



CENTRAL FLORIDA
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ALLIANCE

Central Florida MPO Alliance Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 11, 2014

MetroPlan Orlando - Board Room
315 East Robinson Street, Suite 355
Orlando, Florida 32801

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray Goodgame, presiding

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Pat Northey
Honorable Gene Emter
Honorable Ray Goodgame
Honorable Sean Parks
Honorable Leslie Campione
Honorable John Horan
Honorable Daisy Lynum, **Secretary**
Honorable Jack Meyers
Honorable Kathy Meehan
Honorable Rocky Randels

REPRESENTING:

Volusia TPO
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Lake-Sumter MPO
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MetroPlan Orlando
MetroPlan Orlando
Polk TPO
Space Coast TPO
Space Coast TPO

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Leigh Matusick
Honorable John Quiñones
Honorable Kent Guinn
Honorable Stan McClain, **Vice-Chair**
Honorable Kathy Bryant
Honorable Trudy Block, **Chairman**
Honorable Patrick Huff

Volusia TPO
MetroPlan Orlando
Ocala/Marion County TPO
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Polk TPO
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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Virginia Whittington
Mr. Eric Hill
Ms. Nikhila Rose
Mr. TJ Fish
Mr. Greg Slay
Mr. Tom Deardoff
Mr. Bob Kamm
Ms. Lois Bollenback
Ms. Arlene Barnes
Ms. Mary Schoetzel
Ms. Deborah Tyrone
Mr. Dale Allen

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FDOT - District 1
FDOT - District 5
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Florida Greenways & Trails Foundation

A complete list of all others in attendance may be obtained upon request.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray Goodgame called the April 11, 2014 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

II. Introductions

Mayor Pro-Tem Goodgame invited all Alliance and audience members to introduce themselves.

III. Chairman's Announcements

Mayor Pro-Tem Goodgame spoke briefly about recent improvements in the City of Clermont that were the result of a visioning session the City held last summer. City officials, he noted, were happy to have the opportunity to provide these improvements that residents had expressed interest in.

IV. Reports

Mayor Pro-Tem Goodgame called attention to written delegation reports which had been provided for review.

a. Delegation Reports

- Lake-Sumter MPO Report
- MetroPlan Orlando Report
- Ocala/Marion TPO Report
- Polk TPO Report
- Space Coast TPO Report
- Volusia TPO Report

b. FDOT District Reports

Ms. Arlene Barnes, FDOT District I, reported that an agreement had been executed with Polk County for \$3 million to assist with funding the Polk County section of the Poinciana Parkway. She told committee members that the design team has received their general use permit and ground work has begun on the US 17-92 area. The Osceola Expressway Authority, she noted, is currently reviewing all the paperwork regarding the project. Ms. Barnes reported that segment 2 of the Poinciana Parkway is at 90% plans and a bond sale is expected to be completed in April to complete the financing. District I, she told CFMPOA members, continues to coordinate with District V on the I-4 express lanes. A coordination meeting between District I, District V and District VII was held in March regarding the segment from US 27 to the Polk Osceola line. Final documents for the Polk Rail Study, she informed the committee, were being prepared and funding for short term projects was being evaluated by the Central

Rail office. Ms. Barnes told CFMPOA members that sections 1 through 7 of the Central Polk Parkway were under contract for design which was fully funded. Section 8, she noted, was at 30% design and programmed for FY 2017 due to a NEPA issue. FDOT, District V, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise and Federal Highway Administration, she reported, have been coordinating efforts to identify alternatives for connecting to I-4 and have two possible connections identified at this time.

Secretary Noranne Downs, FDOT District V, reported that SunRail continues to make progress. She told CFMPOA members that Federal Railroad Administration representatives were in town reviewing the train system and working with the local team to ensure service is up and running for the May 1st opening. Soft openings, she noted, have taken place at most of the SunRail stations and service will be free for the first 2^{1/2} weeks. Secretary Downs informed committee members that sections 4A and 4B of the Wekiva Parkway are almost complete and a concessionaire for the I-4 Ultimate project will be selected shortly. She reported that there are a number of transit projects that District I is working on including the intermodal center at Orlando International Airport and SunRail Phase II. SunRail Phase II south, she told CFMPOA members, was partially funded for \$63 million (\$80 million is needed) in the recently approved in federal budget. She thanked all those who lobbied to get the Phase II funding approved. Secretary Downs called attention to an upcoming Accessing Transit course being offered by the FDOT Transit Office. The course is scheduled for May 28, 2014, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the FDOT District V Urban Office.

V. Action Items

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Action is requested for approval of the January 10, 2014 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting minutes.

