



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

## Central Florida MPO Alliance Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 15, 2016

MetroPlan Orlando  
David L. Grovdahl Board Room  
250 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 200  
Orlando, Florida 32801

Vice-Chairman Scott Boyd, presiding

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### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Leslie Campione  
Honorable Ray Goodgame  
Honorable Pat Kelley  
Honorable John Horan  
Honorable Scott Boyd  
Honorable Cheryl Grieb  
Honorable Carl Zalak  
Honorable Pat Huff  
Honorable Roy Tyler  
Honorable Leigh Matusick  
Honorable Tres Holton

### REPRESENTING:

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

### MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable James Hilty  
Honorable Kathy Bryant  
Honorable Jack Meyers  
Honorable Deb Denys  
Vacant  
Honorable Kathy Meehan  
Vacant

Ocala/Marion County TPO  
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Polk TPO  
River to Sea TPO  
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Space Coast TPO  
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### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Virginia Whittington  
Mr. Harry Barley  
Mr. T. J. Fish  
Mr. Greg Slay  
Mr. Ronnie Blackshear  
Mr. Bob Kamm  
Ms. Lois Bollenback  
Secretary Noranne Downs  
Secretary Billy Hattaway  
Ms. Jennifer Stults  
Ms. Carol Scott  
Mr. Joel Marmie  
Ms. Brenda Young

MetroPlan Orlando  
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Lake-Sumter MPO  
Ocala/Marion County TPO  
Polk TPO  
Space Coast TPO  
River to Sea TPO  
FDOT - District V  
FDOT - District I  
FDOT - District I  
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise  
FDOT - District V  
FDOT - District V

Ms. Susan Sadighi  
Ms. Kelly Smith

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

**I. Call to Order**

Vice-Chairman Scott Boyd called the January 15, 2016 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Councilman Ray Goodgame led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Introductions**

Vice-Chairman Boyd invited all Alliance and audience members to introduce themselves.

**III. Chairman's Announcements**

Vice-Chairman Boyd had no announcements

**IV. Reports**

Vice-Chairman Boyd called attention to written delegation reports which had been provided for information only.

**a. Delegation Reports**

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

**b. FDOT District Reports**

Secretary Billy Hattaway, FDOT District 1, reported that the Central Polk Parkway project has been shelved for the foreseeable future. He noted that a local group is looking to form an expressway authority to advance the project. He told CFMPOA members that the I-4/CR 557 interchange is in design and will include the first roundabout in the area. The I-4/SR 559 interchange, he added, is being rebuilt and expected to be completed in early 2017. Secretary Hattaway told committee members that the I-4/CSX interchange is going to design this year and will be the last of the projects in District 1 being redone to accommodate the I-4 project. The six-laning of US 27 from Barry Road to US 192, he reported, is underway and expected to be completed in the Summer of 2016. In addition, he informed CFMPOA members, the segment of the Poinciana Parkway that District 1 assisted with has been completed and Poinciana Parkway will be open for full operation in April 2016.

Secretary Noranne Downs, FDOT District 5, reported that on January 20<sup>th</sup> the columns will be moved on sections 4A and 4B of the Wekiva Parkway and the three-mile segment will be the first section of the Parkway to open. Section 7A of the Wekiva Parkway is undergoing a plan update and right-of-way acquisition and is expected to be let in December 2017. Section 6, she noted, will be advertised for design/build in May 2016. Secretary Downs told CFMPOA members that the entire beltway is expected to be completed in 2021. SunRail Phase I, she reported, is going well with an on-time performance at 95-96%. Ridership, she added, is lower than expected and a night train that had been in operation has been moved to 1:00 p.m. to see if that helps increase ridership. She told committee members that Phase II south will get underway in February 2016 and FDOT is looking at funding options for Phase II north. Phase III is in the PD&E process and FDOT is looking for funding options for that phase as well. Secretary Downs informed CFMPOA members that the I-4 Ultimate project is going well with design almost done and construction ready to start on all four segments. She added that FDOT is working with Florida's Turnpike Enterprise on design for I-4 Beyond the Ultimate and the \$2 billion project still needs some right-of-way acquisition and construction. District 5 and District 1, she reported, are working together on typical sections and interchanges for the project.

Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, reported that FTE had some additional funding available that they are able to use to advance some projects. One of the projects is the widening of the east end of the Polk Parkway from two to four lanes. An FDOT test facility, she noted, is being added at Florida Polytechnic University. Ms. Scott told committee members that the Turnpike mainline is being widened at the Orange/Lake County line. A new interchange is under construction at Sand Lake Road, she added, which will provide a direct connection to the I-4 ramp. Commissioner Grieb asked about the status of the Canoe Creek/Kissimmee Park Road interchange. Ms. Scott responded that FTE staff met with MetroPlan Orlando staff recently to review the studies related to that project. Mayor Pro-Tem Leigh Matusick expressed concern regarding the new Minneola exchange and how it might affect the bicycling routes in the area. She commented on the need to look at bike lanes/paths for that project. Mayor Pat Kelley, City of Minneola, responded that they are working with local representatives regarding trails in that area. Mr. Bob Kamm, Space Coast TPO reported that they recently had a presentation from FTE and had previously had no interaction with the agency despite sections of SR 528 falling under FTE's jurisdiction. He noted that multiple agencies have jurisdiction over SR 528 and there is a need to coordinate efforts on the arterial. Discussion, he noted, is underway to look at the entire roadway and see what makes sense in terms of one agency overseeing all of SR 528. Vice-Chairman Boyd, who is Vice-Chair of Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX), added that discussion regarding resolving the issue of multiple agencies overseeing area roadways continues at the CFX. A request was made to have a CFX update at the next CFMPOA meeting. Secretary Downs added that conversations are being held between herself, Diane Scaccetti at FTE and FDOT Secretary Boxold. She noted there are bonding impediments to the swapping of roadway sections, but no legal impediments. A formula for evaluating roadway value, she noted, is needed in order to fairly make a trade amongst agencies. Mr. T.J. Fish requested that CFX make regular reports at the CFMPOA meetings. Vice-Chairman Boyd responded that he could provide a CFX report for the next meeting.

## V. Public Comments on Action Items

None

## VI. Action Items

### a. Election of 2016 Officers

At the last meeting in each calendar year, members of the Central Florida MPO Alliance shall select one of its members as Chairperson, another member as Vice-Chairperson, and a third member as Secretary. These three officers shall serve a term of one year until their successors are selected. A history of the Alliance officers was provided for use and information. The newly elected Chairperson would be presiding over the remainder of the meeting. Ms. Whittington told committee members that Vice-Chairman Boyd was chairing the meeting due to the absence of a Chairman. She opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Horan nominated Commissioner Scott Boyd for Chairman. Commissioner Carl Zalak seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Horan moved approval of closing the nominations Chairman. Commissioner Cheryl Grieb seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Horan moved approval of Commissioner Scott Boyd for Chairman. Commissioner Carl Zalak seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

Ms. Whittington opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Tres Holton nominated Mayor Kathy Meehan for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Cheryl Grieb seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Horan moved approval of closing the nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Cheryl Grieb seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Tres Holton moved approval of Mayor Kathy Meehan for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Cheryl Grieb seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

Ms. Whittington opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

**MOTION:** Councilman Ray Goodgame nominated Commissioner Leslie Campione for Secretary. Commissioner Scott Boyd seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Horan moved approval of closing the nominations for Secretary. Commissioner Cheryl Grieb seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Councilman Ray Goodgame moved approval of Commissioner Leslie Campione for Secretary. Commissioner Scott Boyd seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

**b. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

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

**MOTION:** Commissioner Leslie Campione moved approval of the July 10, 2015 meeting minutes. Commissioner Carl Zalak seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

**c. Approval of the 2016 Quarterly Meeting Schedule**

Ms. Whittington noted that the July meeting is held with Tampa area representatives and the meeting location changes.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Carl Zalak moved approval of the 2016 quarterly meeting schedule. Commissioner Cheryl Grieb seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

**d. Approval of 2016 Legislative Priorities and Positions**

Ms. Whittington reported that the 2016 legislative priorities were compiled from lists submitted from each of the CFMPOA member M/TPOs. The priorities, she noted, were categorized under safety, funding, items to support, and items to monitor. Mr. T. J. Fish commented that he appreciated the addition of the Heart of Florida Loop Trail to the trails priorities item. Secretary Hattaway told committee members that Representative Passidomo had submitted bicycle/safety legislation and the FDOT legislative package was going in with hers. Commissioner Zalak asked what the local option rental car surcharge involved. Mr. Barley explained what the rental car surcharge option was and its history as a proposed funding mechanism for transportation. Mayor Pro-Tem Leigh Matusick asked if there was information available on any bike/safety legislation. Ms. Whittington responded that she will forward any bike/safety legislation information she has. Commissioner Zalak inquired about any rail legislation. Ms. Whittington responded that there was no rail legislation.

