



CENTRAL FLORIDA  
**MPO**  
**ALLIANCE**

## Central Florida MPO Alliance Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 10, 2015

Florida Polytechnic University  
4700 Research Way, Room 1068  
Lakeland, FL 33805-8531

Chairman Stan McClain, presiding

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### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Tim Sullivan for  
Honorable Leslie Campione  
Honorable Ray Goodgame  
Honorable Scott Boyd  
Honorable Jim Swan for  
Honorable Cheryl Grieb  
Honorable Stan McClain, **Chair**  
Honorable Carl Zalak for  
Honorable Kathy Bryant  
Honorable Roy Tyler  
Honorable Kathy Meehan  
Honorable Rocky Randels  
Honorable Tres Holton

### REPRESENTING:

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

### MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Sean Parks  
Honorable John Horan  
Honorable Kent Guinn  
Honorable Jack Meyers  
Honorable Pat Huff  
Honorable Deb Denys  
Honorable Leigh Matusick  
Vacant

Lake-Sumter MPO  
MetroPlan Orlando  
Ocala/Marion County TPO  
Polk TPO  
Polk TPO  
River to Sea TPO  
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### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Virginia Whittington  
Mr. Harry Barley  
Mr. T J Fish  
Mr. Greg Slay  
Mr. Tom Deardoff  
Mr. Ronnie Blackshear  
Mr. Bob Kamm  
Ms. Lois Bollenback  
Mr. Frank O'Dea

MetroPlan Orlando  
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Ocala/Marion County TPO  
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Space Coast TPO  
River to Sea TPO  
FDOT - District V

Secretary Billy Hattaway  
Ms. Jennifer Stults  
Ms. Shakira Crandol  
Ms. Mary Schoelzel  
Ms. Kellie Smith  
Ms. Deborah Tyrone

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

#### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Stan McClain called the July 10, 2015 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:10 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 told CFMPOA members that at 11:30 a.m., a joint meeting was scheduled to be held with the West Central Florida Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC). He reminded those in attendance that if they drove to the meeting; a parking pass was required to be placed in the windshield of their car. Extra parking passes, he noted, were available in the event someone forgot to print one. Chairman McClain reported that Mr. Carl Mikyska, formerly with Federal Highway Administration, was the new MPOAC Executive Director and would be the keynote speaker at the joint meeting.

#### **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 - no report was available
- Space Coast TPO Report
- River to Sea TPO Report

## B. FDOT District Reports

Ms. Jennifer Stults, FDOT District I, reported that all segments of the Central Polk Parkway are in design and plans are 30% complete. She noted that section eight which connects to I-4 is in the PD&E stage. Ms. Stults told CFMPOA members that District 1 is working on raising and replacing bridges on CR 559 and CR 557 in order to offer more options for I-4 expansion. In addition, the CSX rail bridge over I-4 will be going to design later in 2015. I-4 resurfacing, she reported, is underway from CR 557 to the Osceola County line. Ms. Stults added that US 27 from Barry Road to US 192 is undergoing widening to six lanes with the entire expanse of US 27 from SR 60 to US 192 expected to be six-laned with drainage, signage and sidewalk work underway as well. She informed members that the Poinciana Parkway section in Polk County is undergoing muck removal, which is expected to be completed in July. Ms. Stults provided an update on the formation of the Heartland TPO. She told CFMPOA members that a formation meeting was held in April, the TPO adopted their UPWP, their Public Participation Plan has been posted for comment, and they are in the process of appointing a Technical Advisory Committee. Expectations are, she noted, that Heartland TPO representatives will begin attending CFMPOA meetings in the near future.

Secretary Billy Hattaway, FDOT District I, added that FDOT adopted a complete streets policy in September 2014 and he is the champion for that program statewide. He asked that CFMPOA members and staff call him if they need any help in implementing the new policy. Secretary Hattaway told committee members that plans are to hold focus group meetings with a draft technical memo available in August 2015 and a complete implementation plan projected to be completed by the fall of 2015. He noted that there will be significant changes in street design, especially in downtown areas.

Mr. Frank O'Dea, FDOT District V, reported that the first section of the Wekiva Parkway in Lake County is expected to be open in 2016. Central Florida Expressway Authority, he noted, has been able to advance two Orange County sections of the Wekiva Parkway through TIFIA loans, however, FDOT has not been able to advance any of their sections. Mr. O'Dea informed CFMPOA members that the I-4 Ultimate project is underway and work continues on planning for the southern extension, I-4 Beyond the Ultimate. He reported that PD&E on I-4 Beyond the Ultimate is expected to be completed this year and design has begun, in addition to looking at funding options for the project. Mr. O'Dea told committee members that SunRail celebrated its first anniversary in May. SunRail Phase II south, he reported, will go to construction in November 2015 and Phase II north is waiting on federal funding to move forward. Mr. O'Dea informed CFMPOA members that District V continues to work with the Space Coast TPO on the St. John Heritage Parkway and two major interchange projects are scheduled next year at I-95 and Ellis Road and I-95 and Palm Bay. The widening of I-95 to six-lanes, he reported, is on target to be completed throughout the state. He noted that I-75 on the west side of the region is also undergoing widening to six-lanes. He called attention to the Coast-to-Coast trail project, which is a focus for District V, and commented that two segments

currently are lagging, one in Sumter County and one at the Space Coast. Mr. O’Dea commented that there are changes in the way FDOT is doing business as a result of the area being more urbanized. He told CFMPOA members that there is a shift in focus to institutionalize non-traditional capacity improvements, such as transportation systems management and operations and transit. FDOT, he reported, is currently working with LYNX and MetroPlan Orlando to advance Bus Rapid Transit projects such as the US 192 BRT. Work will begin on that project in the next few years. Some areas that need widening, he noted, will still be widened.

