



## MINUTES

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

**Wednesday, May 13, 2015  
Regular Meeting, 1:30 p.m.**

**1616 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
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#### **OPENING**

Chairman Mark Reggentin called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.; and he confirmed the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was present.

#### **Members Present**

Mark Reggentin, Chairman	City of Mount Dora
Fred Schneider	Lake County
Dawn McDonald	Lake County Schools
Richard Baier, Vice Chairman	Sumter County
Kyle Mills	Sumter County/Transit
Stephen Cross	Town of Astatula
Denise Lee	City of Bushnell
Jim Hitt	City of Clermont
Ryan Berger	City of Groveland
Dan D'Antonio	Town of Howey-in-the-Hills
Thad Carroll	Town of Lady Lake
DC Maudlin	City of Leesburg
Alisha Maraviglia	City of Tavares
Melanie Peavy	City of Wildwood
Karl Holley	Sumter County

#### **Members Absent**

Dottie Keedy	Lake County/Public Transportation
Chris Schmidt	Lake County
Dianne Kramer	City of Eustis
Aaron Mercer	City of Minneola
Gary La Venia	City of Fruitland Park
Richard Hatfield	City of Umatilla

#### **Staff Present**

Pam Richmond	MPO Project Manager
Mike Woods	Transportation Planner
Olga Marcondes	Transportation Planner
T.J. Fish	Executive Director

## Others Present

Vickie Wyche	FDOT
Amir Asgarinik	FDOT
Nick Lepp	RPG
Noble Olasimbo	Lake County
Frazier Howe	

## REPORTS

### A. Florida Department of Transportation

No project updates were made. Vickie Wyche was available for questions.

### B. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

An FTE representative was not present.

### C. County Reports

No formal reports were given. Richard Baier, Sumter County, and Fred Schneider, Lake County, were available for questions.

### D. MPO Staff

Mike woods stated that work was commencing on the annual update of the Transit Development Plan.

### E. TAC: Members Comments and Reports

Melanie Peavy inquired on the budget for the MPO's Transportation Management System. Her inquiry was on the difference between the base rate and the all-inclusive rate. T.J. Fish responded with an explanation that the base rate provides access to all TMS data, while the all-inclusive rate also includes TMS services including traffic study reviews. Fred Schneider inquired of FDOT on the programming of resurfacing funds for current SR 46 in the Mount Plymouth/Sorrento community; he referenced the 2019 completion of the Wekiva Parkway project, which will lead to a jurisdictional exchange of SR 46 to Lake County. Amir Asgarinik responded that he would follow up on the inquiry and report on when the resurfacing funds will be programmed.

## AGENDA UPDATE

The committee agreed to add Amir Asgarinik and his update on resurfacing projects to the agenda as part of the FDOT presentation.

## COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments were made.

## PRESENTATIONS

Vickie Wyche presented the FDOT Policy Plan Updates on the Florida Transportation Plan and the Strategic Intermodal System. Amir Asgarinik presented information on candidate resurfacing projects for both counties. He reported that there are four resurfacing projects pending for Lake County and three resurfacing projects for Sumter County.

## ACTION ITEMS

### A. **January 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION** was made by Jim Hitt to approve the January 14, 2015 minutes, seconded by Richard Baier. -- **motion passed 15 - 0.**

**B. Appoint Vice-Chair**

Chairman Reggentin explained that with Clay Ervin no longer the TAC representative for the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, a new Vice Chairman is needed. Chairman called for nominations.

**MOTION** was made by Karl Holley to appoint Richard Baier as Vice Chairman, seconded by Jim Hitt -- **motion passed 15 - 0.**

**C. Recommend Approval to Amend FY 2014/15-2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program**

T.J. Fish explained the amendment to the existing five-year program was to add a rail safety project at a crossing of the Florida Central Railroad by Lake County CR 448A.

**MOTION** was made by Karl Holley to recommend approval to amend the FY 2014/15-2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Thad Carroll -- **motion passed 15 - 0.**

**D. Recommend Approval to Amend FY 2014/15 – 2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program**

T.J. Fish explained the amendment was to update financial information on federal and state grants for FY 2015/16.

**MOTION** was made by Karl Holley to recommend approval to amend FY 2014/15/2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program, seconded by Jim Hitt -- **motion passed 15 - 0.**

**E. Recommend to Close Public Review Period and Recommend Approval of FY 2015/16 – 2019/20 Transportation Improvement Program**

T.J. Fish explained that the new five-year program was ready for final approval and would become effective July 1. Fred Schneider stated that right-of-way acquisition funding for Citrus Grove Road may need to be moved from 2017 to 2016 if feasible. Also, two segments of the Wekiva Trail are in need of ROW funding.

