



CENTRAL FLORIDA
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Central Florida MPO Alliance Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 16, 2015

MetroPlan Orlando
David L. Grovdahl Board Room
315 East Robinson Street, Suite 355
Orlando, Florida 32801

Chairman Stan McClain, presiding

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Leslie Campione
Honorable John Horan
Honorable Scott Boyd
Honorable Cheryl Grieb
Honorable Stan McClain, **Chair**
Honorable Pat Huff
Honorable Deb Denys
Honorable Leigh Matusick
Vacant
Honorable Rocky Randels
Honorable Tres Holton

REPRESENTING:

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

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Ray Goodgame
Honorable Sean Parks
Honorable Kent Guinn
Honorable Kathy Bryant
Honorable Roy Tyler
Honorable Jack Meyers
Honorable Kathy Meehan

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Space Coast TPO

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Virginia Whittington
Mr. Harry Barley
Mr. TJ Fish
Mr. Greg Slay
Mr. Ronnie Blackshear
Mr. Bob Kamm
Ms. Lois Bollenback
Ms. Jennifer Stults
Ms. Mary Schoetzel
Ms. Deborah Tyrone
Ms. Huiwei Shen

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FDOT - District 1
FDOT - District 5
FDOT - District 5
Florida Department of Transportation

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

I. Call to Order

Chairman Stan McClain called the January 16, 2015 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

II. Introductions

Chairman McClain invited all Alliance and audience members to introduce themselves.

III. Chairman's Announcements

Chairman McClain had no announcements

IV. Reports

Chairman McClain called attention to written delegation reports which had been provided for information only.

a. Delegation Reports

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

b. FDOT District Reports

Ms. Jennifer Stults, FDOT District I, reported that a landscape project on I-4 at US 27 is underway and they continue collaborating with District V on the Beyond the Ultimate I-4 expansion. The Freight Rail Relocation Study, she informed committee members, has been completed and the final documents on the study are available online at PolkRail.com. Ms. Stults noted that District I has three short-term grade separation/ITS projects in the environmental/design stage with construction slated for FY 2016/17. She told committee members that the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Agency has received approval from the governor for their apportionment plan, paving the way for the Sebring/Avon Park area to form a new MPO. Ms. Stults reported that work is underway on the I-4/SR 559 Interchange as part of the I-4 Ultimate project to bring it up to current standards. In addition, resurfacing and guardrail installation is underway at the I-4/CR 557 interchange to the county line. The US 27 widening project from Ritchie Road to Barry Road has been completed, she told CFMPOA members, and the section from Barry Road to US

192 is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2016. In addition, she told committee members that the CSX rail bridge crossing over I-4 is currently in design.

Ms. Mary Schoetzel, FDOT District V, reported that on December 22, 2014 SunRail implemented an evening train and they are in the process of providing the Commuter Rail Commission with a cost estimate on regular evening and weekend service. She told CFMPOA members that on January 2, 2015 they had 9,000 riders and that the ambassadors at the rail stations have been reinstated for a one-year trial period. Progress continues on the Phase II north and south SunRail expansion. Design on the I-4 Ultimate project is well underway, she reported, and construction is expected to begin in the next 2-3 months. Daily updates on the I-4 Ultimate project can be found at the I-4Ultimate.com website. Ms. Schoetzel informed CFMPOA members that a public information meeting was held for the I-95 project widening and interchange project in Volusia County the previous night at the Lakeside Community Center in Port Orange. In regard to the Wekiva Parkway project, she reported that Sections 4A and 4B were set for construction in spring 2015, Sections 3A and 3B were at 100% design, Sections 6 and 7A were expected to be at 60% plans in early 2015, and FDOT would be advertising for design on Section 7B in 2016. Additional information could be found on the Wekiva Parkway website at wekivaparkway.com.

Ms. Schoetzel informed CFMPOA members that there has been a restructuring at FDOT and Mr. Brian Stanger is the new Manager of Planning and Environmental Management. Mr. Stanger will oversee MPO Liaisons, PD&E project managers, corridor studies, growth management functions, design traffic and environmental specialists. Ms. Susan Sadighi is the new Manager of Modal Development and now oversees transit, expanding passenger operations, mainstreaming freight and bicycle & pedestrian initiatives, and continuing FDOT's relationship with the various ports (air, sea, space). Discussion ensued regarding SunRail ridership, Phase II status, and expanded service. Mayor Pro-Tem Leigh Matusick requested a SunRail update at the next CFMPOA meeting.

