



**US 441 NORTH TASKFORCE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, September 13, 2007  
Lake~Sumter MPO  
1616 South 14th St.  
Leesburg, Florida 34748**

Members Present:

Commissioner Jennifer Hill  
Mayor Sanna Henderson  
Commissioner Sharon Kelly  
Commissioner Michael Francis

Representing:

Lake County  
City of Leesburg  
City of Fruitland Park  
Sumter County

Members Absent:

Commissioner Welton Cadwell  
Commissioner Ty Miller

Representing:

Lake County  
Town of Lady Lake

Staff:

T. J. Fish  
Sandy Minkoff  
Susan Goldfuss

Executive Director  
Attorney  
Executive Assistant

Commissioner Michael Francis, MPO 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and noted that the meeting was properly noticed. All present stated their names and affiliation.

**I. US 441 / US 27 Funding and Priorities**

T.J. Fish referred to the 2-county map provided and the MPO's 2007/08 – 2011/12 Transportation Improvement Program. He reviewed the US 441 sections in detail and explained the main phase of right of way acquisition. David Marsh, FDOT MPO Liaison, stated that constant right of way is in the work program. Mr. Fish then reviewed the MPO's 2008/09 – 2012/13 List of Unfunded Priority Projects and pointed out the US 441 sections. Mr. Marsh explained the history of the south to north sections of US 441 and the change in rankings due to relocation of utilities. Brief discussion.

**II. Other North-South Corridors: Morse Blvd., Buena Vista Blvd., US 301, I-75**

Brief discussion led to Item III.

**III. Moving Concept to Project – Alternative to US 441/27**

Taskforce discussed a study of Rolling Acres Road north of CR 466; along with concurrency issues from the Villages to Lady Lake to Fruitland Park. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the committee to request a resolution of support from the MPO governing board to the Lake County BCC that a PD&E study be a priority for Rolling Acres Road south to Leesburg. It was suggested to request of the Executive Committee prior to going to the board.

**IV. East-West: CR 466, CR 466-A, SR 44, CR 470, (CR 42 – Marion Co.)**

Brief discussion of the east-west road network led to discussion regarding the TRIP funds and the danger of the trust fund being raided. Mr. Fish will request the board, at the Sept 26 meeting, to authorize a letter requesting the legislature to not divert funds from the Transportation Trust Fund. Consensus for the #1 legislative priority.

**V. Regional Trail System**

Mr. Fish explained the process of a trail moving from design and construction. Brief discussion of priorities and studies.

**VI. Staff Report / Comments**

Mr. Fish discussed the LakeXpress and explained the Regional Bus Circulator Assessment that will be implemented into the 2020 Transit Development Plan. Discussion reference the Sumter Transit riders picking up LakeXpress. Mr. Fish stated that in 2007, LakeXpress and Sumter Transit is all about providing people an option who do not drive. When we get to 2015, it is going to be all about conjection. Mr. Marsh discussed the commuter rail system in MetroOrlando. Brief discussion reference CSX, bridges, US 301 and SR 44.

**VII. Taskforce Members / Comments**

None

**VIII. Public Comments**

None

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.