



CENTRAL FLORIDA
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Central Florida MPO Alliance Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 15, 2016

Hillsborough Community College
Plant City Campus, Trinkle Center, Rooms 116
1206 North Park Road
Plant City Florida 33563

Vice-Chairman Kathy Meehan, presiding

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Leslie Campione
Honorable Pat Kelley
Honorable John Horan
Honorable Jennifer Thompson for
Honorable Scott Boyd
Honorable Cheryl Grieb
Honorable James Hilty
Honorable Carl Zalak
Honorable Collins Smith
Honorable Roy Tyler
Honorable Kathy Meehan
Honorable Tres Holton
Honorable T. Patrick O'Neill

REPRESENTING:

Lake-Sumter MPO
Lake-Sumter MPO
MetroPlan Orlando

MetroPlan Orlando
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Ocala/Marion County TPO
Ocala/Marion County TPO
Polk TPO
Polk TPO
Space Coast TPO
Space Coast TPO
Space Coast TPO

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Ray Goodgame
Honorable Kathy Bryant
Honorable Pat Huff
Honorable Deb Denys
Honorable Leigh Matusick
Vacant

Lake-Sumter MPO
Ocala/Marion County 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. John Voges
Mr. Tom Deardoff
Mr. Bob Kamm
Ms. Georganna Gillette
Ms. Lois Bollenback
Ms. Carol Scott
Secretary Noranne Downs

MetroPlan Orlando
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Polk TPO
Space Coast TPO
Space Coast TPO
River to Sea TPO
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
FDOT - District V

Mr. Frank O'Dea	FDOT - District V
Ms. Laura Herrscher	FDOT - District I
Ms. Jennifer Stults	Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Ms. Kellie Smith	FDOT - District V
Mr. David Cooke	FDOT - District V
Ms. Stacie Blizzard	FHWA
Mr. Rob Cursey	Tindale Oliver

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

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Kathy Meehan called the July 15, 2016 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and Councilman Patrick O'Neill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Introductions

Vice-Chairman Meehan invited all Alliance and audience members to introduce themselves. She acknowledged the TBARTA/Polk TPO staff for their work on logistics for the meeting prior to adjournment.

IV. Chairman's Announcements

Vice-Chairman Meehan told CFMPOA members that after the adjournment of the CFMPOA meeting, the joint meeting with the West Central Florida MPO Chair's Coordinating Committee will be held. She added that Ms. Whittington would provide additional details on that meeting.

V. Reports

Vice-Chairman Meehan 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. Laura Herrscher, FDOT District I reported that planning collaboration continues with FDOT District V on I-4 Beyond the Ultimate. She added that work also continues on the I-4/SR 557 interchange.

Secretary Noranne Downs, FDOT District V, reported that construction on the Wekiva Parkway is going well with one section already open. She told CFMPOA members that wildlife accommodations have been made on the Parkway to facilitate animal crossings, etc. Monthly meetings, she added, continue with the contractor for the project. The entire Wekiva Parkway project, she noted, is scheduled to be open by 2021. Secretary Downs told committee members that SunRail Phase II South was under construction and Phase II North was still in need of funding. Work also continues, she reported, on planning for SunRail Phase III, which would connect to Orlando International Airport. Funding, she added, is still needed for Phase III as well. Secretary Downs told CFMPOA members that planning for I-4 Beyond the Ultimate, which extends the I-4 Ultimate project south to US 27 and north to US 472, is going well and design for the project is underway. Commissioner Horan asked about proposed truck stop relocation efforts in Seminole County. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) determines the number of truck stops needed and plans, he commented, had been in place to relocate the Seminole County rest stop to Volusia County. Commissioner Horan noted that relocation didn't look possible at this time. Secretary Downs responded that a feasibility study had been conducted to see where to relocate the rest stop, however, Volusia County could not agree on any of the proposed sites. She added that FDOT is open to possible sites. FDOT, she added, continues to work with FHWA on the issue and has taken action to try and mitigate overflow parking issues with additional signage, but the trucks still need a place to stop. Commissioner Horan commented that the rest stop is overpopulated already and asked if FDOT had plans to add additional capacity, if relocation was not possible. Mr. David Cooke, FDOT District V, responded that he was not aware of any changes programmed at this time for the rest stop, but options had been looked at in the past. Commissioner Horan responded that this is a regional issue that needs to be solved regionally and asked if the CFMPOA could address the issue. Mr. Bob Kamm commented that truck drivers were identified as an issue in the first regional freight study, making this a regional issue. He noted that trucks needed to park overnight, until they were able to drop off their cargo when businesses opened in the morning. Additional areas were being considered, like Orlando International Airport, as a truck staging area for trucks to park overnight until they were able to deliver to their distribution site. Commissioner Horan asked if FDOT was aware of the freight study that Mr. Kamm referenced. Mr. Harry Barley responded that MetroPlan Orlando had conducted the freight study as a regional effort. He commented that two additional rest stops in the Orlando area had been eliminated already and there was a long stretch now between current rest stops. Since the rest stop issue falls in the MetroPlan Orlando area, he added, MetroPlan Orlando could take on the task of looking into a solution in partnership with Volusia County and FDOT. Commissioner Horan commented that the private sector needed to be

