



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Wednesday, October 8, 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 September 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes**
- B. Update of Maps as Precursor to Long Range Transportation Plan Development**
Three maps were approved as guiding documents to Transportation 2035: Constrained Corridors (Maximum Lane), Regionally-Significant Corridors and Emerging Regionally-Significant Corridors. Staff requests direction on updating each map. Direction provided this month will result in a draft map presented next month for approval as a guiding document for the development of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.
- C. Regional Trail Resurfacing/Maintenance as a Funding Priority**
With changes to state law this past legislative session enabling the use of state funds in addition to federal funds for the development of regional trails that are of national, statewide or regional benefit, the maintenance of such trails has been a major discussion point. Such was the case at the Oct. 1 Coast-to-Coast Trail Summit in Winter Garden. It was clarified by FDOT personnel at the summit that MPOs can prioritize resurfacing/maintenance projects for state and federal funding. Therefore, committees are requested to provide a recommendation to the Governing Board whether regional trail

resurfacing/maintenance projects shall be incorporated into the next annual project prioritization process. It was discussed at a recent Lake County Board of County Commissioners meeting, after a presentation on the need for surface maintenance of the South Lake Trail and Minneola Scenic Trail.

D. 2015 Draft Legislative Positions

The Lake County state legislative delegation has scheduled their annual public hearing Dec. 2. State legislative committees will meet two weeks in January and three weeks in February. The 2015 Florida Legislative Session begins March 3. Staff is seeking input on issues or bills that should be monitored. Committee members are asked to share any items that may be taken up by governmental/professional associations. The Governing Board will be asked to approve a draft list of positions, with a small number of priorities that would be presented Dec. 2 to the local delegation. The draft list of legislative positions would later be prioritized and finalized for presentation to appropriate legislators.

E. Appoint Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Subcommittee Member

Members that were appointed last month were Fred Schneider (Lake County), Dottie Keedy (Lake County Public Transportation) and Denise Lee (City of Bushnell). Lake County has requested the TAC make another appointment to the LRTP Subcommittee to replace Dottie Keedy. It was determined by the Lake County Attorney's Office that, because the subcommittee is a Sunshine Law committee, it is not prudent to have senior directors appointed due to potentially creating hindrance to day-to-day communications. The TAC is asked to make a replacement appointment to the subcommittee. Any committee members, or the general public, are able to attend subcommittee meetings.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Consideration of Changing Start Time of TAC Meetings

Staff seeks feedback on revising the meeting schedule of the TAC and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee so all three MPO committees meet on the same day. The BPAC's response was positive to moving their meeting from the second Thursday at 3 p.m. to the second Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Staff requests feedback from the TAC regarding moving the start time from 1:30 p.m. to 10 a.m. Meetings would continue to be scheduled the second Wednesday of the month with the TAC at 10 a.m.; BPAC at 1:30 p.m.; and CAC at 4 p.m. The change would benefit agency staff members and consultants presenting to all three committees, presentations which occur at essential every series of committee meetings. In fact, there are some months the BPAC do not benefit from presentations because agency staff and consultants are not able to return on Thursday. It would also benefit any members appointed to two different committees, as they would only need to attend one day.

B. 2014 Horizon Award Nominations

Committee members are encouraged to nominate deserving local governments for transportation projects or policies that were advanced during 2014. The awards will be presented at the Eighth Annual Horizon Awards Dinner January 28, 2015.

C. Update on Lake County Bus Shelter Matching Funds Program Policy

The TAC will receive an update on the pending policy that would allow local governments to leverage matching funds for the installation of bus shelters. Lake County will continue to take the lead on installing bus shelters as funds allow at high-ridership locations where data supports the need for shelters. Municipalities may have locations that are not yet supported by data where a shelter is nonetheless desired. In addition, cities may require developments to include bus shelter installation, which could be partially funded with the matching funds. The policy is to go before the Lake County BCC Oct. 28.

VI. PROJECT UPDATES

- A.** Trails: Central Florida C2C Trail and Wekiva Trail
- B.** US 441 Corridor Alternatives Analysis (Orange Blossom Express Study – Orlando to Golden Triangle)
- C.** Minneola Interchange: Florida’s Turnpike/North Hancock Road
- D.** Lake-Orange Parkway (US 27 to SR 429) and Wellness Way Sector Plan (South Lake)
- E.** I-75/CR 514 Interchange Planning (Sumter County near Coleman)
- 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

October 22, 2014, 2 p.m. at the Lake~Sumter MPO.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: November 12, 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.