US 441 Widening to six lanes along 4.1 miles from Lake Ella Road to Avenida Central South (FM No. 2383955). About \$16 million in right of way is funded through FY 10/11. Design for six-laning of the 1.9 miles from Perkins Street to SR 44 is in progress, with \$25 million in right of way funded through FY 12/13 (FM No. 2383943). Construction programmed in Fiscal Year 2018/19.
- 2. **US 441** An environmental study into possible widening along 1.6 miles from SR 44 (old CR 44B) to Lincoln Avenue in Mt. Dora is planned for FY 13/14 (FM No. 429356). PD&E underway
- 3. **US 27** Six-laning 6.5 miles from Boggy Marsh Road to Lake Louisa Road (FM No. 238422). Design has been completed and right of way acquired. Construction is not yet funded.
- 4. **SR 44** Construct eastbound left turn lane at Royal Trails Road (FM No. 419370). Bids are to be received in FY 13/14. The estimated cost is \$340,000.
- 5. **SR 44 (CR 44B)** Design for four-laning the two miles from US 441 to SR 44 is in progress (FM No. 409870). Right of way is to be acquired in FY 11/12. Construction not yet funded.
- 6. **SR 46** An environmental study is being conducted by the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority along the 16.5 miles from US 441 to Orange Blvd. in Seminole County (FM No. 238275) in conjunction with their study of the Wekiva Parkway.
- 7. **SR 19** An environmental study into possible widening along the 4.7 miles from CR 48 to CR 561 is planned for FY 10/11 (FM No. 238319). Design of improvements is funded in FY 13/14.
- 8. **SR 33** Construct left turn lane at CR 474 (FM No. 423096). Bids are to be received in FY 13/14. The estimated cost is \$660,000.
- 9. **CR 450** \$2.3 million in grants to Lake County through FY 12/13 is to pay for design and construction of paved shoulders from the Marion County line to Lake Yale Road (FM No. 427480).
- 10. **Rolling Acres Road Sidewalk** \$830,000 in grants to the city of Lady Lake through FY 12/13 is to pay for design and construction of a sidewalk from Vista San Polo to Griffin Road (FM No. 427855).
- 11. **Lincoln Avenue Sidewalk** A \$490,000 grant to City of Mt. Dora in FY 13/14 is to pay for construction of a ten foot sidewalk from Tremain Street to Unser Street (FM No. 429594).
- 12. **CR 561** \$1.1 million in grants to Lake County through FY 13/14 is to pay for construction of a roundabout at the CR 455 intersection (FM No. 429606).
- 13. **CR 466A (Miller St.)** A \$8.7 million grant to Lake County if FY 13/14 is to pay half the estimated right of way costs for widening along the three miles from the Lake-Sumter Sumter County line to Sunny Court (FM No. 430253-1). This is a Transportation Regional Incentive Program (T.R.I.P.) project.
- 14. **CR 466A (Miller St.)** A \$5.0 million grant for construction from US 27 to Sunny Court (FM No. 430253-2) in FY 2017/18. This is a Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) project.

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## SUMTER COUNTY CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

430187-1

CR 466 @ US 301 in Oxford - Add Turn Lanes

Installing signals to Mast Arms, working on finishing up base, finishing sidewalk.