V. Public Comments on Action Items

None

VI. Action Items

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

MOTION: Commissioner Scott Boyd moved approval of the October 10, 2014 meeting minutes. Mayor Rocky Randels seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

b. Approval of the 2015 Legislative Priorities

Ms. Whittington called attention to an addition to the draft legislative priorities, submitted by Mr. Greg Slay, which was included in the supplemental folders. She noted that the list presented was a compilation of priorities submitted by each CFMPOA member M/TPO. The main priorities fell into two categories, safety and funding. Additional items were listed under the support and monitor category. The additional suggested priority addressed new funding that would become available as a result of Amendment 1 and fell under the funding category.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Leigh Matusick moved approval of the draft 2015 legislative priorities. Mayor Pat Huff seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

VII. Other Business

a. East Central Florida Corridors Task Force Report

Ms. Huiwei Shen, Florida Department of Transportation, summarized the findings and recommendations from the work of the East Central Florida Corridor Task Force. This was the first pilot project to be completed as part of FDOT's New Corridors program. Ms. Shen told committee members that the study area encompassed possible east west corridors through Brevard, Orange and Osceola Counties. The Task Force, she reported, was created by an Executive Order from Governor Scott, and they completed their work on November 13, 2014. Ms. Shen told CFMPOA members that both land use and transportation considerations were looked at and the task force came up with guiding principles for the proposed action plan. In addition, the group looked at possible north-south connections to the main east-west corridors. A copy of the proposed action plan was provided. A copy of the full report may be downloaded by clicking the following link: [ECFCTF Final Report](#). Commissioner Horan requested a copy of the presentation. Discussion ensued regarding using the process, procedures and scope for future corridor studies, the need for a regional rail plan, making city centers work, future development in the Deseret Ranch and east central Florida area. It was suggested that the Central Florida MPO Alliance take the lead on a regional rail/trail initiative.

* Ms. Whittington noted that the planned presentation and discussion needed to be postponed because Ms. Brenda Young, FDOT, who was scheduled to present was out of the office due to illness.

VIII. Presentations/Discussion

a. Coast-to-Coast Connector Update

Ms. Deborah Tyrone, FDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator, provided an update on the continued efforts to "close the gaps" in the Coast-to-Coast Connector project. Ms. Tyrone told committee members that a map detailing the gaps was in the agenda

packet as well as a color copy in the supplemental folder. The gaps had been identified by the partner agencies, and operations and maintenance once they were completed would be the responsibility of the local jurisdictions. Ms. Tyrone reported that FDOT currently had \$15.5 million in funding programmed in 2014/15 for the gap projects. The Office of Greenways and Trails website, she noted, was a good source of additional information. At the Greenways and Trails meeting held the previous day, she noted, a presentation was given by a design firm on wayfinding and branding of the corridor. Mr. Harry Barley told committee members that discussion took place at the Greenways and Trails meeting on how to weave all the pieces of the trail together. He noted that FDOT has indicated their commitment to the project through funding in their five-year work program and suggested CFMPOA members draft a letter to new FDOT Secretary Boxhold detailing the history of the project and the committee's continued support. In addition, \$50,000 was needed to fund a wayfinding guidelines project for the Coast-to-Coast trail. Mr. Bob Kamm noted that the design could serve as a template for other trails throughout the state. Discussion ensued regarding what the design standards would entail outside of the normal design standards, perception of crime on the trails, promoting trail amenities to businesses, and reaching out to the private sector for funding. Mr. Kamm noted that the wayfinding design was looking to be impactful and memorable and be a way of "branding" the trail system. Councilman Tres Holton told CFMPOA that Senator Gardiner was an advocate for the trail system and that he could assist with efforts for the trail.

MOTION: Commissioner John Horan moved approval of drafting a letter to Secretary Boxhold reaffirming the CFMPOA commitment to the Coast-to-Coast trail and CFMPOA members supporting contributing funding for the wayfinding guidelines. The funding split for the wayfinding guidelines would be MetroPlan Orlando contributing \$5,000 and the three other M/TPOs contributing \$2,500 each. Commissioner Scott Boyd seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

IX. Member Comments

Mayor Pro-Tem Leigh Matusick told committee members that the City of DeLand will be holding their Mardi Gras parade on Saturday, January 24, 11:00 a.m. in downtown DeLand.

Commissioner John Horan announced that Seminole County will be holding their annual Scottish Highlands games January 18 and 19 in Central Winds Park in Winter Springs.

Commissioner Cheryl Grieb informed CFMPOA members that Osceola County will have a specialty car show and auction at Osceola Heritage Park January 16th-25th.

X. Public Comments

None

XI. Next meeting - April 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at MetroPlan Orlando

XII. Adjournment

Chairman McClain welcomed all the new committee members.

There being no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. Respectfully transcribed by Cathy Goldfarb, Deputy Clerk, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance

Hon. Stan McClain, 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.