

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

**Wednesday, October 14, 2015**  
**Regular Meeting, 1:30 p.m.**

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

Vice-Chairman Richard Baier called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.; and confirmed the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was present.

**Members Present**

Richard Baier, Vice Chairman	Sumter County
Kyle Mills	Sumter County/Transit
Dawn McDonald	Lake County Schools
Denise Lee	City of Bushnell
Jim Hitt	City of Clermont
Tom Carrino	City of Eustis
Thad Carroll	Town of Lady Lake
DC Maudlin	City of Leesburg
Chris Schmidt	Lake County
Stephen Cross	Town of Astatula
Melanie Peavy	City of Wildwood
Ryan Berger	City of Groveland
Aaron Mercer	City of Umatilla
Fred Schneider	Lake County
Karl Holley	Sumter County

**Members Absent**

Mark Reggentin, Chairman	City of Mount Dora
Gary La Venia	City of Fruitland Park
Jacques Skutt	City of Tavares

**Staff Present**

T.J. Fish	Executive Director
Pam Richmond	MPO Project Manager
Mike Woods	Transportation Planner
Francis Franco	GIS Manager
Doris Davis	Executive Assistant
Thomas Burke	Transportation Planner

**Others Present**

Vickie Wyche	FDOT
Ms. Karla Monica Limbo	Philippines
Ms. Mona Irmiana Mohd Alimin	Brunei

**I. REPORTS**

- A. Florida Department of Transportation  
Vickie Wyche, MPO Liaison gave updates on the construction in progress and lane closures in Lake/Sumter Counties
- B. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise  
None
- C. County Reports  
Richard Baier made mention that the reports for Sumter County were attached.
- D. MPO Staff  
T.J. Fish introduced Thomas Burke, a returning LSMPO employee, and provided a brief summary of the projects that he will be working on. Mike Woods provided information on an upcoming Forum & Bike-Ped Safety Summit that will be held in Clermont on November 13-15. He encouraged everyone to please attend if possible.
- E. TAC: Members Comments and Reports  
Richard Baier introduced Ms. Karla Monica Limbo from the Philippines and Ms. Mona Irmiana Mohd Alimin from Brunei. They are currently in the ICMA Professional Fellows Program. The purpose of the visit in this area is to understand Public Works. Dawn McDonald thanked Mike Woods (LSMPO), Vickie Wyche and staff (FDOT), and the City of Minneola for their assistance in setting up a temporary bus stop at the Park & Ride for the students of Lake Minneola.

#### **AGENDA UPDATE**

None

#### **II. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comments were made.

#### **III. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. September 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes  
**Motion** was made by Jim Hitt to approve the September 9, 2015 minutes, seconded by Chris Schmidt– **motion passed 15-0.**
- B. TRANSPORTATION 2040 - Recommend Approval of Draft Document  
T.J. Fish presented the formal draft document updating the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Fish explained that Transportation 2040 will be presented to the MPO Governing Board on October 28, at which time the board will be requested to approve the draft document and open an official public comment period, which would commence on November 5. This will give staff sufficient time to address any recommended changes that may result from the actions of committees or of the Governing Board. The proposed schedule meets the requirements of the Public Involvement Plan. Mr. Fish asked for any changes and a recommendation of approval of the draft document. **Motion** was made by Jim Hitt to approve the draft document, seconded by Chris Schmidt – **motion passed 15-0.**
- D. Draft Legislative Positions and Priorities  
T.J. Fish asked committee members to share any items of interest that may be taken up by governmental/professional associations to the Lake County State Legislative Delegation. The approved document will then be distributed to local delegates and to appropriate legislators serving on applicable committees. The legislative process will be monitored through the session, which is to end in March. Richard Baier stated that number 4 on the Draft 2016 Legislative Priorities list which reads *Set Statewide Goals to Reduce Florida's Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatalities*, should be rewritten so that the MPO lobbies to have a reexamination of the current

Legislation in order to strengthen and clarify the current language as to its wording related to a pedestrian safely crossing the street and having the right of way. Aaron Mercer requested that North Lake Trail/Umatilla be added to Regional Projects. **Motion** was made by Chris Schmidt to approve the Draft Legislative Positions and Priorities List, seconded by Kyle Mills – **motion passed 15-0.**

#### **IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. List of Priority Projects – Submittal of New Projects

T.J. Fish discussed the annual process of developing the 2016 List of Priority Projects which begins this month. Mr. Fish asked that committee members prepare for submittal of new projects and to begin work on the project application forms for any new projects that they may have. This is the second and final year the MPO has funding through FDOT to manage consultants in assisting in the preparation of all required information in the application packages. The submittal of new projects and application packages must occur by January 13, 2016.

B. 2015 Horizon Award Nominations

T.J. Fish discussed that the 2015 Horizon Award Nominations are currently underway. Committee members are encouraged to nominate deserving local governments for transportation projects or policies that were advanced during 2015. Nominations can also be submitted for leadership and for Volunteer of the Year. The awards will be presented at the Ninth Annual Horizon Awards Dinner in January.

C. Complete Streets Workshop

T.J. Fish provided an update on the workshop that was held on October 7, on the Complete Streets Program that was hosted by FDOT District 5. Various members of the TAC Committee were also present at the workshop and provided update/feedback as well.

#### **V. PROJECT UPDATES**

T.J. Fish went over the following updates, a summary page was included in the agenda package.

- A. US 301 Project Development and Environment Study (Sumter County) – US 301/SR 44 Intersection Improvements and US 301/Florida's Turnpike Interchange Improvements
- B. I-75/CR 514 Interchange Planning (Sumter County near Coleman)
- C. C-470 Study
- D. Wekiva Parkway Project
- E. Trails: Central Florida C2C Trail and Wekiva Trail
- F. Minneola Interchange: Florida's Turnpike/North Hancock Road/Citrus Grove Road
- G. Lake-Orange Parkway (US 27 to SR 429)
- H. SR 50 Corridor Study

#### **VII. CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

Richard Baier confirmed he will attend the October 28, 2015 meeting.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Following a motion by Chris Schmidt, seconded by Kyle Mills, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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Mark Reggentin, Chairman