Estimate completion: June 13, 2014 (75%) No lane closures

## **Other Projects Pending**

- I-75 Six-laning along the 21.5 miles from the Hernando County line to Florida's Turnpike (FM No. 242626). Design is in progress, with right of way acquisition funded through FY 13/14 (FM No. 2426262/3). FM2426262 Hernando Co. Line to CR 470 construction phase FY 2014/15.
- 2. **SR 48** Widening to four lanes along the 1.6 miles from E. of I-75 to Main Street (CR 475) (FM No. 2404182). Right of way is to be purchased in FY 11/12. Bids are to be received in FY 15/16. The estimated cost is \$20 million.
- 3. **US 301/SR 44 Intersection** Construct north and southbound turn lanes (FM No. 430188). This is a privately funded project. Bids are to be received in FY 13/14. The estimated cost is \$130,000.
- 4. **US 301** Widening from two to four lanes SR 35 (US 301) from CR 470 to SR 44 Design Phase FY 17/18 (FM No. 430132).\
- I-75 at CR 514 from 0.5 miles W. of I-75 to US 301 An environment study (PD&E) FY 2014/15.
- 6. **CR 466** A \$1.6 million grant (CIGP/SCRA) to Sumter County in FY 14/15 is to pay for resurfacing along the 4.5 miles from US 301 to just east of CR 475 (FM No. 428443).
- 7. **CR 466/US 301 Intersection** Construct north and southbound turn lanes (FM No. 430187). This is a privately funded project. Bids are to be received in FY 13/14. The estimated cost is \$180,000.
- 8. **CR 475** A \$3.26 million grant to Sumter County in FY 16/17 will pay for construction of paved shoulders and resurfacing along the 3.7 miles from CR 470 to CR 542, including replacement of the timber column bridge at Jumper Creek with concrete box culverts (FM No. 429944-1). Construction programmed in FY 2017/18
- 9. **CR 673** A \$2.032 million grant (FY 2017/18) to Sumter County to widen lanes, pave shoulders and resurfacing from .8 miles west of US 301 to I-75. FM# 433670-1. Construction programmed in FY 2018/19.

## Lake~Sumter MPO Transportation Management System

## **Traffic Impact Study Review Update - April 2014**

#### **City of Eustis**

Eustis Retail Center – Traffic Impact Study (4-14-14)

#### Status: Waiting Reservation Request

*Project:* Proposed 23,001 SF of total retail space in three buildings. *Location:* Southeast corner of the intersection of US 441 & Fern Dr.

Access: US 444

*Trip Generation:* Net new 1,415 daily trips, with 118 pm peak hour trips (60 entering and 58 exiting)

Mellow Mushroom – Trip Removal Request (4-23-14)

#### Status: Trips Removed - Project Built

Project: Proposed 7,000 SF restaurant

Location: North side of US441, east of East Crooked Lake Drive.

Access: US441 (right-in/right-out) and full access via parallel service road

Trip Generation: Net new 641 daily trips, with 56 pm peak hour trips (33 entering and 23

exiting)

## **City of Groveland**

Green Valley Townhomes – Tier 1 Review (4-28-14)

## Status: Waiting Reservation Request

Project: Proposed 49-unit subdivision.

Location: Green Valley Blvd, north of SR 50 and east of CR 565A.

Access: SR 50 via Green Valley Blvd.

Trip Generation: New 285 daily trips, with 25 pm peak hour trips (17 entering and 8 exiting)

### **City of Leesburg**

Salvation Army Worship Center – Tier 1 Review (4-21-14)

#### Status: Waiting Trip Reservation Request

*Project:* Proposed 27,435 SF worship center *Location:* South side of SR 44, west of Caballo Rd.

Access: SR 44

Trip Generation: 250 daily trips, with 15 pm peak hour trips (7 entering and 8 exiting)

#### **Lake County**

• Publix at SR 44 (Sorrento) – Methodology Letter (4-14-14)

#### Status: Waiting Traffic Impact Study

Project: Proposed 45,600 SF grocery store and 15,800 SF of retail space.

Location: Southwest corner of the intersection of SR 44 & CR 437.

Access: SR 44 and CR 437

Trip Generation: 5,415 net daily trips, with 497 pm peak hour trips (239 entering and 258

exiting)

#### City of Wildwood

Goodwill Retail Building – Traffic Impact Study (4-01-14)

#### Status: Large Development - Reviewed

Project: Proposed 26,568 SF of commercial space

Location: Southwest corner of CR 105 and Woodridge Dr.

Access: CR 105

Trip Generation: Net new 1,123 daily trips, with 119 pm peak hour trips (57 entering and 62

exiting)

Novillo Mixed-Use PUD – Traffic Impact Study (4-01-14)

## Status: Large Development - Reviewed

*Project:* Proposed 96 apartments and 35,000 SF of commercial space *Location:* South side of SR 44, between Powell Rd and Buena Vista Blvd.

Access: SR 44

*Trip Generation:* Net new 1,449 daily trips, with 125 pm peak hour trips (67 entering and 58 exiting)

Bach Trucking Site Expansion – Methodology Letter(4-24-14)

#### Status: Waiting for Traffic Impact Study

*Project:* Proposed increase of 88 trucks and 112 employees *Location:* Northwest corner of CR 475 and CR 312/CR 532.