**MOTION:** Councilman Ray Goodgame moved approval of the 2016 Legislative priorities and positions. Commissioner Cheryl Grieb seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

## VII. Other Business

### a. Overview of the New Federal Transportation Bill (FAST)

Mr. Harry Barley, MetroPlan Orlando, provided an overview of the new Federal Transportation bill. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, recently passed by Congress, is a five-year reauthorization and was signed by President Barack Obama on December 4, 2015. Staff also discussed a proposal currently being advanced as part of the 2016 FDOT transportation bill, which included changes related to the NEPA process for new projects. Mr. Barley explained that the FAST Act did not provide any additional funding from what is currently allocated. He noted that Florida is fortunate in that only 25% of its budget comes from the federal government. Mr. Kamm requested that the presentation be sent out to CFMPOA. Commissioner Horan commented that it was a good selling point for companies looking to relocate to the state, that Florida is not as dependent on federal transportation funding.

### b. CFMPOA Priority Project List Update

Mr. T. J. Fish, Lake Sumter MPO, provided a brief update on the CFMPOA Priority Project List that was adopted by the Alliance at its last meeting. Mr. Fish also detailed the proposed timeline for the next phase of the project list update. A copy of the final project list, the letter transmitting the list to FDOT District 5 Secretary Noranne Downs, letter of receipt from FDOT District 5, and a confirmation email from the Director of the Office of Policy Planning in Tallahassee were provided. Also provided were resolutions received from the Ocala/Marion TPO and the Lake-Sumter MPO in support of the project list. Mr. Fish told committee members that the CFMPOA took big steps in adopting a regional priority list and forwarding the list to District 5 and Tallahassee. Work now, he stated, needs to get started on updating the current list to see what has been completed. Mr. Kamm commented that the Space Coast TPO is pleased to have the Ellis Road project listed as the number one priority on the current list. Mr. Fish suggested that a draft updated list should be generated for the April CFMPOA meeting. The updated priority list, he noted, would then go back to the respective MPOs for approval, prior to being submitted for approval at the July CFMPOA meeting.

### c. East Central Florida Corridor Task Force - Regional Transit Study

Mr. John Zeilinski, FDOT, provided an overview and status report on the East Central Florida Corridor Task Force Regional Transit Study. At July 2015 meeting, the Alliance passed a resolution in support of recommendations from the work of the East Central Florida Corridor Task Force, specifically Task Force Recommendation #5 *'To develop a regional passenger rail and transit system plan'* as it relates to the statewide perspective for regional passenger connectivity. A copy of the adopted resolution was provided. Mr. Zielinski told CFMPOA members that the Alliance was the perfect body to look at regional needs. He provided background information on the East Central Florida Corridors Task Force including the make-up, number of meetings held, study area. Mr. Zielinski informed CFMPOA members that the study was guided by the 21 principles of "How Shall We Grow" and nine alternatives for future study were

identified. He added that a Memorandum of Understanding between FDOT and the CFMPOA had been finalized and he would be acting as the contract manager and Ms. Whittington would manage the study. A Project Advisory Group would be formed, he noted, comprised of the M/TPO directors or their appointees. Mr. Barley called attention to the new FDOT policy of any new significant projects be funded through tolls and how funding needs to be an important consideration. Mr. Zielinski concurred that funding was a critical issue and added that the study would be looking ahead to a 2060 target year.

**d. I-75 Relief Study Update**

Mr. Greg Slay, Ocala-Marion TPO, provided an update on the I-75 Relief Study. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the potential for enhanced and new multimodal and multiuse transportation corridors between the Tampa Bay region and I-75 in North Central Florida. Mr. Slay told committee members that he would have more information to give a better overview at the next CFMPOA meeting. He added that a webinar for the project was scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup> and additional information could be found at <http://i75relief.com/>. The next meeting of the I-75 Relief Task Force was scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Department was hosting a Public Information Webinar on the project on January 21, at 6:00 p.m., that will provide information on the I-75 Relief Study and the I-75 Relief Task Force. It will review the Task Force process and charge, provide an overview of the study area and review the public and partner involvement plan. Please register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/870012036497761794>.

**VIII. Presentations/Discussion**

**a. Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Project (Discussion Item)**

Mr. Bob Kamm, Space Coast TPO, led a discussion regarding the Central Florida MPO Alliance's TRIP project list. Mr. Kamm reported that the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) was created fifteen years ago and was funded through doc stamp funds. TRIP projects were required to be regionally significant roadways endorsed by a regional planning body and he noted that CFMPOA would fit that requirement. The TRIP funding, he added, required a 50% local match to 50% doc stamp funds. Mr. Kamm called attention to doc stamp funds declining significantly due to the economic downturn, adding that they have rebounded with the economy. He requested that local projects be identified that meet the TRIP criteria and could be endorsed by the CFMPOA. These projects could then go through the local process, he added, and be brought to the CFMPOA at the July meeting to be folded into the priority process. Mr. Kamm reported that the Chairs Coordinating Committee follows this process and now that funding had become available, it would be beneficial for CFMPOA agencies to do so as well.

