



CENTRAL FLORIDA
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ALLIANCE

Central Florida MPO Alliance Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 13, 2014

Polk State Corporate College
Advanced Technology Center
310 Technology Drive, Room 1156A
Bartow, FL 33830

Vice-Chair Stan McClain, presiding

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Sean Parks
Honorable Leslie Campione
Honorable John Horan
Honorable Stan McClain, **Vice-Chair**
Honorable Jack Meyers
Honorable Roy Tyler
Honorable Pat Huff
Honorable Rocky Randels
Honorable Ken Greene
Honorable Gene Emter

REPRESENTING:

Lake-Sumter MPO
Lake-Sumter MPO
MetroPlan Orlando
Ocala/Marion County TPO
Polk TPO
Polk TPO
Polk TPO
Space Coast TPO
Space Coast TPO
River to Sea TPO

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Ray Goodgame
Honorable John Quiñones
Honorable Kent Guinn
Honorable Kathy Bryant
Honorable Leigh Matusick
Honorable Pat Northey
Honorable Kathy Meehan
VACANT

Lake-Sumter MPO
MetroPlan Orlando
Ocala/Marion County TPO
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River to Sea TPO
River to Sea TPO
Space Coast TPO
MetroPlan Orlando

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Virginia Whittington
Mr. Eric Hill
Mr. Mike Woods
Mr. Greg Slay
Mr. Tom Deardoff
Honorable Barbara Manley
Mr. Bob Kamm
Ms. Lois Bollenback
Ms. Jennifer Stults
Ms. Annette Brennan
Ms. Deborah Tyrone

MetroPlan Orlando
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Ocala/Marion County TPO
Polk TPO
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Space Coast TPO
River to Sea TPO
FDOT - District 1
FDOT - District 5
FDOT - District 5

Ms. Mary Schoetzel
Ms. Kellie Smith

FDOT District 5
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A complete list of all others in attendance may be obtained upon request.

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Stan McClain called the June 13, 2014 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

II. Introductions

Vice-Chair McClain invited all Alliance and audience members to introduce themselves.

III. Chairman's Announcements

Vice-Chair McClain had no announcements

IV. Reports

Vice-Chair McClain 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
- River to Sea TPO Report

b. FDOT District Reports

Ms. Jennifer Stults, FDOT District I, reported that the Sebring/Avon Park area has become an urbanized area and they are in the process of creating a six-county regional TPO that will be called the Heartland Regional TPO. An apportionment package for the proposed TPO, she noted, had already been submitted. Ms. Stults told committee members that District I continues to work with Osceola County/OCX on the portion of the Poinciana Parkway that extends into that district. District I continues to issue permits for work along US 17-92 and financing is complete for those projects. Coordination efforts continue as well on the I-4 express lanes that will extend to US 27 to ensure that all districts are consistent. She reported that documentation is wrapping up on the Polk Rail Study and short term alternatives for funding for the project are being evaluated. Segments 1 through 7 of the Central Polk Parkway from Polk Parkway to SR 60/US 17-92 are all under contract for design. Segment 8, from US 17-92 to I-4, is funded in fiscal year 2017.

Ms. Annette Brennan, FDOT District V, reported that SunRail is operating and going well. She noted that FDOT continues to work on safety issues, the marketing campaign is on schedule and work continues on Phase II that will run north to Deland and south to Poinciana. The team of Mobility Partners was chosen for the I-4 Ultimate project and job creation remains an important part of the project. Ms. Brennan told CFMPOA members that the widening of I-95 from the Indian River County line to south of SR 514 was close to construction and the widening of I-95 into Volusia County was in the early construction phase.

c. Public Comments on Action Items

None

V. Action Items

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Action was requested for approval of the April 11, 2014 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting minutes.

MOTION: Councilman Gene Emter moved approval of the April 11, 2014 meeting minutes. Commissioner Sean Parks seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

b. Election of Chairman to Serve the Remainder of 2014 and 2015

Ms. Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando, explained that normally, at the last meeting of each calendar year, members of the Central Florida MPO Alliance would select officers for the following year, however recent results of municipal elections in two member jurisdictions have resulted in vacancies of the chair (Councilor Trudy Block) and secretary (Commissioner Daisy Lynum) positions. With only two meetings remaining this calendar year, staff recommended appointment of Council Member Stan McClain (current vice chairman) as chairman for the remainder of the year and 2015. Elections for the Vice Chairman and Secretary will be held in October. Ms. Whittington noted that an appointment had been made to fill Commissioner Lynum's CFMPOA vacancy earlier in the week.