Access: CR 475 and CR 312

Trip Generation: Net new 410 daily trips, with 117 pm peak hour trips (59 entering and 58 exiting)

#### **MINUTES**

## Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

## Wednesday, February 12, 2014 Lake~Sumter MPO 1616 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Leesburg, Florida

#### **OPENING**

Chairman Thad Carroll called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m. and noted that the meeting was properly noticed, and that a guorum was present.

## **Members Present**

Thad Carroll, Chairman Town of Lady Lake

Fred Schneider Lake County

Ken Harley Lake County/Public Transportation

Debbie Nelson Sumter County Transit

Denise Lee City of Bushnell
Jim Hitt City of Clermont
Dianne Kramer City of Eustis

Gary La Venia City of Fruitland Park
Catherine Howard City of Groveland

Cindy Watson Town of Howey-in-the-Hills

DC Maudlin City of Leesburg
Aaron Mercer City of Minneola
Richard Hatfield City of Umatilla
Jason McHugh, Vice-Chairman City of Wildwood

## **Members Absent**

Dawn McDonald
Scott Cottrell
Mark Reggentin
Alisha Maraviglia
Lake County Schools
Sumter County
City of Mount Dora
City of Tavares

#### **Staff Present**

T.J. Fish Executive Director
Pam Richmond MPO Project Manager
Mike Woods Transportation Planner

Francis Franco GIS Manager

Olga Marcondes Transportation Planner/Recording Secretary

#### **Others Present**

Vickie Wyche FDOT

Karl Holley Sumter County Chris Thompson City of Tavares

Christopher Schultz Town of Howey-in-the-Hills

Melanie Peavy City of Wildwood

#### **REPORTS**

#### A. Florida Department of Transportation

Ms. Vickie Wyche, MPO Liaison, gave an update on the construction projects in the Lake and Sumter areas.

### B. <u>Florida's Turnpike Enterprise</u> None

#### C. County Reports

Fred Schneider, Lake County Engineering Director, stated that recently they have sent to the municipalities the notification about the Impact Fee Program and request for projects.

#### D. MPO Staff

Pam Richmond reported that they are taking traffic counts at this time and wanted to let members know that she was not aware that we needed to send out a notice to the municipalities. She will be doing that in the future and that if anyone get calls from concerned citizens that you can direct them to contact her. She also stated that we do have a schedule that she would be happy to share if anyone requests it. Pam also mentioned that we are seeing a lot of comprehensive plan amendments coming through and one of the services the MPO provides is to review them. She stated that the MPO has been working with FDOT to develop a methodology to aid in expediting the process. If you know of an amendment that would require a traffic impact study, either from a staff or from the private sector, to please ask them to contact us so that we can discuss the methodology. Olga Marcondes asked the members to review the traffic review report included with the agenda for any missing projects and to please let her know if any projects have been approved so that she can update the database. Francis Franco reported on some of the updates to our website. He mentioned that the 2013 crash data reports are available on the maps section and is using a new platform for displaying the data and to overcome some of the limitations with Google Earth. He proceeded to give a brief demonstration how the new interface work. T.J. Fish reported that the MPO Board has approved the TMS budget and that it is being distributed to all jurisdictions to allow each local government to incorporate the new budget amounts for the next fiscal year.

## E. <u>TAC: Members Comments and Reports</u> None

#### AGENDA UPDATE

None

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

None

#### **ACTION ITEM**

#### A. January 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION** was made by Jim Hitt to approve the January 8, 2014 minutes as presented; seconded by Denise Lee -- **motion passed 14-0.** 

## B. <u>Draft FY 2014/15 – 2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program</u>

T.J. Fish explained the process of updating the UPWP and that the committee had a copy of the updated UPWP tasks. He stated that the planning effort is broken into seven chapters and that we would welcome any suggestions. Discussion ensued. **MOTION** was made by Jim Hitt to recommend to the board to approve the draft FY 2014/15 - 2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program and to open the public review period; seconded by Denise Lee -- **motion passed 14-0.** 

