



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

**Central Florida MPO Alliance  
Meeting Minutes**

Friday, October 14, 2016

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

Chairman Scott Boyd, presiding

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**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Honorable Leslie Campione  
Honorable Pat Kelley  
Honorable Sean Parks for  
Honorable Ray Goodgame  
Honorable John Horan  
Honorable Scott Boyd  
Honorable Lee Constantine  
Honorable Roy Tyler  
Honorable Lita Handy-Peters  
Honorable Kathy Meehan  
Honorable Tres Holton  
Honorable T. Patrick O'Neill

**REPRESENTING:**

Lake-Sumter MPO  
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MetroPlan Orlando  
MetroPlan Orlando  
MetroPlan Orlando  
Polk TPO  
River to Sea TPO  
Space Coast TPO  
Space Coast TPO  
Space Coast TPO

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Honorable Cheryl Grieb  
Honorable Kathy Bryant  
Honorable Carl Zalak  
Honorable James Hilty  
Honorable Pat Huff  
Honorable Collins Smith  
Honorable Deb Denys  
Honorable Leigh Matusick

MetroPlan Orlando  
Ocala/Marion County TPO  
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Polk TPO  
Polk TPO  
River to Sea TPO  
River to Sea TPO

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ms. Virginia Whittington  
Mr. Harry Barley  
Mr. T. J. Fish  
Mr. John Voges  
Mr. Ronnie Blackshear  
Ms. Georganna Gillette  
Ms. Lois Bollenback  
Ms. Carol Scott  
Secretary Noranne Downs

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

Ms. Laura Herrscher  
Ms. Jennifer Stults  
Ms. Kellie Smith  
Mr. David Cooke  
Mr. Nicholas Finch

FDOT - District I  
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise  
FDOT - District V  
FDOT - District V  
Federal Highway Administration

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

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Scott Boyd called the October 14, 2016 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Sean Parks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Introductions**

Chairman Boyd welcomed everyone and invited Alliance members to introduce themselves.

**IV. Chairman's Announcements**

Chairman Boyd had no announcements

**V. Public Comment on Action Items**

Mr. Larry Dale, 3400 Celery Ave., Sanford, FL 32771, commented that he represents property owners who are looking to form a public private partnership to put a truck stop and a high-end mixed use development in the I-4 and SR 44 area.

Mr. J. Christy Wilson III, 1008 Ridgecrest Rd., Orlando, FL 32806, commented that he is an attorney and a group he represents owns 100 acres in the southeast quadrant of SR 44 and I-4 that they would like to develop into a rest area with 60 spaces for trucks along with additional amenities. He told CFMPOA members that representatives for the property owners have met with FDOT for a number of years regarding this proposed project and they have also sought input from local municipalities, however, the project has received a negative response from Volusia County. The property owners, he stated, would donate the truck parking spaces to FDOT in exchange for minor road work and access changes that are needed. Mr. Wilson added that the property is in unincorporated Volusia County and is next to the fairgrounds so it would be a good fit for the proposed project.

Discussion ensued regarding discussion with Volusia County, discussion with representatives from the trucking industry, and the type of mixed use development planned. Mr. Wilson responded that they had not made a formal project presentation to Volusia County and they had not spoken to trucking industry representatives. He added that they had not finalized plans but were open to multifamily, retail and commercial development for the site. Chairman

Boyd asked what role MetroPlan Orlando staff was playing in the truck stop discussion. Mr. Barley responded that the truck stop issue had been brought up at the July CFMPOA meeting and had also been the basis of CFMPOA staff director's discussion. He added that he had spoken to a representative from the trucking association, Mr. Ken Armstrong, and they were interested in working together on the rest area requirements, since it is a major issue for the industry. Discussion ensued regarding looking at options with FDOT district-wide and local freight coordinators, engaging the private sector and trucking associations, and focusing efforts on the interstates and turnpike facilities. Commissioner Constantine noted the first step should be to look at what is needed since the current Longwood rest stop is inadequate and a new location needs to be found. Ms. Lois Bollenback commented that River to Sea TPO was not included in the initial discussions regarding relocating the Longwood rest stop and they would welcome being part of a broader look at rest stop locations. Secretary Downs told CFMPOA members that the relocation efforts started as a concept study and FDOT had been working on the SR 44 site for a number of years but Volusia County had not been interested at first. She added that FDOT was available to help with the issue, they just needed direction in order to take the necessary steps to budget and schedule a project once it is identified. Additional discussion ensued regarding identifying needs, engaging the private sector, and direct contact with the trucking industry. It was noted that Mr. Nicholas Finch, Federal Highway Administration staff at the Orlando office, is aware of the issue and is working with FDOT. Mr. T.J. Fish suggested a task force be formed to address the truck stop issue and engage the private sector.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lee Constantine moved for approval of requesting FDOT/D5 take the lead on a study of truck rest stop areas in the 10-county area covered by the Central Florida MPO Alliance. This should be done in cooperation with the members of the Central Florida MPO Alliance, the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council and the trucking industry. This should cover facilities serving our interstate highways (I-4, I-75 and I-95) and facilities owned and operated by Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. The study should inventory current capacity, evaluate current adequacy and forecast future needs based on freight studies that have been conducted in recent years. The end product should be an action plan that can be implemented to meet the identified needs. It was also recommended that this become a legislative priority for the Central Florida MPO Alliance since the Legislature may need to approve changes in how FDOT funds are programmed to meet these needs. Councilman Tres Holton seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