MOTION: Council Member Pat Northey moved approval of the January 10, 2014 meeting minutes. Mayor Kathy Meehan seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

VI. Status Reports

a. Coast-to-Coast Trail

Ms. Deborah Tyrone, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator, FDOT District 5 provided a status report on the Coast-to-Coast Trail project, including an overview of stakeholder conference calls being held with FDOT Central Office. Ms. Tyrone reported that the Coast-to-Coast Trail project has taken off due to the support of the Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation and in Tallahassee. She noted that the map had been updated and monthly meetings are being conducted on the project. An unfunded Seminole/Volusia County gap has been identified on the bridge over US 17-92 and it is being looked at adding that gap to the current list. Ms. Tyrone told

CFMPOA members that an updated matrix with the missing segments and funding by phase was provided in the agenda packet. She reported that 67 gap miles remain at a cost of \$74 million and funding for the missing segments could possibly come from Florida Senate appropriations. Discussion ensued in regards to details on the newly identified Seminole/Volusia gap, FDOT funding and potential state funding, project prioritization and readiness.

b. 2014 Central Florida MPO Alliance Legislative Priorities

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando, provided a status report on the Central Florida MPO Alliance's Legislative Priorities. Ms. Whittington reported that the area has done well positioning itself with transportation resources. She noted that in terms of the priority to strengthen the ban on hand held devices, legislation had been introduced however no action had been taken. In addition, no action was taken on pedestrian safety as well as amending the surtax. Discussion ensued regarding legislative action on amending the language of the trust fund to include trails and merging of the local expressway authorities.

c. Regional Prioritization Project Updates

Mr. T.J. Fish, Lake-Sumter MPO, outlined the process that will be used to recommend new priority projects to the list. He told committee members that each M/TPO can continue to update their respective lists and at the June CFMPOA meeting committee members will be asked to approve a new draft list of priorities. Each M/TPO can then take the new draft list and take it through their individual approval process and make any adjustments deemed necessary to the combined list. At the October CFMPOA meeting final approval of the list will take place and FDOT can then review what has been approved. Each M/TPO director then provided a status report of projects included on the Regional Prioritization Project List.

d. *Presentation on SunRail Marketing and Opening Plan* - taken out of order

Secretary Noranne Downs, FDOT, gave a presentation on the marketing and opening plan for SunRail noting that SunRail has been a good cooperative effort. Secretary Downs reviewed the train exterior, interior, route and anticipated time frame, ticket vending information and technology, various stations along the route and the current status of the marketing campaign including safety outreach launched March 3, 2014. She told committee members that finalized train schedules will be available in the next week and a sixth locomotive will be added. Secretary Downs noted that communities had the option to customize their individual stations and some included "art in transit" features. Ambassadors will be available at stations and on trains to assist riders for the initial start up period, she reported. Additionally, train tracking technology is under development to provide real-time information for riders.

Following Secretary Downs presentation, status reports from M/TPOs continued.

e. Status Report on the Values Study

Mr. Harry Barley, MetroPlan Orlando, provided an update on the status of the Regional Values Study. Mr. Barley reported that the values study was conducted in a seven county region, with a diverse group of participants, in an effort to focus on source dilemmas throughout that region. The study, he noted, identified eleven source dilemmas of which the highest ranking were; who we are as a region, understanding our responsibilities and regional transportation funding. The ranking, he told committee members, was based on the concept of if you fix one, how many others also benefit. Mr. Barley told CFMPOA members that the results of the values study were previewed the day before by a select group of invitees, but that a Central Florida Regional Leadership Forum is scheduled on June 19th, 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Orlando Airport to present the study findings to the general public. A flyer detailing the information on the event was provided and space is limited to 150 attendees.

f. Overview of the Water & Land Conservation Initiative

Mr. Dale Allen, Florida Greenways & Trails Foundation, provided an overview of the Water & Land Conservation Initiative that will be on the ballot this November. Mr. Allen commended CFMPOA members for their work pioneering regional connectivity through their efforts on the Coast-to-Coast Trail. The Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation was not sponsoring or affiliated with the Water and Land Conservation initiative, however Mr. Allen felt it was an issue of importance for committee members. A copy of a petition form for the constitutional amendment regarding this issue was provided. Mr. Allen highlighted important wording in the document which stated "including recreational trails". Mr. Barley called attention to the fact that funding related to the legislation was not new funding but existing funds that would be redirected. Discussion ensued regarding outcomes if legislation is approved and where funds might be allocated.

VII. Presentations

a. *Presentation on the Winter Haven Intermodal Logistics Center*

Mr. Tom Deardorff, Polk TPO, gave a presentation on the Winter Haven Intermodal Logistics Center. Mr. Deardoff told committee members that there are 900 acres of land surrounding the logistics center that are primed for business development. He reported that four additional trains will run on the S-line and there are four less on the A-line that were diverted from Orlando. Mr. Deardorff noted that a number of local projects, including the Central Polk Parkway and Polk State College are helping to spur growth and development in the area.

VIII. Information Items/Featured Articles and Research

- a. SunRail Grand Opening April 30, 2014; start of revenue service May 1, 2014

IX. Member Comments

Council Member Pat Northey spoke on behalf of Commissioner Daisy Lynum who had to leave the meeting early. Commissioner Lynum, who was not seeking reelection, expressed her sincere appreciation to CFMPOA members for helping to move forward the Coast-to-Coast trail initiative.

Commissioner Sean Parks asked for an update on the Orange/Lake County Parkway project. Mr. Harry Barley responded that the project is included in the Long Range Transportation Plan and would be a privately funded.

Mr. T J Fish noted that although the regional priority list is kept by FDOT District V, if Polk County had a project to add they were welcome to do so.

Mr. Bob Kamm called attention to the next meeting on June 13th which would include a joint meeting with the CCC. He noted that the Tampa Express Trail ran underneath the expressway and this might be an option to look at for trails locally as well.

X. Public Comments

None

XI. Next meeting - June 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Polk State College

XII. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. Respectfully transcribed by Cathy Goldfarb, Deputy Clerk, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance

Hon. Stan McClain, Acting Chairman

Attest:

Cathy Goldfarb, Deputy Clerk

Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.