# C. Request of FDOT to Take Lead Role on Coast-to-Coast Trail through Lake and Sumter Counties

T.J. Fish explained that this draft resolution is to clarify the need for FDOT to take a lead role instead of each portion of the project be treated as a local agency programmed project. Discussion ensued. **MOTION** was made by Jim Hitt to submit the drafted resolution to the Board; seconded by Catherine Howard -- **motion passed 14-0.** 

## D. Lake County Policy on Bus Stops and Shelters

T.J. Fish explained that before this policy is presented to the Lake County of Board Commissioners that it would be tested through the MPO committees and task forces before being presented to the MPO Board. Discussion ensued. **MOTION** was made by Ken Harley to recommend that the Lake County Policy on Bus Stops and Shelters be submitted to the Board; seconded by Jim Hitt -- **motion passed 12-2, with DC Maudlin and Dianne Kramer opposed.** 

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## A. 2013 Transportation Management System Annual Report

T.J. Fish stated that the 2013 TMS Annual Report was produced and presented to the Governing Board at the January meeting. He provided an overview of the report including a discussion on the layers of data, including traffic counts, reserved trips, levels of service, and crash locations.

### B. Process to Develop *Transportation 2040*

T.J. Fish provided an overview of the process to develop a long-range transportation plan for the two-county MPO Area by first giving a brief history of how past LRTPs were developed and how the focus has changed from widening roads to emphasizing traffic management alternatives. For the *Transportation 2040*, the MPO will be producing it in-house and only using consultants to supplement our efforts. Pam Richmond will be project manager for the plan.

#### **PRESENTATION**

## A. <u>Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Strategy</u>

Mandy Rodriquez, FDOT, presented the process FDOT is using to develop the district-wide ITS architecture and the MPO's role in the process.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

#### A. Rail Initiatives

Mr. Fish updated the committee on the upgrade of the tracks. Construction is near completion; continuous-weld and tracks are placed all the way to Eustis. Final ties should be completed next month. The alternative analysis is focusing on three potential modes, commuter rail, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and express bus. Commuter rail and express bus are the two modes that are most feasible.

## B. <u>Lake-Orange Parkway and Wellness Way Sector Plan</u>

Mr. Fish stated that the Sector Plan is going through a process of refinement. The Lake-Orange Parkway still has many issues to be resolved with the loan application from the group of landowners. FDOT has the funds available to start the corridor and alternative analysis study but at this point, it is waiting the outcome of construction loan.

## C. Sumter County Interchanges C-468 and CR 514

Mr. Fish updated the committee on the two interchanges in Sumter County. The Villages is constructing their interchange and it should be opened next year.

#### D. Minneola Interchange

Mr. Fish stated that there is a deadline established by the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise on the landowners of the Hills of Minneola DRI for their commitment. Once the commitment is signed, the FTE will begin advertisement for the design-build in March.

## E. <u>Trails</u>

Mike Woods gave the committee an overview of the South Lake Trail alignment under construction. Mr. Fish also said that we would continue to work with all partners to close the gaps on the Coast-to-Coast Trail and discussed the opportunities along the CTC for ecotourism areas.

## CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Thad Carroll stated that he would be the TAC representative attending the Governing Board meeting on February 26, 2014 at 2 pm at the Lake~Sumter MPO.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Thad Carroll, Chairman

#### **MINUTES**

## Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

## Wednesday, April 9, 2014 Lake~Sumter MPO 1616 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Leesburg, Florida

#### **OPENING**

Chairman Thad Carroll called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. and noted that the meeting was properly noticed, and that a guorum was present.