There was no representative from Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise in attendance.

Mr. Harry Barley provided a brief report on FDOT Secretary Boxold’s visit to MetroPlan Orlando for the July 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting. He told CFMPOA members that Secretary Boxold complimented CFMPOA members on the way they work together to advance projects and initiatives for the region. This collaborative effort was the reason Secretary Boxold felt the region was able to have so much currently underway. Mr. Barley reported that Secretary Boxold spoke about the controversy regarding construction of express lanes on a section of SR 417 and Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise’s new policy of adding express lanes to new capacity. He indicated that the department may be interested in negotiating a deal to trade pieces of local toll roads, so that a road would operate under one single tolling agency. Mr. Barley noted that the Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) was created through legislation last year and included multi-counties, which would lend itself to a more regional approach to toll roads. Commissioner Scott Boyd, who is a member of the CFX board, reported that there was positive discussion at the recent CFX board meeting regarding possible changes in road segment ownership. Mr. Bob Kamm called attention to SR 528 and the issues on that corridor in terms of various agencies owning segments. Commissioner Boyd responded that the CFX board also discussed SR 528 and the importance of roadway and rail connections on that corridor. Mr. Barley added that there has been some discussion regarding the addition of Brevard County to CFX, especially in light of the East Central Florida Corridor Task Force recommendations. Commissioner Boyd noted that there had been positive feedback from CFX board members regarding adding Brevard.

**V. Public Comments on Action Items.**

None

**VI. Action Items**

**A. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Action was requested for approval of the April 10, 2015 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro-Tem Ray Goodgame moved approval of the April 10, 2015 meeting minutes. Commissioner Carl Zalak seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

## **B. CFMPOA Priority Project List**

Now entering the third year of a regional prioritization process, the CFMPOA was asked to approve a draft Regional List of Priority Projects. The draft was an update of last year's document with adjustments based on completion of phases or programming of funds for forthcoming phases. The regional list addressed priorities in three categories: Strategic Intermodal System projects, Regional Trail projects (with the Coast to Coast Connector an established priority), and Regional Transit projects.

As directed by the Alliance, staff met to review and revise the list, which currently included the five MPOs in FDOT District 5. Polk County projects are not included at this time, but could be added at the request of the Polk TPO. Approval of the CFMPOA Priority Project list was requested. Mr. T J Fish, Lake Sumter MPO, told CFMPOA members that the trail list had quite a few revisions due to phases that are now funded. He noted that the trail funding has gained a lot of momentum as a result of efforts on the part of CFMPOA and there is talk beginning in regards to moving forward other major trails, such as the Heart of Florida Loop. A number of CFMPOA member agencies indicated that their M/TPO had already approved the priority lists. Mr. O'Dea commented that the priority lists are beneficial to FDOT since they let FDOT know what the regional priorities are, that are supported. FDOT, he noted, will keep using the lists to advance projects in cooperation with the M/TPOs. Mr. Dale Allen, Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation, thanked CFMPOA members for their efforts in moving forward the Coast-to-Coast Trail and noted that their efforts have served as an inspiration to the rest of the state.

**MOTION:** Mayor Kathy Meehan moved approval of the CFMPOA Regional List of Priority Projects. Mayor Pro-Tem Ray Goodgame seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

## **VII. Other Business**

### **A. Regional Transit and Rail Plan**

At the January Alliance meeting, 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. In April, Ms. Brenda Young, FDOT District 5, specifically highlighted Task Force Recommendation #5 '*To develop a regional passenger rail and transit system plan*' as it related to the statewide perspective for regional passenger connectivity. The Alliance requested that a resolution in support of the recommendation be drafted for approval. Resolution No. 2015-01 was provided. Mr. Bob Kamm provided some background on the East Central

Florida Corridors task force and noted that the CFMPOA has been tasked with working with FDOT to develop a regional mobility plan. He added that in addition to formulating a regional mobility plan, thought must also go into how to fund that plan. Mr. Kamm commented that the Tampa Bay area just developed a regional mobility plan and if their plan could be joined up with the one developed by the Alliance, there would be a comprehensive, boundary neutral plan for the entire Central Florida region. Mayor Pro-Tem Goodgame commented that with projected growth in the area, there was not sufficient roads or funding to support that growth.

**MOTION:** Mayor Kathy Meehan moved approval of the resolution in support of the East Central Florida Corridor Task Force recommendation to develop a regional passenger rail and transit system plan. Commissioner Scott Boyd seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

#### **VIII. Presentations/Discussion**

None

#### **IX. Information Items**

None

#### **X. Member Comments**

Mr. Bob Kamm commented that TBARTA has a presentation slated at the joint meeting on their regional mobility plan. He asked CFMPOA members to keep in mind what had been discussed regarding a regional mobility plan at the Alliance meeting, when that presentation is given.

Mr. Harry Barley, MetroPlan Orlando, commented that the population of Florida has doubled since 1990. The forecast was for future population growth of 50-75%. He questioned whether the state was ready for the growth and although Florida was better off than some other states in terms of funding, funding would still be inadequate to address all the needs.

#### **XI. Public Comments**

None

#### **XII. Next meeting - Friday, October 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., at MetroPlan Orlando.**

**XIII. Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m. Respectfully transcribed by Cathy Goldfarb, Deputy Clerk, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance

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Hon. Stan McClain, Chairman

Attest:

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Cathy Goldfarb, Deputy Clerk

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