MOTION: Commissioner Roy Tyler moved approval of Council Member Stan McClain serving as CFMPOA chairman for the remainder of 2014 and for 2015. Commissioner Jack Meyers seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

c. Approval of Draft 2015 Regional Priority Project Lists

During the last CFMPOA meeting, each M/TPO director provided a status report on projects included on the Regional Prioritization Project List. Staff was asked to meet

to provide recommendations for the new priority project lists based on projects that have been fully funded since the list was approved last year. The draft lists were presented to the Alliance for preliminary approval then each respective M/TPO will present the list to their full boards in July and August. Final adoption by the CFMPOA will be at the October meeting. Ms. Whittington noted that the I-4 Ultimate project had been removed so all other projects moved up.

Mr. Bob Kamm, Space Coast TPO reported that no projects had been removed or added to the Strategic Intermodal System(SIS) list. He told committee members that in terms of priority #3 on the list, the Ellis Interchange, 3a was funded for construction in FY2017 and 3b, the access road project, was in design and still being worked on. The #9 project, SR 528 from I-95 to Port Canaveral was funded for design and a design contract had been awarded. Mr. Kamm noted that their priority # 3 project provided an important link to the Melbourne Airport.

Ms. Lois Bollenback, River to Sea TPO, reported that the first two items on the SIS list, the I-95/I-4 Systems Interchange and the I-95/Matanzas Woods interchange, were fully funded for construction in FY 2014/15. The I-95/Matanzas Woods project, she noted, was a new project that was now included due to a change in River to Sea TPO boundaries to include 50% of Flagler County. Ms. Bollenback told CFMPOA members that the other River to Sea projects on the SIS list were unchanged and moving along. She called attention to one project that had been dropped, a section of US 17-92 in western Volusia County. FDOT had reviewed the project and concluded that there would be no build on the project within the 20-year horizon. They will monitor the project to see if anything changes.

Mr. Greg Slay, Ocala/Marion TPO, reported that there were no additions or deletions to the list in terms of their projects. He told CFMPOA members that the #4 project, the I-75 Interchange improvements at SR 40, has made progress and is under design and has right-of-way funded for \$8 million in FY2017/18-2018/19. In addition, the #10 project, SR 40 from SR 35 to CR 314, is under design and has right-of-way funded for \$7.6 million in FY2014/15-2017/18.

Mr. Mike Woods, Lake-Sumter MPO, reported that the #5 project, on SR 25/US 27 from Boggy Marsh Road to Lake Louisa Road, is their #1 SIS priority for improvement. He noted that the #15 project, SR 25/US 27 from CR 561 to the Florida Turnpike was more of a longer term priority for the MPO.

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando, reported that MetroPlan Orlando projects #6, #7, #11 and #13 remained consistent with the MPOs Long Range Transportation Plan and there were no additions to the list.

Members next provided updates to the trails list.

Mr. Mike Woods, Lake-Sumter MPO, reported that the #1 project on the trails list, the Wekiva Trail Segment 3, was fully funded and could be removed. He told CFMPOA members that every phase of the Wekiva Trail and Coast-to-Coast Trail in their jurisdiction was funded.

Mr. Bob Kamm, Space Coast TPO, requested that members refer to the Coast-to-Coast Trail map provided. He reported that all the blue segments on the map were funded, however, the red segments which included the East Central Gap and the Space Coast Gap were not. Mr. Kamm told CFMPOA members that the Space Coast Gap was a critical, eastern most segment of the Coast-to-Coast Trail that would need to take more time due to needing to deal with outside agencies including Kennedy Space Center, the Department of Interior, and Florida Fish and Wildlife. The Space Coast Gap, he noted, also provided a connection to the Spring-to-Spring Trail from St. Augustine.

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando, that Metro Plan's Rhinehart Road gap and Pine Hills Trail Phase III gap were funded and consistent with the agency's priorities.

Ms. Lois Bollenback, River to Sea TPO, referred to the map provided and reported that all the agency's blue segments were now funded through construction. She called attention to a recently identified gap, the Seminole/Volusia Gap, which crossed over the St. Johns River Bridge. That gap was currently listed as unranked and River to Sea TPO and MetroPlan Orlando were working with FDOT on conducting a design study that would be needed on closing that gap and making the final connection. River to Sea TPO, she noted, would be bringing the draft priority lists to their board and committees at the June round of meetings. Ms. Bollenback informed CFMPOA members that the TPO is working with a consultant to better update the status of their local trail projects and will probably be adding additional projects to the list next year.

