



# **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**Wednesday, August 10, 2016  
Regular Meeting, 1:30 p.m.**

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## **OPENING**

Call to Order  
Proper Noticing  
Determination of Quorum

## **I. REPORTS**

- A.** Florida Department of Transportation: Vickie Wyche, MPO Liaison
- B.** Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
- C.** Lake County Report
- D.** Sumter County Report
- E.** MPO Staff Reports
- F.** TAC Member Comments and Reports

## **II. AGENDA UPDATE**

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

## **IV. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. SR 44 (Dixie Avenue)**

The MPO and the City of Leesburg recently completed planning for a safety/access management/landscaping project in conjunction with FDOT's resurfacing project on SR 44 (Dixie Avenue) from US 27 to US 441 in Leesburg. The project consultant team will provide a project overview and will present renderings of the changes to come to the corridor. This project is the MPO's first to incorporate Complete Streets principles. The project is not officially a Complete Streets project, as it began as a resurfacing project to which the MPO requested of the FDOT to add Complete Streets elements.

### **B. Project Information Application Interactive Website**

The MPO has been working with Kittelson Associates Inc. to create a website tool that will streamline the process for obtaining the needed information to complete FDOT Project Information Applications. The website tool also aids the organization and storage of the project forms and supporting information so that is readily accessible and updatable by member local governments. Consultant Jennifer Musselman will demonstrate the tool and answer questions.

## V. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Approval of June 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes

### B. Recommend Approval of Policy 2016-6: Sidewalks Program

The third in a series of policies as part of the implementation of *Transportation 2040*, Policy 2016-6, Sidewalks Program, is presented this month for a final recommendation of approval. Committees have provided procedural and technical review. This finalized policy will be presented August 24 for adoption by the Governing Board. Staff requests a recommendation for approval.

### C. Recommendation on FHWA/FTA Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform

On June 27, 2016, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that would potentially create significant impacts to the structures of affected MPOs. The proposed rule would require each Urbanized Area (UA) to have a Metropolitan Planning Area boundary that fully incorporates the urbanized area and the surrounding area that is anticipated to urbanize within the next 20 years. For any UA that is shared with multiple MPOs, the MPOs are to either merge or to gain approval from the governor to be served by multiple MPOs. If a UA is shared with multiple MPOs and the governor approves the structure, the MPOs would be required to jointly produce plans and programs. 21 of 27 Florida MPOs are potentially affected and 142 of the nation's 405 MPOs are potentially affected.

The current Lake~Sumter MPO Metropolitan Planning Area encompasses both counties in whole as a result of the chosen governance structure of the MPO. The proposed rule would require a new boundary to be established around each of the MPO's three urbanized areas: (1) the Leesburg-Eustis-Tavares UA, which extends across northern Lake County with a small area in Sumter County; (2) the Lady Lake-The Villages UA, which is currently shared with the Ocala/Marion County TPO; and (3) the Orlando UA, which extends from Orange County across a portion of southern Lake County and extends into a small area of eastern Lake County and is shared with Metroplan Orlando. Due to the proximity of the Lady Lake-The Villages UA to the Ocala UA, the potential new boundaries would need to be coordinated with the Ocala/Marion County TPO. Due to the proximity of the Winter Haven UA to the Four Corners Urban Cluster, the potential new boundary would be coordinated with the Polk TPO.

The deadline for comments on the proposed rule is August 26. Staff requests a recommendation of a position to be filed with the federal agencies. Positions have already been taken by the Central Florida MPO Alliance and the Florida MPO Advisory Council. Rather than object outright, the CFMPOA and MPOAC positions request the agencies to incorporate into the rulemaking process the statewide and regional coordination already happening in Florida. MPOs throughout the state are concerned about being forced to merge. However, Florida's MPOs are prepared to formalize agreements committing to jointly producing plans and program for shared UAs. Staff recommends the Lake~Sumter MPO adopt the same position.

## **VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Long Range Transportation Plan Draft Policy 2016-7: Safe Schools Emphasis Program**

The fourth in a series of policies as part of the implementation of *Transportation 2040*, Policy 2016-7, Safe Schools Emphasis Program, is presented this month as a draft for initial review. Committees are requested to provide procedural and technical review. The finalized policy will be presented for final recommendation by committees and for adoption by the Governing Board in September.

### **B. Florida 511**

FDOT is currently conducting a User Satisfaction Survey to find out how people are using 511 and what features and roadways they would like to see added to the system. Florida 511 is a free service from FDOT that provides real-time traffic and travel information on all Florida interstates and toll roads, Florida's Turnpike, and major metropolitan roadways throughout the state. Florida 511 provides updates on congestion, crashes, construction, travel times and more. Staff will provide an overview and will encourage participation in the online survey, which can be found at: <http://svy.mk/24xPRLk>.

### **C. New MPO Location**

Staff will update the committee on the status of the MPO's lease of office space and pending new lease for a new location in the Leesburg area.

## **VII. PROJECT UPDATES**

A written project update is presented for review. Staff will answer questions on any projects in the report or on projects not included in the report.

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

August 24, 2016 @ 2 p.m. at Lake~Sumter MPO

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT - NEXT MEETING:**

**September 14, 2016, 1:30 p.m. @ Lake~Sumter MPO**