

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, February 17, 2010
Lake~Sumter MPO
1616 South 14th Street, Leesburg, Florida

OPENING

Chairman Jim Hitt called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and noted that the meeting was properly noticed. A quorum of twelve was present.

Members Present

Brad Cornelius	Sumter County
Ken Stewart	Town of Astatula
Denise Lee	City of Bushnell
Jim Hitt, Chairman	City of Clermont
Dianne Kramer	City of Eustis
Stacy Allen	City of Groveland
Frank Watanabe	Town of Howey-in-the-Hills
Thad Carroll	Town of Lady Lake
Bea Meeks	City of Mascotte
Mark Reggentin	City of Mount Dora
Richard Hatfield	City of Umatilla
David Grimm	City of Wildwood

Members Absent

Brian Sheahan, Vice-Chairman	Lake County
Joe Quinn	Sumter County Transit
Peggy Newman	City of Fruitland Park
Bill Wiley	City of Leesburg
Jacques Skutt	City of Tavares

Staff Present

Pam Richmond	MPO Project Manager
Mike Woods	Transportation Planner
Olga Marcondes	Associate Planner/Recording Secretary

Others Present

David Marsh	FDOT
Lance DeCuir	FDOT
Alice Gilmartin	Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Noble Olasimbo	Lake County Public Works
Ralph Bowers	City of Fruitland Park
Laura Jones	City of Minneola
Gary Huttman	Burgess & Niple

FDOT REPORT was given by David Marsh who gave an update on the Lake and Sumter projects.

MPO STAFF REPORT was given by Pam Richmond and Mike Woods who gave an update of the activities and road projects for their specific areas. Pam Richmond also introduced Alice Gilmartin with the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. Alice announced the public hearing by Webinar on the implementation of a new electronic toll collection system along the Turnpike, know as the Toll-by-plate. The Webinar platform allows for live presentations to be broadcasted in the internet, which allows the public to participate via a personal computer. She stated that in the future, this format will be more widely used.

TAC MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA UPDATE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

None

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes for January 20, 2010

Bea Meeks mentioned that Peggy Newman no longer works for Fruitland Park and that Ralph Bowers would be attending the TAC meetings until they nominate someone else for the position.

MOTION was made by Mark Reggentin to approve the Minutes; seconded by Bea Meaks -- **motion passed twelve to zero.**

B. Approval of Draft FY 2010/11 through FY 2011/12 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Pam Richmond presented the UPWP in draft format. Mark Reggentin mentioned that the Transportation Concurrency Management System (TCMS) had been renamed Transportation Management System (TMS) in Bill 360 and that the UPWP still showed the old name. Pam Richmond requested that after the members had time to review the document, to email any additional comments so that they can be incorporated into the UPWP.

MOTION was made by Frank Watanabe to recommend to the board that the draft UPWP be distributed for review; seconded by Mark Reggentin -- **motion passed twelve to zero.**

C. Approval of Resolution for Redesignation

Pam Richmond presented the resolution that would redesignate the MPO Area, effectively making it a true two-county organization.

MOTION was made by Mark Reggentin to recommend to the board to approve the resolution for redesignation; seconded by Ken Stewart -- **motion passed twelve to zero.**

D. Recommendation of SR 44 Design regarding Waycross Avenue Intersection

Pam Richmond presented the request, and discussions ensued on the alignment of the intersection. Mark Reggentin stated that this is an operational issue and that the maintaining agencies should work to resolve it. He stated that the role of the TAC is to advise the MPO board in issues of planning.

MOTION was made by Ralph Bowers to recommend to the board to make no recommendations concerning roadway operations; seconded by Bea Meeks -- **motion passed twelve to zero.**

E. Recommendation on Traffic Signal, US 237 and Sawgrass Bay Boulevard

Pam Richmond presented the request, and discussions ensued regarding traffic signal warrants. David Marsh said that a signal warrant analysis had been performed at that intersection and that it is not warranted at this time. Noble Olasimbo said that there is an agreement between the Lake County School Board and the Sawgrass developers to install a traffic signal when warrants are met.

MOTION was made by Ralph Bowers to recommend to the board to make no recommendations and let the maintaining agencies make the final decision; seconded by Ken Stewart -- **motion passed twelve to zero.**

F. (1) Confirmation of/or Revision to List of Stimulus Priorities – Jobs for Main Street

Pam Richmond reviewed the Stimulus Projects as previously amended by the TAC. Discussion ensued on the understanding of “shovel ready” projects. Design build projects have inherently a longer process and David Marsh stated that these projects must have all permits and construction plans approved since to qualify for the stimulus, these projects must have a signed contract within 90 days of the bill being signed.

Jim Hitt asked to add the Clermont streetscape project to the list of enhancements as item #8 since it is shovel-ready.

MOTION was made by Bea Meeks to recommend to the board to approve the amended list of Stimulus Priorities; seconded by Ralph Bowers -- **motion passed twelve to zero.**

(2) Approval by Resolution to Amend the FY 2009/10 – 2013/14 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), if necessary

Discussion ensued on the funding applicable to sidewalks projects. Fred Schneider mentioned that Ross Pluta is in charge of creating a 5-year program for sidewalks.

MOTION was made by Mark Reggentin to recommend to the board to approve by resolution to amend the FY 2009/10 – 2013/14 Transportation Improvement Program; seconded by Bea Meeks -- **motion passed twelve to zero.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Process of Recommendations to the Governing Board

Pam Richmond updated the TAC on the agreement at the January Governing Board meeting to address the process which revised items are delivered to board members. Jim Hitt

recommended that the TAC/CAC meetings be moved to a month prior to the board meetings to allow staff more time to prepared submittal packages.

B. Transportation 2035

Pam Richmond provided an update on the development of the 2035 Transportation Plan including the upcoming public meetings in March. The Magnolia Room at the Lake-Sumter Community College was selected for this meeting.

PRESENTATION

A. Wekiva Trail Feasibility Study

Lance DeCuir with FDOT made a presentation on the feasibility study process, including the project scope and coordination with government agencies, land managers and trial stakeholders.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Jim Hitt, Chairman