

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, September 10, 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
Fred Schneider	Lake County
Dottie Keedy	Lake County/Public Transportation
Dawn McDonald	Lake County Schools
Richard Baier	Sumter County
Jeff Atkin	Sumter County/Transit
Denise Lee	City of Bushnell
Jim Hitt	City of Clermont
Dianne Kramer	City of Eustis
Gary La Venia	City of Fruitland Park
Clay Ervin	Town of Howey-in-the-Hills
Aaron Mercer	City of Minneola
Mark Reggentin	City of Mount Dora
Jason McHugh, Vice-Chairman	City of Wildwood

Members Absent

Ryan Berger	City of Groveland
DC Maudlin	City of Leesburg
Alisha Maraviglia	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
Noble Olasimbo	Lake County Public Works

REPORTS

- A. Florida Department of Transportation
Ms. Vickie Wyche, MPO Liaison, stated that there were no construction report updates for Lake County or Sumter County at the time.

- B. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
None

C. County Reports

Jeff Atkin introduced Richard Baier who is the new Sumter County Public Works Director.

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. She stated that the trips from these reviews are not automatically reserved and that a formal reservation request must be submitted to the MPO. She also reminded everyone the MPO is requesting a minimum of 15 working days for review on traffic impact studies. She asked the committee members to alert their appropriate staff of this review period. T.J. Fish added that Olga will be going on vacation in October and that all traffic study reviews will be given to Pam Richmond. He asked that members be aware of their process and timetable to avoid conflicting schedules.

Mike Woods stated that the only update not in the agenda is that we are currently in the permitting phase for the Horrible Hundred 2014. This annual bicycle-riding event attracts over 3,000 riders and has a big economic impact for the South Lake area. He is asking the committee members from the municipalities in the South Lake area if they have any active construction sites in the 100 miles route to please send him an email.

Pam Richmond reported that the US 301 PD&E is moving forward and they will be having their first pre-kick off public meeting on October 13 and the actual Kick-Off meeting is scheduled for November 18 at the Coleman City Hall. She also stated that staff is ready to start talking about next year's traffic counts. In order to accommodate the municipalities' needs with the traffic count program, she asked the committee members to start thinking about the location of the traffic counts. The traffic count locations are available for download on the MPO website. If there were any special projects that would require traffic count data, now would be the time to start discussing it. The MPO has a limited budget available to accommodate all data requests. Francis Franco gave a brief demonstration of where the data is located on the MPO website and how to access the various reports.

E. TAC: Members Comments and Reports

None

AGENDA UPDATE

None

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

None

ACTION ITEM

A. Approval of August 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made by Aaron Mercer to recommend approval of the August 13, 2014 meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Jim Hitt -- **motion passed 13-0.**

Fred Schneider arrived at this time. Quorum is now at 14.

B. Recommend Approval to Amend FY 2014/15 – 2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program

T.J. Fish explained that this is a standard item. Every September, as FDOT closes out the year and roll-forward funds to the next fiscal year, adjustments to the TIP are made so that we may have consistency. Mark Reggentin pointed out a typo on the resolution Item 2A. The location of the project is in the City of Leesburg and not in the City of Mount Dora. **MOTION** was made

by Jim Hitt to recommend approval of the FY 2014/15 -- 2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program as amended; seconded by Aaron Mercer -- **motion passed 14-0.**

C. Appoint Project Prioritization Subcommittee Members

T.J. Fish provided a brief explanation of the need for creating this subcommittee and the amendment to the MPO bylaws. Pam Richmond stated that although Alisha Maraviglia did not attend the meeting today, she had volunteered to serve on this subcommittee. Discussion ensued. **MOTION** was made by Mark Reggentin to recommend the appointments of Alisha Maraviglia, Mark Reggentin, and Jim Hitt to the Project Prioritization Subcommittee; seconded by Jim Hitt -- **motion passed 14-0.**

