

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Lake~Sumter MPO
1616 South 14th Street, Leesburg, Florida

OPENING

Chairman Thad Carroll called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. and noted that the meeting was properly noticed, and that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Thad Carroll, Chairman	Town of Lady Lake
Fred Schneider	Lake County
Dottie Keedy	Lake County/Public Transportation
Dawn McDonald	Lake County Schools
Scott Cottrell	Sumter County
Denise Lee	City of Bushnell
Jim Hitt	City of Clermont
Dianne Kramer	City of Eustis
DC Maudlin	City of Leesburg
Aaron Mercer	City of Minneola
Mark Reggentin	City of Mount Dora
Alisha Maraviglia	City of Tavares
Richard Hatfield	City of Umatilla
Jason McHugh, Vice-Chairman	City of Wildwood

Members Absent

Debbie Nelson	Sumter County Transit
Catherine Howard	City of Groveland
Cindy Watson	Town of Howey-in-the-Hills

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
Kenneth Harley	Lake County Public Transportation
Karl Holley	Sumter County

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. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
None

C. County Reports

None

D. MPO Staff

None

E. TAC: Members Comments and Reports

None

AGENDA UPDATE

None

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

None

ACTION ITEM

A. November 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made by Aaron Mercer to approve the November 13, 2013 minutes; seconded by Denise Lee -- **motion passed 13-0.**

Alisha Maraviglia arrived at this time, quorum is at fourteen.

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

T.J. Fish explained the need for the district to take a deeper look at CR 435 in the Mount Plymouth area, north of Apopka. He stated that the concern is that for four years motorists will be able to travel from CR 435 in Orange County through the first built portion of the Wekiva Parkway up to SR 46 at Camp Challenge, then this access point will be removed. He would like FDOT to look at the traffic projections and traffic patterns for CR 435 since there are no plans to improve capacity. Discussion ensued. **MOTION** was made by Mark Reggentin to recommend approval to amend the FY 2018/19 – 2034/35 List of Priority Projects; seconded by Aaron Mercer -- **motion passed 14-0.**

C. Recommend Approval of Urban Area Boundaries and Functional Classification Maps

Pam Richmond explained that all comments she has received has been incorporated in these maps. She mentioned that she is still waiting to receive from FDOT the tables showing the changes to the functional classification maps. Discussion ensued. **MOTION** was made by Mark Reggentin to recommend approval of the Urban Area Boundaries and the Functional Classification Maps as presented; seconded by Jim Hitt -- **motion passed 14-0.**

D. Recommend Approval of Draft FY 2014/15 Transportation Management System Budget

T.J. Fish explained that by March 31st of each year, per TMS interlocal agreement, the MPO will approve the TMS budget. He stated that this being presented to all counties and municipalities to allow each local government to incorporated the new budget amounts for the next fiscal year. Discussion ensued. **MOTION** was made by Mark Reggentin to recommend approval of Draft FY 2014/15 Transportation Management System Budget; seconded by Jim Hitt -- **motion passed 14-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. FY 2013/14 – 2017/18 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
T.J. Fish updated the committee on the changes with FDOT work program after the November meeting. The good news is that all these smaller projects were able to get funded. He quickly reviewed all 10 items.
- B. FY 2014/15 – 2015/16 United Planning Work Program
T.J. Fish stated that staff will begin the process of updating the two-year UPWP. He is asking the committee to review all the tasks to ensure that all items are covered or if there are new items to be included. He explained that a draft report with only the tasks will be given in February. All comments will be incorporated by the time a complete draft is presented in April. The board will then approve the final document in May and July 1st the document becomes effective.
- C. 2013 Horizon Award Nominations
T.J. Fish strongly encouraged the committee members to nominate deserving local governments, people, partners and/or projects that were accomplished during 2013. The deadline for nomination is this Friday (January 10, 2014). The awards will be presented at the Seventh Annual Horizon Awards Dinner on January 22, 2014. Congressman Daniel Webster will be the key note speaker.

PRESENTATION

- A. Florida Department of Transportation and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Tentative 5-Year Work Programs for FY 2014/15 – 2018/19
Vickie Wyche, FDOT District 5 MPO Liaison, reviewed the FDOT Tentative 5-Year Work Program for Lake and Sumter Counties. She described each project limits with funding allocation and phasing schedule. She also mentioned that all projects have been updated in the FDOT site if anyone needs more information.

PROJECT UPDATES

- A. Rail Initiatives
Mr. Fish updated the committee on the upgrade of the tracks. Construction will be ongoing from Plymouth north to Eustis and will be completed by the summer. 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. FDOT is looking at the PD&E study with a 2015/16 target date.
- B. Lake-Orange Parkway and Wellness Way Sector Plan
Mr. Fish stated FDOT just funding the PD&E study. We will have two to three years of analysis in the area.
- 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 the right-of-way negotiations with property owners are still being resolved.

E. Trails

Mr. Fish stated that the Central Florida MPO Alliance, as part of the agenda for their meeting this week, will be getting an update on the pieces of the Coast-to-Coast Trail that have been advanced thanks to the changes in the FDOT Work Program. He also said that we will 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 January 22, 2014 at 4 pm at the Clermont Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Thad Carroll, Chairman