## **Members Present**

Thad Carroll, Chairman Town of Lady Lake

Chris Schmidt Lake County

Dottie Keedy Lake County/Public Transportation

Dawn McDonald Lake County Schools
Karl Holley Sumter County

Debbie Nelson Sumter County Transit

Denise Lee City of Bushnell City of Clermont Jim Hitt City of Eustis Dianne Kramer **Aaron Mercer** City of Minneola City of Mount Dora Mark Reggentin Alisha Maraviglia City of Tavares Richard Hatfield City of Umatilla City of Wildwood Jason McHugh, Vice-Chairman

## **Members Absent**

Gary La Venia City of Fruitland Park
Cindy Watson Town of Howey-in-the-Hills

DC Maudlin City of Leesburg

### **Staff Present**

T.J. Fish Executive Director
Pam Richmond MPO Project Manager
Mike Woods Transportation Planner

Francis Franco GIS Manager

Olga Marcondes Transportation Planner/Recording Secretary

#### **Others Present**

Vickie Wyche FDOT

Jeffrey Atkin Sumter County Public Works

Melanie Peavy City of Wildwood Chris Schultz Neel-Schaffer, Inc. Fraser Howe METRO Consul

#### **REPORTS**

## A. Florida Department of Transportation

Ms. Vickie Wyche, MPO Liaison, gave an update on the construction projects in the Lake and Sumter areas. She also mentioned that some of the committee members might have received an invitation for the partnering meeting on May 15. She said that the meeting is open for any discussion and that she would need the agenda items by May 8. She also said there would be another meeting on October 28.

## B. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

None

## C. County Reports

None

#### D. MPO Staff

Olga Marcondes asked members to review the traffic study review report included in the agenda and to let her know if there are any projects missing from the list. Francis Franco reported that all the maps are operable on our website and if any broken links are found to let him know.

## E. <u>TAC: Members Comments and Reports</u>

None

## **AGENDA UPDATE**

None

## COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

None

#### **ACTION ITEM**

## A. Recommend Adoption of FY 2014/15 – 2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program

T.J. Fish explained in February the TAC focused on the tasks proposed to be accomplished between July 2014 and June 2016. Currently the staff has refined the text and added the updated financial information provided by the state and federal agencies. Discussion ensued. **MOTION** was made by Jim Hitt to recommend to the Board the adoption of FY 2014/15 – 2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program; seconded by Karl Holley -- **motion passed 13-0.** 

## B. Recommend Approval of Draft FY 2014/15 – 2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program and for the Governing Board to Open Public Review Period

T.J. Fish explained in order to provide sufficient time for the public to review the draft five-year program, the MPO is required to approve a draft in April with the final document to be approved in June. He also emphasized that the TIP is heavily impacted by changes to the FDOT Work Program. Discussion ensued. **MOTION** was made by Mark Reggentin to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2014/15 – 2018/19 TIP and to open the public review period; seconded by Jim Hitt -- **motion passed 13-0.** 

## C. Recommend Approval to Amend FY 2018/19 – 2034/35 List of Priority Projects

T.J. Fish explained in detail the two projects that were added to the LOPP, the CR 466A Phase 3 and the SR 19/CR 561 Intersection. Discussion ensued with Thad Carroll requesting that the Rolling Acres Project/US 27 Reliever be added back in the LOPP. **MOTION** was made by Jim Hitt to recommend approval to amend FY 2018/19 - 2034/35 LOPP as revised; seconded by Alisha Maraviglia -- **motion passed 13-0.** 

Chris Schmidt arrived at this time. Quorum is now at fourteen.

## D. <u>Create Subcommittee for FY 2019/20 – 2034/35 List of Priority Projects</u>

T.J. Fish explained staff is proposing the creation of a subcommittee to oversee the development of the new LOPP and to advise on the criteria and other factors affecting the prioritization of projects. Discussion ensued with Mark Reggentin, Jim Hitt and Jason McHugh volunteering to become the TAC members of the LOPP subcommittee. **MOTION** was made by Mark Reggentin to recommend the creation and appointment of the subcommittee to review the FY 2019/20 – 2034/35 List of Priority Projects; seconded by Karl Holley -- **motion passed 14-0.** 

## E. SR 40 Pending Easement

Mike Woods detailed the history of the issue. Discussion ensued. **MOTION** was made by Mark Reggentin to recommend to the Board to request a 132-foot-wide easement on SR 40 in a letter to FDOT; seconded by Dianne Kramer -- **motion passed 14-0.** 

## F. <u>SR 44/Waycross Avenue – Signal Request</u>

T.J. Fish explained that the MPO has received a letter from the mayor of Mount Dora, Cathy Hoechst, concerning the placement of a traffic signal at the intersection of SR 40 at Waycross Avenue.