D. Appoint Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Subcommittee Members

T.J. Fish explained the purpose for creating this subcommittee. Pamela Richmond emphasized that all MPOs are required by law to adopt a new LRTP every five years that addresses a 25-year horizon. She addressed the time commitment needed from this subcommittee members and the timeframe for adoption. Discussion ensued. Fred Schneider along with Denise Lee and Dottie Keedy volunteered to serve. **MOTION** was made by Mark Reggentin to recommend the appointments of Fred Schneider, Denise Lee, and Dottie Keedy to the Long Range Transportation Plan Subcommittee; seconded by Clay Ervin -- **motion passed 14-0.**

E. Recommend Approval of 2015 Central Florida MPO Alliance Regional Priorities

T.J. Fish reported on the Central Florida MPO Alliance regional priorities scheduled to be adopted on October 10, 2014. The list addresses funding priorities for three funding categories including Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) projects, regional trail projects and regional transit projects. Discussion ensued. **MOTION** was made by Jim Hitt to recommend approval of the 2015 Central Florida MPO Alliance Regional Priorities as presented; seconded by Mark Reggentin -- **motion passed 14-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2015 Legislative Positions

T.J. Fish provided an overview of the legislative issues likely to be addressed by the Florida MPO Advisory Council. He stated that the Lake County delegation would be meeting earlier this year followed by the Sumter County delegation. He wants to give an opportunity to the Technical Advisory Committee members to provide comments on legislative positions to the Board.

B. CR 435 and Wekiva Parkway

T.J. Fish explained that the Lake County Commission and the MPO Board supported the CR 435 resolution requesting the FDOT study the future traffic conditions of CR 435 and SR 46 (future CR 46) in the Mount Plymouth area once the new temporary interchange location is open. Pam Richmond stated she had just received a copy of the study and that she was in the process of reviewing it.

PROJECT UPDATES

A. US 441 Corridor Alternative Analysis (Orange Blossom Express Study – Orlando to Golden Triangle)

T.J. Fish stated that there is an open house in the Tavares Civic Center the following Monday for the Alternative Analysis where the public is invited to review the analysis process and provide comments.

B. Lake-Orange Parkway (US 27 to SR 429) and Wellness Way Sector Plan (South Lake)

T.J. Fish stated that staff is still waiting on the Traffic Revenue Study for this potential toll road. As for the sector plan, there are still issues to be resolved. MPO staff is reviewing it. Jim Hitt stated Clermont is in a holding pattern for now.

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

T.J. Fish stated that the plans are underway.

D. Minneola Interchange: Florida's Turnpike/North Hancock Road

T.J. Fish asked Aaron Mercer to give an update on the status of the interchange. Aaron said that this coming Monday, the Turnpike would be advertising for construction/design build. Fred Schneider explained that with the four million dollars legislative appropriation, the funds are there for design work on the Citrus Grove Road. A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be sent out around April or May 2015. He stated they are waiting until the Florida's Turnpike selects the alignment before design work can begin.

E. Trails: Central Florida C2C Trail and Wekiva Trail

T.J. Fish said regarding the Wekiva Trail that staff is working with Lake County and the City of Mount Dora along with FDOT. Design funds are available and waiting for property owners to resolve the ownership of the rail bed. For the Central Florida Coast to Coast Trail, the Lake County portion could be completed in the next five years. The Sumter County portion will take longer since the gap is 22 miles and they are in the study phase.

F. Villa City Development of Regional Impact (DRI)

T.J. Fish said the MPO Board approved an interlocal agreement with the City of Groveland to review the Villa City DRI for the original quote of \$4,800. The City of Groveland had requested a lower amount, which the Board rejected.

G. Studies: US 301 PD&E Study, SR 50 Corridor

T.J. Fish stated that FDOT is moving forward with the US 301 PD&E and the SR 50 Corridor Study.

CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Thad Carroll stated that he would be the TAC representative attending the Governing Board meeting on September 24, 2014 at 2 pm at the Lake~Sumter MPO.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Thad Carroll, Chairman