



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Wednesday, September 10, 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 August 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes

B. Recommend Approval to Amend FY 2014/15 – 2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program

Changes in the FDOT Work Program have necessitated changes to the MPO's newly-adopted Transportation Improvement Program. Multiple projects for which funds were not fully expended in FY 2013/14 require MPO approval to move the unspent funds into the 2014/15 fiscal year. Also included in the amendment is the inclusion of the newly-adopted five-year road programs of each county. The Lake County Board of County Commissioners recently adopted their FY 2014/15 Transportation Construction Program; The Sumter County Board of County Commissioners is expected to adopt their FY 2014/15 Capital Improvement Plan on Sept. 22, just prior to the MPO Governing Board meeting.

C. Appoint Project Prioritization Subcommittee Members

The MPO Governing Board adopted three resolutions in August related to the List of Priority Projects. The first resolution adopted the FY 2019/20-2034/35 List of Priority Projects. The second resolution set forth criteria for adding projects to the List of Priorities and established an annual update schedule. The third resolution created a Project Prioritization Subcommittee to lead the annual update of the List of Priority Projects. In addition to reviewing candidate projects and ensuring the criteria established for new projects has been met, the subcommittee will develop a process and criteria for prioritizing projects on the List of Priority Projects. The subcommittee will be comprised of three TAC members, one CAC member and one BPAC member.

Because of the substantial initial work to establish criteria and a process for prioritization, committees are requested this month to recommend appointees to the subcommittee. This will allow sufficient time for staff to work with the subcommittee in order to be prepared in early 2015 for the development of the new List of Priority Projects. Starting next year, members will be recommended for appointment in November when officers are elected. The Governing Board would subsequently approve the appointees. Because the subcommittee is subject to Sunshine Laws, subcommittee members will be required to attend meetings in person. The number of meetings will be limited to no more than one per month. Of note to committees, appointment to the subcommittee will require a commitment to attend as many meetings as feasible.

D. Appoint Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Subcommittee Members

All MPOs are required by federal statute to develop a long range transportation plan every five years that addresses at least a 20-year horizon. The Lake~Sumter MPO met this requirement when the Governing Board adopted Transportation 2035 on December 8, 2010. The next plan must be adopted by December 8, 2015, and the plan update is underway. MPO Staff has been working with FDOT, regional planning councils and staff from our member governments compiling and analyzing population and employment data to develop the Central Florida Regional Planning Model v.6, a tool which will enable the MPO to forecast transportation needs through 2040.

In August, the MPO Governing adopted a resolution to form a Long Range Transportation Plan Subcommittee. This subcommittee will work directly with MPO staff on the development of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. It is an ad hoc subcommittee to be comprised of three TAC members, one CAC member and one BPAC member, all to serve until the committee is dissolved at the time of plan adoption. This subcommittee is subject to Sunshine Laws, requiring subcommittee members to attend meetings in person. The time commitment will vary by month depending on the plan update schedule established by the subcommittee.

E. Recommend Approval of 2015 Central Florida MPO Alliance Regional Priorities

The Central Florida MPO Alliance is scheduled to adopt the next list of regional priorities on Oct. 10. Requested action is to support transmittal of the list before it goes for final ratification by the Alliance. The list addresses funding priorities for three funding categories: (1) Strategic Intermodal System projects, (2) regional trail projects and (3) regional transit projects. FDOT has agreed to utilize the regional list as a guide to programming funds.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2015 Legislative Positions

Staff will provide an overview of legislative issues likely to be addressed by the Florida MPO Advisory Council. In October, staff will present a draft list of legislative positions to be considered by the MPO for the 2015 Florida legislative session. The draft list of positions would later be prioritized and finalized for presentation to legislators.

B. CR 435 and Wekiva Parkway

The MPO Governing Board, by resolution, requested of the Florida Department of Transportation early this year to conduct an analysis of the future conditions of CR 435 and SR 46 (future CR 46) in the Mount Plymouth community once the Wekiva Parkway project is complete. The project would result in completion of the SR 429 beltway, a new interchange in East Lake for the to-be-realigned CR 46A, and a new interchange in Orange County at Kelly Park Road. In March of 2015, a segment of SR 429 will be opened connecting CR 435 in Orange County northeast to SR 46 in East Lake. The segment will allow a temporary connection at CR 435 in Orange County that will be removed once the adjacent segments of SR 429 are complete. Staff will provide an update on the results of FDOT's in-house analysis of future traffic conditions. Staff is concerned that the analysis may not have addressed all of the potential issues cited when the MPO resolved to make the request of FDOT.

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: Central Florida C2C Trail and Wekiva Trail
- F.** Villa City Development of Regional Impact (DRI)
- G.** Studies: US 301 PD&E Study, SR 50 Corridor Study

VII. CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

September 24, 2014, 2 p.m. at the Lake~Sumter MPO.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: October 8, 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.