

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Lake~Sumter MPO

1616 South 14th Street, Leesburg, Florida

OPENING

Chairman Thad Carroll called the meeting to order at 1:37 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
Dottie Keedy	Lake County/Public Transportation
Dawn McDonald	Lake County Schools
Karl Holley	Sumter County
Denise Lee	City of Bushnell
Jim Hitt	City of Clermont
Dianne Kramer	City of Eustis
Gary La Venia	City of Fruitland Park
Aaron Mercer	City of Minneola
Mark Reggentin	City of Mount Dora
Jason McHugh, Vice-Chairman	City of Wildwood

Members Absent

Chris Schmidt	Lake County
DC Maudlin	City of Leesburg
Jacques Skutt	City of Tavares
Richard Hatfield	City of Umatilla

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
Heather Garcia	FDOT
John Moore	FDOT
Noble Olasimbo	Lake County Public Works
Jeffrey Atkin	Sumter County Public Works
David Hope	LakeXpress
Melanie Peavy	City of Wildwood
Darel Craine	City of Leesburg
Redmond Jones	City of Groveland

REPORTS

A. Florida Department of Transportation

Ms. Vickie Wyche, MPO Liaison, gave an update on the construction projects in the Lake and Sumter areas. She also stated that on June 17th at the Leesburg Community Center, there will be a public meeting for the preliminary engineering study for US 27 and SR 44 intersection. The meeting will start at 7:00pm and 8:00pm.

B. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

None

C. County Reports

None

D. MPO Staff

Olga Marcondes asked members to review the traffic study review report included in the agenda and to let her know if there are any projects missing from the list. She also wanted to remind everyone that due to the increase in traffic studies submitted, the MPO is requesting (as per agreement) a minimum of 15 working days for review. She explained that methodology letters are usually given priority in the review since approval is needed before work could start on a study. T.J. Fish reminded the committee of the budget reduction last year and that Olga is currently working at reduced hours and that her responsibilities goes beyond just traffic impact study reviews. Pam Richmond commented that Scott Cottrell's last day was June 6 and that Sumter County is still looking for a replacement. She also updated the committee on Frank Watanabe who was the planning consultant for Howey-in-the Hills. Frank had left his position at Neel-Schaffer when they closed their office in Vero Beach. He has since found employment in the City of Sebastian. Francis Franco reported that the Lake~Sumter GIS Users Group are meeting next week at the MPO office. He stated that AICP credits are being offered so if anyone need to keep up their accreditation or if anyone on their staff could benefit from attending this meeting, to please let him know so that he can add them to the email list.

E. TAC: Members Comments and Reports

None

AGENDA UPDATE

None

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

None

PRESENTATION

A. Comprehensive Plan Amendment Coordination and Review Pilot Project

Pam Richmond introduced John Moore and Heather Garcia, FDOT District 5, who reviewed the current statutory requirements for a comprehensive plan amendment and the role of FDOT in protecting state facilities. Pam Richmond then discussed the role of the MPO in this process and presented some of the resources and assistance available that are included as part of the Transportation Management System annual fee.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of May 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes
MOTION was made by Mark Reggentin to recommend approval of the May 14, 2014 meeting minute as presented; seconded by Denise Lee -- **motion passed 10-0.**
- B. Recommend Approval to Amend FY 2014/15 – 2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program
T.J. Fish explained the changes made to the UPWP. **MOTION** was made by Karl Holley to recommend approval to amend FY 2014/15 – 2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program; seconded by Mark Reggentin -- **motion passed 10-0.**
- C. Recommend Approval to Amend FY 2013/14 – 2017/18 Transportation Improvement Program
T.J. Fish explained that due to FDOT closing of the fiscal year prompted some of the changes in the current TIP. Discussion ensued. **MOTION** was made by Mark Reggentin to recommend approval to amend the FY 2013/14 – 2017/18 Transportation Improvement Program; seconded by Jim Hitt -- **motion passed 10-0.**
- D. Recommend Approval to Adopt FY 2014/15 – 2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program
T.J. Fish explained that once adopted it would become effective on July 1st. **MOTION** was made by Jim Hitt to recommend approval to adopt the FY 2014/15 – 2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program; seconded by Karl Holley -- **motion passed 10-0.**

Denise Lee left at this time, quorum is now at 9.

Gary La Venia arrive at this time, quorum is now at 10.

- E. Recommend Approval of Draft FY 2019/20 – 2034/35 List of Priority Projects
Pam Richmond explained that the LOPP Subcommittee has made revisions to the list. The subcommittee chairman, Mark Reggentin, went over the variance report. Discussion ensued on each project on the list where additional changes were made. He also detailed the schedule for next year and some of the work ahead for the subcommittee, including a project scoring scheme. **MOTION** was made by Jim Hitt to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2019/20 – 2034/35 List of Priority Projects as amended; seconded by Dianne Kramer -- **motion passed 10-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Legislative Update
T.J. Fish updated the committee members on proposed legislation impacting transportation in Sumter and Lake Counties.
- B. Lake~Sumter Transit Development Plan Annual Update
Mike Woods along with David Hope, Lake County Fixed Route Coordinator, detailed the existing and proposed route changes for the next update.
- C. Implementation of Safe School Access Study
Mike Woods explained some of the tools available on the website and the importance of maintaining the database of projects up to date. Dianne Kramer commented on the amount of work that has already been completed in the City of Eustis.

PROJECT UPDATES

- A. US 441 Corridor Alternative Analysis (Orange Blossom Express Study – Orlando to Golden Triangle)
- B. Lake-Orange Parkway (US 27 to SR 429) and Wellness Way Sector Plan (South Lake)
- C. I-75/CR 514 Interchange Planning (Sumter County near Coleman)
- D. Minneola Interchange: Florida's Turnpike/North Hancock Road
- E. Trails: South Lake Trail, South Sumter Connector Trails, Wekiva Trail
- F. Villa City Development of Regional Impact (DRI)

Chairman Carroll asked if any member had a specific question regarding the projects listed on the agenda that they wished to discuss. No questions were asked and there was no further discussion.

CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Thad Carroll stated that he would be the TAC representative attending the Governing Board meeting on June 25, 2014 at 2 pm at the Lake~Sumter MPO.

Before adjourning, Pam Richmond stated that she would not be attending the Board meeting and requested if Mark Reggentin would attend the meeting to answer any questions that the Board may have on the LOPP.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Thad Carroll, Chairman