

Building a Path to Regional Partnerships

Transportation Summit

Lake-Sumter Community College
Everett A. Kelly Convocation Center

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Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization



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Good morning and welcome.

Officials, staff, and the public knew that Lake County needed to be their own MPO back in the 1990s. As a result of the 2000 Census, Lake County met the state requirements to form said MPO, and leaders recognized that due to the growth occurring in the The Villages, Sumter County would need to be a partner in this endeavor. We knew we needed a way to do regional transportation planning so that our local governments and communities would each feel their voice would be heard.

After much discussion of how to structure such an organization, an interlocal agreement was executed between 16 local governments. In February 2004, after being signed into existence by Governor Jeb Bush, the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization met for the first time. The Board for the MPO is comprised of the five county commissioners from Lake County, one county Commissioner from Sumter County, and one elected official from each of the 14 municipalities of Lake County.

The MPO is about bringing community leaders together, building a consensus, and taking action to enhance our community, which was demonstrated in the creation of the MPO. So far, in its infancy, the Lake-Sumter MPO has accomplished the primary goal established during its creation, *bringing everyone to the table*. Now that we are communicating, our next step is to strengthen those partnerships. That is why we are here today, to focus on continuing to build and strengthen our local and regional partnerships.

Thank you for attending today, and I hope that it will prove to be an educational experience for each of you.


Debbie Stivender, MPO Chairman



Thank you for being a part of the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization's first Regional Transportation Summit.

It was a career benchmark for me to be selected last January as the first executive director of this relatively new MPO. My first month on the job, Jim Stivender came to me with the thought that the MPO should continue the tradition started by Lake County officials and staff of hosting a regional summit on transportation. The last one, in 2003, helped build the momentum for the formation of the MPO. This year, with the MPO now formed, we decided the summit theme should be about partnerships.

The idea was to invite all the stakeholders and all the current and potential partners of the MPO for a day of discussing transportation in a regional context. Therefore, we hope to provide you with an overview of the many agencies with which the MPO coordinates and of the many modes of transportation addressed through the MPO process.

It is our hope that you will find this fast-paced forum educational and entertaining. We will spend a few minutes hearing from each of today's speakers as they provide background on their agency and how their organization fits into the regional picture. By the end of the day, you should have an enhanced perspective of our region and the opportunity for partnerships.

This event marks a moment in history for the Lake~Sumter MPO. We are just completing our first Long Range Transportation Plan, which looks out at a 2025 planning horizon. The MPO is now becoming fully staffed and able to serve the 16 member governments as an independent agency. The MPO Board and committees are now more experienced and are acting with increasing consensus, and the Lake and Sumter communities are seeing themselves as one region.

Thank you for attending.


T.J. Fish, AICP, Executive Director

AGENDA



9:30 a.m.	REGISTRATION	
10:00	Welcome	Debbie Stivender
10:05	Overview	T.J. Fish
10:10	LSMPO 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan	Robert Wallace
10:20	<i>“Planning Horizon 2025”</i>	Amye King
10:25	Lake County Public Works - Origin of the LSMPO	Jim Stivender, Jr.
10:30	Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Commission	Lisa Bacot
10:45	Sumter County Transit—Rural to Urban	James Sparks
10:55	Lake County Connection—TD to Fixed Route	Kenneth Harley David Hope
11:05	Regional Transit - LYNX	LaChant Barnett
11:15	FDOT District 5	George Gilhooley
11:30	Regional Trail Projects	Michael Woods John Flora
11:40	Rail in Central Florida	Ben Biscan
11:50	Air in Central Florida	James Wikstrom
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12:45	OOCEA as a Regional Partner	Michael Snyder
1:00	Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise as a Partner	James Ely
1:15	Central Florida MPO Alliance and Regionalism	Mary Martin
1:30	Federal Highway Administration	Sabrina David
1:35	Municipal Perspective on Regionalism (Introduction of Keynote Speaker)	James Yatsuk
1:40	KEYNOTE - A State Perspective on Regionalism	Robert Romig
2:00	CONCLUSION Announcement of New Regional Partnership	T.J. Fish

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