

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Lake~Sumter MPO
1616 South 14th Street, Leesburg, Florida

OPENING

Vice-Chairman Jason McHugh called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and noted that the meeting was properly noticed and that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Jason McHugh, Vice-Chairman	City of Wildwood
Fred Schneider	Lake County
Dawn McDonald	Lake County Schools
Richard Baier	Sumter County
Jeff Atkin	Sumter County/Transit
Denise Lee	City of Bushnell
Gary La Venia	City of Fruitland Park
Ryan Berger	City of Groveland
Clay Ervin	Town of Howey-in-the-Hills
Aaron Mercer	City of Minneola
Mark Reggentin	City of Mount Dora
Alisha Maraviglia	City of Tavares
Richard Hatfield	City of Umatilla

Members Absent

Dottie Keedy	Lake County/Public Transportation
Jim Hitt	City of Clermont
Dianne Kramer	City of Eustis
Thad Carroll, Chairman	Town of Lady Lake
DC Maudlin	City of Leesburg

Staff Present

T.J. Fish	Executive Director
Pam Richmond	MPO Project Manager
Mike Woods	Transportation Planner
Francis Franco	GIS Manager
Sue Goldfuss	Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Others Present

Vickie Wyche	FDOT
Noble Olasimbo	Lake County Public Works
David Hope	Lake County Public Transportation
Karl Holley	Sumter County
John Kruse	City of Clermont
Jimmy Feagle	City of Leesburg Public Works
Chris Thompson	City of Tavares Public Works
Melanie Peavy	City of Wildwood

REPORTS

A. Florida Department of Transportation

Ms. Vickie Wyche, MPO Liaison, gave an update of the construction projects in Lake and Sumter Counties. T.J. Fish made Ms. Wyche aware of a traffic signal request at Spring Lake Road and US 27 in Fruitland Park where a median was closed during the recent widening project.

B. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

None

C. County Reports

None

D. MPO Staff

Mike Woods stated the Central Florida Safe Routes Portal is up and running; however, it is not password protected at this time. Pam Richmond advised she will be unable to attend the Nov 5th Florida Pavement Management Council and asked if anyone else was attending. T.J. Fish stated MPO staff will continue to emphasize bicycle and pedestrian projects and to use the Safe Access Study reports when applying for grants for transportation related safety improvements near schools. He further reported on the possible renewal of the sales tax.

E. TAC: Members Comments and Reports

None

AGENDA UPDATE

MOTION was made by Mark Reggentin to approve adding Addendum Action Items F and G to the agenda; seconded by Clay Ervin -- **motion passed 12-0.**

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

None

ACTION ITEM

A. Approval of September 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made by Mark Reggentin to recommend approval of the September 10, 2014 meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Clay Ervin -- **motion passed 12-0.**

B. Update of Maps as Precursor to Long Range Transportation Plan Development

In preparation of the development of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan, T.J. Fish reviewed the three maps adopted in 2011 as guiding documents to *Transportation 2035*. Several comments were made on the Regionally Significant and the Emerging Regionally Significant Corridors Maps, and staff will make adjustments for the November meeting. Discussion regarding the county policies on maintenance. Criteria Policies adopted by the MPO in 2008 for Regional Significance and Emerging Regional Significance were handed out, and committee members were asked to report back to Mr. Fish and Ms. Richmond with any further comments. No action was taken.

C. Regional Trail Resurfacing/Maintenance as a Funding Priority

T.J. Fish provided information regarding legislative changes to state law enabling the use of state and federal funds on the regional trails for resurfacing/maintenance. At the recent C2C Trail Summit, FDOT clarified that MPOs can submit those types of projects through the annual prioritization process. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding where the funding would come from; resurfacing/maintenance projects competing with construction projects; the requirement for local jurisdictions to have a maintenance agreement with FDOT prior to the programming of

construction funds; and keeping the construction of the C2C and Wekiva Trails at the top of the priority list. **MOTION** was made by Mark Reggentin to recommend to not include trail resurfacing/maintenance in the Project Priority List until current prioritized trails have been programmed for construction; seconded by Richard Baier -- **motion passed 12-0.**