Mr. Greg Slay, Ocala/Marion TPO, reported that the TPO had two projects that connected to the Coast-to-Coast Trail which were the Pruitt Trailhead Connection, from the Withlacoochee River Trail Bridge to the Withlacoochee Trail, and the Silver Springs to Mount Dora, from Silver Springs to CR 42. The Pruitt Trailhead Connection, he told committee members, is funded and can be removed from the list. The Silver Springs to Mount Dora project has \$500,000 funded for PD&E by FDOT in FY 2016. Mr. Slay noted that the trail is on public land and should not require a full PD&E study. He told CFMPOA members that Ocala/Marion TPO has their Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan 75% completed and will most likely add additional projects to the list next year based on the master plan.

MOTION: Commissioner Sean Parks moved for approval of the draft 2015 Regional Priority Project lists with the #1 ranked trail project removed. Commissioner John Horan seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

II. 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 told CFMPOA members that \$15.5 million in funding had been allocated in the state budget for the trail gap projects. FDOT will be looking at the list of projects identified to fill in the missing gaps. After funding the next phase of the gaps already on the list, they will look at the possibility of adding additional projects. She noted the Space Coast project has encountered some environmental and jurisdictional issues, and the recently identified Seminole Volusia gap is slated to be added to the list. Ms. Tyrone reported monthly meetings are being held to keep staff up to date on Coast-to-Coast Trail progress. FDOT, she told committee members, will assess the funding needs and act as the budget manager in house. Chairman McClain asked if funds might be available at the federal level for the Space Coast project. Mr. Kamm responded that the trail can't be constructed on the road and the route would need to pass through a dam system and wildlife refuge. Ms. Tyrone added that MAP-21 eliminated funding for access to federal land.

b. Overview of the GROW AMERICA Act

Ms. Lois Bollenback, River to Sea TPO, provided a brief overview of the proposed GROW AMERICA Act. The Generating Renewal, Opportunity, and Work with Accelerated Mobility, Efficiency, and Rebuilding of Infrastructure and Communities throughout America Act, or GROW AMERICA Act, is a \$302 billion, four year transportation reauthorization proposal that provides increased and stable funding for our Nation's highways, bridges, transit, and rail systems. Ms. Bollenback noted that MAP-21 is the current transportation bill that the country is operating under and is set to expire in September. The GROW AMERICA Act was brought forth by the administration in an effort to have a new transportation bill proposal prior to MAP-21 expiring. Ms. Bollenback informed CFMPOA members that the GROW AMERICA Act was not expected to go anywhere and there was more of a likelihood that MAP-21 would be extended to May 2015. She told committee members that the emphasis under both MAP-21 and GROW AMERICA were repairing the existing network, safety, transit (bus and rail), large, high performing MPOs, regionalism, competitive grant programs like TIGER grants, and freight and goods movement.

III. Information Items/Featured Articles and Research

a. East Central Florida Corridors Task Force

Provided for information purposes only.

b. MPOAC 2014 Summary of State Legislation

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IV. Member Comments

Mr. Bob Kamm called attention to the East Central Florida Task Force recently formed to look at future transportation needs in a specific area. He told committee members that the Task Force was expected to have a report on their findings submitted to the

Governor by December 2014 and asked that a report be provided to CFMPOA members in January 2015.

Mr. Mike Woods, Lake-Sumter MPO stated that in light of Senate Bill 2514 passing it would be prudent to ensure that the CFMPOA trail map matches those of the Florida Greenways and Trails and the projects will be eligible for any funding available.

Mayor Rocky Randels called attention to the SpaceCoast's partnering with the Sierra Nevada Corporation on the Dreamchaser mini space shuttle project.

Mr. Bob Kamm told CFMPOA members that Brevard County had made up all the jobs lost when the federal space program ended through private commercialization of the industry.

V. Public Comments

None.

VI. Next meeting - October 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at MetroPlan Orlando

VII. Adjournment

Ms. Whittington asked CFMPOA members to make sure they picked up lunch tickets. She told committee members that Mr. Harry Barley was unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduled surgical procedure.

There being no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.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.