

## MINUTES

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

Wednesday, January 14, 2015  
Lake~Sumter MPO  
1616 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Leesburg, Florida

#### OPENING

Chairman Mark Reggentin 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**

Mark Reggentin, Chairman	City of Mount Dora
Chris Schmidt	Lake County
Dawn McDonald	Lake County Schools
Richard Baier	Sumter County
Stephen Cross	Town of Astatula
Denise Lee	City of Bushnell
Jim Hitt	City of Clermont
Dianne Kramer	City of Eustis
Ryan Berger	City of Groveland
Clay Ervin, Vice-Chairman	Town of Howey-in-the-Hills
Thad Carroll	Town of Lady Lake
DC Maudlin	City of Leesburg
Aaron Mercer	City of Minneola
Richard Hatfield	City of Umatilla
Melanie Peavy	City of Wildwood

#### **Members Absent**

Dottie Keedy	Lake County/Public Transportation
Gary La Venia	City of Fruitland Park
Jacques Skutt	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
Fred Schneider	Lake County
Noble Olasimbo	Lake County Public Works
Karl Holley	Sumter County Public Works
Kyle Mills	Sumter County Transit

#### REPORTS

##### A. Florida Department of Transportation

Ms. Vickie Wyche, MPO Liaison, did not have an update on the construction projects in the Lake and Sumter areas but would answer any questions the committee members had.

B. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

None

C. County Reports

None

D. MPO Staff

Olga Marcondes asked members to review the traffic studies' report included in the agenda and to let her know if there are any projects missing from the list. T.J. Fish reminded the committee members that the Annual Transportation Management System Report would be presented to the Board and all the committees at the next meeting. Mike Woods stated that all his items are included in the agenda.

T.J. Fish reported that would likely be a referendum to be put on the ballot in regards to the renewal of the sales tax. He discussed the way this funding source is divided among Lake County and its 14 municipalities. He explained that as the MPO works on the cost feasible plan, the renewal of the sales tax will affect what projects would be able to make the list on the next Long Range Transportation Plan.

E. TAC: Members Comments and Reports

Dawn McDonald, Lake County Schools, stated that the school board would be revisiting the issue of courtesy busing. She said that one of the proposals is to allow elementary school students to walk if they live within one mile and to be bused if they live over one mile instead of the current 2 miles. No decisions have been reached yet.

AGENDA UPDATE

None

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

None

PRESENTATION

A. Florida Department of Transportation and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Tentative 5-Year Work Programs for FY 2015/16 – 2019/20

Vickie Wyche, MPO Liaison, presented the FDOT Tentative 5-Year Work Program to the committee members detailing each project. T.J. Fish reviewed the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Tentative 5-Year Work Program and stated that there was no new projects in Sumter County and that the only Lake County project is the design phase for widening the Turnpike from Orange County line to the Minneola interchange.

ACTION ITEM

A. Recommend Adoption of Public Involvement Plan

Mike Woods led the discussion on all the changes made. **MOTION** was made by Clay Ervin to recommend approval of the Public Involvement Plan as presented; seconded by Jim Hitt -- **motion passed 15-0.**

B. 2015 Legislative Positions and Priorities

T.J. Fish explained the 2015 Legislative Positions and Priorities list. Discussion ensued. **MOTION** was made by Jim Hitt to recommend the approval of the 2015 Legislative Positions and Priorities as presented; seconded by Chris Schmidt -- **motion passed 15-0.**

Dawn McDonald left at this time, quorum is now at 14.

- C. Recommend Approval of Draft FY 2015/16 Transportation Management System Budget  
T.J. Fish explained the adjustments made to this year budget. Discussion ensued. **MOTION** was made by Jim Hitt to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2015/16 Transportation Management System Budget as presented; seconded by Clay Ervin -- **motion passed 14-0.**

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. List of Priority Projects Update  
Mark Reggentin provided a summary of the subcommittee meeting including the possibility of developing a web-based tool for project applications. He also discussed the time frame for adoption of the new list.
- B. Long Range Transportation Plan  
Pam Richmond provided a summary of the subcommittee meeting including discussion on freight coordination and its relation to the plan. She stated that currently she is reviewing the Existing + Committed network in the 2040 horizon year and will be able to present the findings on the next committee meeting.
- C. Upcoming MPO Summits  
T.J. Fish informed the committee that the MPO staff is in the process of planning transportation summits focusing on regional trails and public transportation. He explained that in March a summit would be discussing the regional trail projects and priorities.
- D. Horizon Award Nominations  
T.J. Fish reminded the committee members that the deadline for nominations is January 16 and that he hoped to see everyone attending the Horizon Awards Dinner, which is going to be held at the Clermont City Center.

#### PROJECT UPDATES

- A. US 301 Project Development and Environmental Study (Sumter County) – US 301/SR 44 Intersection Improvements and US 301/Florida’s Turnpike Interchange Improvements  
T.J. Fish stated that study is underway
- B. C-468/Florida’s Turnpike Interchange (Sumter County)  
T.J. Fish stated agreements are signed.
- C. I-75/CR 514 Interchange Planning (Sumter County near Coleman)  
T.J. Fish stated that the plans are underway.
- D. Trails: Central Florida C2C Trail and Wekiva Trail  
T.J. Fish said that there was nothing new to report.
- E. Minneola Interchange: Florida’s Turnpike/North Hancock Road/Citrus Grove Road  
T.J. Fish stated that consultants to design it should be selected by the summer with construction completed by the end of 2017.

F. Lake-Orange Parkway (US 27 to SR 429)

T.J. Fish said that there was nothing new to report.

G. SR 50 Corridor Study

T.J. Fish stated that FDOT is moving forward with the SR 50 Corridor Study in 2017.

H. DRI Status Update (Villa City and Plaza Collina)

T.J. Fish said that there was nothing new to report.

CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Mark Reggentin stated that he would be the TAC representative attending the Governing Board meeting on January 28, 2015 at 4 pm at the Clermont City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

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Mark Reggentin, Chairman