#### **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## A. <u>FY 2019/20 – 2034/35 List of Priority Projects</u>

T.J. Fish stated that the draft for the new FY 2019/20 - 2034/35 List of Priority Projects would be open for public comments in June with a final adoption by the Board in August. He reminded the committee members of the new permanent format for the LOPP, which was included as Appendix A in the previous adopted LOPP. Pam Richmond wanted to remind the committee that every project must have a FDOT project application completed before it is added to the LOPP.

#### B. Legislative Update

T.J. Fish updated the committee members on proposed legislation impacting transportation in Sumter and Lake Counties.

## C. <u>Lake County Sales Tax</u>

T.J. Fish updated the committee on the on-going discussions on the potential renewal of the Lake County one-cent sales tax, which is revenue dedicated to capital projects. The sales tax sunsets in 2017. A referendum would be needed in 2015 but it might come down to each jurisdiction to look at each project they would like to present to the public to gather support for the tax renewal.

### D. <u>Lake County Gas Tax Distribution Formula</u>

T.J. Fish stated that interlocal agreements were distributed by Lake County BCC to the municipalities for approval by May 20 on the new formula for distributing the municipal portion of the First Local Option Gas Tax. He emphasized that the MPO does not have a role in this issue and that this discussion item was for information purposes only.

## E. Central Florida Safe Routes to Schools Web Portal

Mike Woods presented the new web portal for all Central Florida. The Lake-Sumter Safe Routes to Schools web portal was used as a template and applied district wide. He stated that this is an excellent resource with a video library, archival documents, map gallery with interactive maps, and a grant application support map tool. Additionally, there is a kid's corner full of resources and activates and an area for parents. T.J. Fish mentioned that Mike Woods won an award for his work on this project.

## F. <u>Transportation Fiscal Cliff and Cash Management Overview</u>

T.J. Fish gave an overview on how uncertainty of federal funds affect projects at the local level.

#### **PRESENTATION**

A. <u>FDOT District Five Transportation System Management & Operation (TSM&O) – Supported by SHRP2</u>

John Moore, FDOT District 5, presented the progress of the TSM&O initiative and explained the program. He emphasized the role of the MPO as a partner in this broad-based strategies for the development and continuous upgrade of a district-wide intermodal system.

### **PROJECT UPDATES**

#### A. US 441 Corridor Alternative Analysis (Orange Blossom Express Study)

Mr. Fish updated the committee on the upgrade of the tracks and should be completed in May. The alternative analysis is focusing on three potential modes: commuter rail, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and express bus. Commuter rail and express bus are the two modes that are most feasible and the study should be completed in the summer.

#### B. Lake-Orange Parkway and Wellness Way Sector Plan

Mr. Fish stated that the sector plan is currently on hold with the City of Clermont discussing some of the issue encountered with Lake County. As for the role of the MPO, he said that staff is working with Lake County on the traffic component of the sector plan. He also updated the committee on the Lake-Orange Parkway. He stated that there are some issues to be resolved with the loan application from the group of landowners.

#### C. Sumter County Interchanges C-468 and CR 514

Mr. Fish updated the committee on the two interchanges in Sumter County. The Villages is constructing their interchange and it should be opened next year. In the mean time, staff is working with FDOT on the interchange justification report process and on the Methodology Letter of Understanding (MLOU). Pam Richmond stated that the MLOU was approved and that the justification report should be submitted in May. She also said that US301 PD&E consultant was selected and that the study has an estimated 36-month cycle.

#### D. Minneola Interchange

Mr. Fish stated that he has not yet heard anything regarding the executed agreement with property owners. The Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is waiting on the agreement before advertising for a design-build project.

## E. Trails

Mr. Fish gave an update on the pieces of the Coast-to-Coast Trail that has been advanced thanks to the changes in the FDOT Work Program. He also said that we would continue to work with all partners to close the gaps.

## CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Thad Carroll stated that he would be the TAC representative attending the Governing Board meeting on April 23, 2014 at 2 pm at the Lake~Sumter MPO.

Before adjourning, Thad Carroll wanted to recognize and welcome Chris Schmidt who was appointed as the Lake County representative to the committee.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Thad Carroll, Chairman