involved in the process as well. Ms. Lois Bollenback, River to Sea TPO, told committee members that she had not participated in the study until the end, and she felt that there was a need to revisit the Volusia options identified and look for a broader solution. Mr. Bob Kamm commented that freight staff needed to be involved in the process and he felt that the rest stop issue must be more widespread through the state. Mr. T.J. Fish added that double trucks need a location for them to break down and the rest stop issue would be a good regional topic for CFMPOA members to address.

Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), provided an update on the interchange at the Turnpike Mainline and SR 417. Ms. Scott told CFMPOA members that SunPass, which has been interoperable with the E-Pass system, is now interoperable in Georgia and North Carolina and will soon be interoperable in South Carolina. The next phase in the process, she added, would be the Texas hub, making the transponder interoperable with Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Ms. Scott told committee members to check the website, if they are traveling, to ensure the states have been added to the system. She added that all agencies are working together to have one toll pass system that works nationwide. Mr. Kamm asked about a project at the west end of SR 528 near John Young Parkway. Ms. Scott stated that it is a widening project that would include bridge improvements and noise wall installation. She added that a widening project is also in the future, where the Turnpike intersects with Orange Blossom Trail, that would be adding 2 express toll lanes and connect to the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate project.

VI. Action Items

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Action was requested for approval of the April 8, 2016 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner John Horan moved approval of the April 8, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Carl Zalak seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

b. Approval of DRAFT Amended and Restated CFMPOA Interlocal Agreement

Ms. Virginia Whittington reported that a review of the Central Florida MPO Alliance Interlocal Agreement had necessitated updates that required approval by each respective Board. The update incorporated changes that have occurred since the Interlocal Agreement was first adopted in 2005 and revised in 2012. These changes included organizational names and address changes, changes in legal advertisements and posting notices requirements, Executive Director voting, and annual member contributions. Each respective MPO was asked to provide feedback on the proposed changes. Upon completion of the review, the Agreement would be presented to each Board for approval and designation of an appointed

member to sign at the October CFMPOA meeting. Ms. Whittington reviewed the changes that had been made to the agreement.

MOTION: Commissioner Carl Zalak moved approval of the draft amended and restated CFMPOA Interlocal Agreement. Mayor Pat Kelley seconded the motion; which carried unanimously

c. Approval of DRAFT CFMPOA Priority Projects List

Mr. T.J. Fish requested approval of the DRAFT Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) Prioritized Project List, which included a list of highway, trail and transit projects that are of regional significance. As part of this approval, staff requested authorization to continue to work with our FDOT partners to finalize the Regional Trails Priority List. Once ranked, the Regional Trails List, will be presented for final adoption. The draft lists were provided. Mr. Fish told CFMPOA members that the regional priority list process was implemented in 2013 and each year the lists are updated and approved. The trails list, he noted, remains as a draft due to ongoing changes. Mr. Fish reviewed changes that had been made to the lists for the current year. He added that the lists will be vetted at each M/TPO and then brought back for final approval by CFMPOA members in October.