D. 2015 Draft Legislative Positions

T.J. Fish reviewed the proposed list of positions and added staff is seeking input on any other issues or bills that should be monitored for the 2015 Florida Legislative Session. Brief discussion ensued regarding the Minneola Interchange and the impact on the local roads. Lake County is requesting assistance with connecting Citrus Grove Road to US 27. **MOTION** was made by Fred Schneider to add Citrus Grove Road to the Regional Projects; seconded by Mark Reggentin -- **motion passed 12-0.**

E. Appoint Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Subcommittee Member

After a brief explanation regarding Lake County's request to replace Dottie Keedy on the subcommittee, and two other TAC members volunteering to be appointed; **MOTION** was made by Mark Reggentin to replace both Lake County appointees, Fred Schneider and Dottie Keedy, with Clay Ervin and Aaron Mercer; seconded by Denise Lee -- **motion passed 12-0.** Clarification was made that Mr. Schneider will still be invited to participate.

ADDENDUM ACTION ITEMS

F. Recommend Amending FY 2014/15 – 2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program

T.J. Fish reported FDOT's request for two amendments to the MPO's TIP based on the department's recent programming of funds for two projects. The first amendment would add funds for planning, design and right-of-way acquisition for the SR 44 bridge replacement over the St. John's River connecting Lake County east to Volusia County. The second amendment would add additional funds to the design phase of the South Lake Trail, Phase 4, from the Van Fleet State Trail in Sumter County east to Villa City Road (CR 565) in Groveland. **MOTION** was made by Mark Reggentin to recommend amending FY 2014/15 – 2018/19 Transportation Improvement Program; seconded by Clay Ervin -- **motion passed 12-0.**

G. Recommend Amending FY 2014/15 – 2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program

T.J. Fish explained the MPO's request to FDOT for additional funds to complete the Long Range Transportation Plan. FDOT has provided an additional \$125,000 in planning funds to support the MPO's development of the 2040 LRTP. In order for the MPO to be able to access the funds, an amendment to the UPWP is required. **MOTION** was made by Mark Reggentin to recommend amending FY 2014/15 – 2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program; seconded by Clay Ervin -- **motion passed 12-0.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Consideration of Changing Start Time of TAC Meetings

T.J. Fish led the discussion requesting feedback on revising the meeting schedule of the TAC and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee so all three MPO committees meet on the same day. After a brief discussion, consensus was to not change the time of the TAC meetings, and suggested the BPAC move to 10 a.m. Wednesday instead of TAC.

B. 2014 Horizon Award Nominations

Committee members were encouraged to nominate deserving local governments for transportation projects or policies that were advanced during 2014. The awards will be presented at the Eighth Annual Horizon Awards Dinner January 28, 2015.

C. Update on Lake County Bus Shelter Matching Funds Program Policy

T.J. Fish explained Lake County will continue to take the lead on installing bus shelters as funds allow at high-ridership locations where data supports the need for shelters. Municipalities may have locations that are not yet supported by data where a shelter is nonetheless desired. In addition, cities may require developments to include bus shelter installation, which could be partially funded with the matching funds. The policy is on the Oct 28 Lake County BCC agenda.

PROJECT UPDATES

A. Trails: Central Florida C2C Trail and Wekiva Trail

T.J. Fish reported on the recent C2C Trail Summit, and stated he was on the morning panel. Mike Woods reported the afternoon session did not go as well, and they will be regrouping. There was discussion at last week's South Lake Task Force regarding the funded phases and the need to look for funding for next phases. Mr. Woods gave a further update on the Wekiva Trail PD&E, and his plans to move forward with a Trails Master Plan.

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

T.J. Fish reported the ridership and cost projections are not supportive of moving to the next phase, which would be a PD&E Study.

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

The Turnpike has advertised for bids for design and build of the interchange, which may not be open until 2017. Construction of N. Hancock Road is tentatively scheduled to begin Jan 2015.

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

No update given.

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

No further update due to the lengthy process of the Interchange Justification Report.

F. Villa City Development of Regional Impact (DRI)

There has been a delay due to a change in legal counsel.

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

The US 301 PD&E will have a kickoff next week at the Coleman City Council meeting; and the SR 50 Corridor Study is to address safety due to truck traffic.

CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

It was confirmed that either Thad Carroll or Jason McHugh would be the TAC representative attending the Governing Board meeting on October 22, 2014 at 2 pm at the Lake~Sumter MPO.

Mark Reggentin announced the Florida APA has nominated Downtown Mount Dora as one of the top five Peoples Choices, and he asked everyone to please vote.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Thad Carroll, Chairman