**MOTION** was made by Denise Lee to recommend to close the public review period and recommend approval of FY 2015/16 - 2019/20 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Jim Hitt -- **motion passed 15 - 0.**

**F. Recommend to Close Public Review Period and Recommend Approval of 2019/20-2034/35 List of Priority Projects**

T.J. Fish explained the new list of funding priorities was ready for final approval and the document would be utilized by FDOT in programming new funds. Fred Schneider pointed out and MPO staff concurred that CR 466A, Phase 3, should be added to Table 2, Construction Projects, combined with the Number 3 item, Phase 2B.

**MOTION** was made by Jim Hitt to recommend to close public review period recommend approval of FY 2019/20 – 2034/35 List of Priority Projects, with the addition of CR 466A, Phase 3 to Table 2, seconded by Thad Carroll -- **motion passed 15 - 0.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS**A. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan – Draft Needs Plan**

Nick Lepp, consultant with Renaissance Planning Group, presented information of the development of the MPO's Needs Plan, as part of the update of the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan. Workshops are being planned for June that will allow participants to see the results of the traffic modelling and to recommend allocation of financial resources to various future needs.

**B. July Summit on Sidewalks and Safe Access to Schools**

T.J. Fish announced the summit will be July 29 at the Mount Dora Community Building. Additional information will be emailed to committee members. Fred Schneider inquired on the status of the bill sponsored by Rep. Metz regarding hazardous walking conditions near schools. T.J. Fish responded that he would have to check on the status of the bill.

PROJECT UPDATES**A. US 301 Project Development and Environment Study (Sumter County) – US 301/SR 44 Intersection Improvements and US 301/Florida's Turnpike Interchange Improvements**

T.J. Fish stated that the study had been on hold but was now underway with new consultants.

**B. I-75/CR 514 Interchange Planning (Sumter County near Coleman)**

T.J. Fish stated that the MPO continues to coordinate with FDOT and the Federal Highway Administration on the required Interchange Justification Report.

**C. C-468/Florida's Turnpike Interchange (Sumter County)**

T.J. Fish stated the interchange was committed by Sumter County to be built by 2025. He also pointed out the planning of the transportation network in central Sumter County.

**D. C-470 Study**

T.J. Fish explained that FDOT is managing a federalized PD&E study in Sumter County and that the MPO is requesting of FDOT the same level of study for the corridor in Lake County.

**E. Wekiva Parkway Project**

T.J. Fish stated that the Orange County segments of the project are on track to be complete in 2018 and that most of the Lake County segments will be complete in 2019.

**F. Trails: Central Florida C2C Trail and Wekiva Trail**

T.J. Fish stated that each segment of the Coast to Coast Connector in Lake and Sumter counties is moving forward to the next needed phase. He added that the MPO continues to emphasize to FDOT the need to program funds for ROW for the downtown Groveland segment as design will be complete by the end of the year. He stated that two of four segments of the Wekiva Trail are committed by FDOT to be constructed. He stated that the two segments toward Mount Dora are funded for design but not ROW and construction.

**G. Minneola Interchange: Florida's Turnpike/North Hancock Road/Citrus Grove Road**

T.J. Fish stated that the interchange should be open by 2018 and that Lake County is moving forward with construction of the Hancock Road extension. He added that Citrus Grove Road is partially funded for design and addition funds are needed.

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

T.J. Fish stated that the feasibility of paying for the project through tolls may not be feasible and that the MPO should consider a funding request of FDOT to study the potential alignment of the road.

**I. SR 50 Corridor Study**

T.J. Fish stated that the study is underway and is focusing on safety improvements rather than capacity improvements.

**J. DRI Status Update (Villa City and Plaza Collina)**

T.J. Fish stated that he was unsure of the status of the Villa City DRI in light of recent legislation regarding DRIs. He stated that the City of Clermont has annexed the Plaza Collina DRI and was in the process of dissolving the DRI and addressing the property rights through zoning and conditional use permits. He voiced concern on the removal of requirements at the development of the property to construct a transit transfer facility for a LakeXpress-LYNX connection on the site.

**CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

It was not confirmed as to whom the representative would be at the May 27 meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT – Following a motion by Jim Hitt, seconded by Richard Baier, the meeting adjourned at 2:48.**

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Mark Reggentin, Chairman