## b. Coast to Coast Connector Update

Mr. Joel Marmie, FDOT District 5 Coast to Coast Coordinator, provided a brief update on their respective segments of the Coast-to-Coast Connector project. Following, Mr. Brian Ruscher, Regional Land Trails Coordinator, Office of Greenways and Trails, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, provided an update on ongoing developments with the Coast-to-Coast Connector leadership team. Mr. Marmie told CFMPOA members that all phases of the Coast-to-Coast trail are 80% funded with state funds. He noted that SunTrails funding would become available after July 1<sup>st</sup> and the state funding would then be replaced by SunTrail funds. Mr. Marmie reviewed the trail segments and their current status.

Mr. Brian Ruscher told CFMPOA members that the Coast-to-Coast trail was a 250 mile trail that connected Pinellas County to the Space Coast. He said that a leadership team was formed consisting of members of the CFMPOA and the CCC and meets quarterly to address common issues and create and implement a plan for the trail. This plan, he noted, was not only for the Coast-to-Coast trail but to develop a statewide trail system, building not just a trail but a destination. He told committee members that 75% of trail is completed and 25% is being built. Mr. Ruscher added that wayfinding along the trail system will also be important to identify a consistent system along the way. The next steps, he reported, would be to hold a stakeholder workshop, analyze results of the workshop, and provide a Coast-to-Coast report during the January to May 2016 time frame. During the May to August 2016 time frame, he noted, the next leadership meeting will be held, the study will be wrapped up, they will seek support for recommendations from the stakeholders, and publish the fourth Coast-to-Coast Report. Mr. Bob Kamm asked about the map with the other trails that link to the Coast-to-Coast and their status. Mr. Ruscher responded that not all the trails in the Florida Greenways and Trails system are eligible for SunTrails funding and the Coast-to-Coast is the first priority for those funds. He added that they were asked to develop criteria for next few regional trails and February 29<sup>th</sup> they will be looking to adopt the next regional trail system. Mr. Kamm requested a presentation at the April CFMPOA meeting on the adopted next regional trail system. Mr. Ruscher responded that he could provide the requested presentation and if CFMPOA members would like additional information, they can contact Ms. Robin Birdsong at FDOT. Chairman Boyd reported that Horizon West is under development and the City of Winter Garden and Orange County are looking at connecting trails within that development to the West Orange Trail. Councilman Huff inquired about the status of the Starkey Gap. Mr. Ruscher responded that a section of that gap, indicated in blue on the map, was slated for design/build the end of 2017. The section in red on the map, he added, ran through part of a Duke Energy corridor and Duke Energy requested that design be done first and reviewed by them prior to moving forward. Mr. T. J. Fish told CFMPOA members that the Sumter Commission recently approved the northern alignment of the gap running through Sumter County.

## IX. Information Items

Ms. Whittington called attention to the link to the 2015 Central Florida regional Indicators report and noted that a full presentation on that information would be provided at the April meeting.

a. MetroPlan Orlando had moved to a new location. The offices were now located at 250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32801 and CFMPOA members were invited to an open house Wednesday, January 13, 2016; 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. A link to directions was provided.

b. Central Florida MPO Alliance Regional Indicators Report

[http://www.metroplanorlando.com/files/view/2015\\_regional\\_indicators\\_report\\_505.pdf](http://www.metroplanorlando.com/files/view/2015_regional_indicators_report_505.pdf)

c. [2016 MPOAC Legislative Priorities \(Link\)](#)

## X. Member Comments

Secretary Hattaway updated CFMPOA members on the complete streets implementation plan. He reported that the plan had been completed and was going to the executive committee for approval. A consultant had been selected, he noted, and the plan will include a rewrite of major documents and will provide guidance on street design based on the corridor it passes through.

Mayor Roy Tyler commented that a central focus was the need for funding and that issue needed to be taken to the masses to see what people really want and identify possible generational changes that may be underway.

## XI. Public Comments

None

XII. Next meeting - Friday, April 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., at MetroPlan Orlando.

**XIII. Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m. Respectfully transcribed by Cathy Goldfarb, Deputy Clerk, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance

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Hon. Scott Boyd, Chairman

Attest:

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Cathy Goldfarb, Deputy Clerk

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