MOTION: Commissioner Cheryl Grieb moved approval of the draft Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) Prioritized Project List. Commissioner Jennifer Thompson seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

d. Approval of DRAFT Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) List and Resolution No. 2016-01

Mr. Bob Kamm requested approval of the DRAFT Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) List and accompanying Resolution No. 2016-01. Each respective M/TPO had individually approved their TRIP eligible project lists. The list being presented to the CFMPOA for approval was a grouping of the lists into a regional TRIP list. Mr. Kamm provided a brief history of TRIP program. He noted that funding had not been available through TRIP for a number of years due to the economic downturn. Now that funding was once again available, he added, the previous list needed to be updated. Mr. Kamm told committee members that the action requested was solely for the purpose of endorsing the compiled regional TRIP project list, whose projects were not in any ranked order. The approved list, he reported, would be submitted to FDOT for their Work Program. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of funding available for TRIP projects and why the funding had not increased significantly. Commissioner Carl Zalak commented that Amendment 1 redirected funding that could have been available for TRIP projects. Mr. Carl Mikyska, MPOAC, added that TRIP was the last funded fund in a long list of funding categories. Councilman Tres Holton suggested that with the implementation of the Governor's incentive program, it would be a good time to request additional TRIP funding.

MOTION: Mayor Pat Kelley moved approval of the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) List and accompanying Resolution No. 2016-01. Commissioner Jennifer Thompson seconded the motion; which carried unanimously

e. **CFMPOA Position on Federal Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform**

With FHWA and FTA recently announcing an August 26th deadline for comments on proposed rulemaking regarding MPO coordination and planning area reform, the Central Florida MPO Alliance had an opportunity to provide unified comments representing six MPOs and TPOs representing 10 counties. Any position taken by the CFMPOA will be transmitted to the Florida MPO Advisory Council for action at the July 18 MPOAC meeting. The rulemaking affects MPOs that share an Urbanized Area per the Census. Four MPO/TPOs within the CFMPOA are potentially affected by the proposed rulemaking. Staff recommended a position that requests federal agencies to consider acceptance of existing regional coordination structure among MPO/TPOs, such as the CFMPOA and the Tampa Bay Regional Transportation Authority MPOs Chairs Coordinating Committee. Mr. T.J. Fish provided background information on the proposed reform, noting that the changes would impact 21 out of 27 M/TPOs in the state. He called attention to the fact that the CFMPOA exists locally and provides regional coordination amongst multiple M/TPOs. Mr. Cark Mikyska told committee members that he reviewed the rule and has coordinated with organizations nationwide on their reaction to the proposed changes and their impact. He noted that the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the National Association of Regional Councils have received mostly negative feedback and the changes could result in a disconnect between land use and planning. Future population changes, he noted, could have a large impact and result in M/TPOs merging and encompassing huge regions. Mr. Mikyska added that local M/TPOs already practice good regional coordination.

MOTION: Commissioner Carl Zalak moved approval of requesting that federal agencies accept the current regional coordination structure among M/TPOs, such as the CFMPOA and the CCC. In addition, the CFMPOA's stance on this issue is to be transmitted to local legislators, in an effort to gain their support in opposing the proposed reform. Commissioner Leslie Campione seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

VII. Presentations/Discussion

a. **Central Florida MPO Alliance Regional Indicators Report**

Ms. Whittington noted that a summary of the Indicators Report and a copy of the presentation were provided. She added that the full report could be accessed online at: http://www.metroplanorlando.com/files/view/2016_regional_indicators_report.pdf

VIII. Information Items

None.

IX. Member Comments

Mr. Bob Kamm asked if legislative issues would be discussed at the October CFMPOA meeting. Ms. Whittington responded that a draft list of legislative priorities would be provided at the October meeting and the final list would be presented for approval at the January 2017 meeting.

X. Other Business

None

XI. Public Comments

None.

XII. Next meeting - Friday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. at MetroPlan Orlando

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m. Respectfully transcribed by Cathy Goldfarb, Deputy Clerk, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance

Hon. Scott Boyd, 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.