## VI. Reports

Chairman Boyd 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 District I began their presentations for their new work program and online public hearings for the new work program will be held October 17<sup>th</sup> through October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Secretary Noranne Downs, FDOT District V, reported that there are a number of letting/construction dates for the Wekiva Parkway projects scheduled for 2016 and early 2017. Sections 4A and 4B are currently open and there were some new wildlife treatments used on those sections. Secretary Downs told CFMPOA members that there have been many changes on the I-4 Orlando section already as a result of the I-4 Ultimate project. The project is 32% completed and on schedule to open in 2021. She added that 183 companies are working on the project and over 1,077 workers. District V, she reported, continues to work on maintaining both 9.91% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and 3% small business goals. Commissioner Boyd suggested scheduling a tour of the I-4 project for committee members.

Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), reported that District I is developing their tentative work program and they recently presented it to the Polk TPO. District V, she noted, will be presenting their new tentative work program during the months of November, December 2016 and January 2017.

**VII. Action Items**

**a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Action was requested for approval of the July 15, 2016 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** Mayor Kathy Meehan moved approval of the July 15, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Leslie Campione seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

**b. Approval of the 2017 Quarterly Meeting Schedule**

**MOTION:** Mayor Kathy Meehan moved approval of the 2017 meeting schedule. Councilman T. Patrick O'Neill seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

**c. Election of 2017 Officers**

At the last meeting in each calendar year, members of the Central Florida MPO Alliance 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. Based on the history of officers, the 2017 slate of officers should include a representative from Space Coast TPO as Chairman, Lake-Sumter MPO as Vice-Chair and River to Sea TPO as Secretary. Ms. Virginia Whittington requested approval of a slate of officers for 2017.

**MOTION:** Councilman T. Patrick O'Neill nominated Mayor Kathy Meehan to serve as CFMPOA Chairman for 2017. Councilman Tres Holton seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Mayor Pat Kelley nominated Commissioner Leslie Campione to serve as CFMPOA Vice-Chairman for 2017. Commissioner Sean Parks seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Council Member Lita Handy-Peters nominated Council Member Deb Denys to serve as CFMPOA Secretary for 2017. Commissioner Scott Boyd seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

**d. Approval of Amended and Restated CFMPOA Interlocal Agreement**

A review of the Central Florida MPO Alliance Interlocal Agreement 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 include organizational names and address changes, changes in legal advertisements and posting notices requirements, Executive Director voting and annual member contributions. Each respective M/TPO Board had approved the revisions and designated a signatory. Ms. Virginia Whittington requested the CFMPOA Board for approval of the final Amended and Restated CFMPOA Interlocal Agreement. Following approval, designated signatories will be asked to sign the final document.

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Horan moved approval of the Amended and Restated CFMPOA Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Leslie Campione seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

**e. Approval of CFMPOA Priority Projects List**

Mr. T.J. Fish requested approval by the CFMPOA of the final Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) Prioritized Project List, which included a list of highway, trail and transit projects that are of regional significance. Each respective M/TPO Board has approved the draft priority projects lists.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Leslie Campione moved approval of the Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) Prioritized Project List. Mayor Pat Kelley seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

## **VIII. Presentations/Discussion**

### **a. I-75 Relief Task Force Update**

Ms. Jennifer Fortunas, FDOT Systems Planning Office, provided an update on results of the I-75 Relief Study. Ms. Fortunas told CFMPOA members that the I-75 corridor was not typical in the types of congestion experienced. She reported that the I-75 Relief Task Force was established by FDOT Secretary Boxold in 2015 to look at how to provide relief to congestion and improve connectivity. The Task Force, she reported, was tasked with looking at the current state of the I-75 corridor and look at new transportation facilities and projections for the future. Ms. Fortunas added that the Task Force is currently in the consensus building stage and will be looking at parallel corridors and strategies to mitigate non-recurring congestion. Discussion ensued regarding critical freight corridors identified and truck stop issues, ideas to relieve alternate congestion that may occur or has occurred in the past, and how to balance the conflict between access to and mobility through with local government and transportation agencies. Ms. Fortunas noted that FDOT is focused on the Complete Streets policy which provides the process and tools to assist with the “through” and “to” issues.

### **b. Central Florida Regional Transit Study Update Presenter: Virginia L. Whittington**

Ms. Virginia L. Whittington, Project Manager, provided an overview and status report on the East Central Florida Corridor Task Force Regional Transit Study. Ms. Whittington told CFMPOA members that there were nine recommendations for the study with number five being to develop a regional transit system plan. She noted that there was a resolution to move forward with the study and broaden it to all CFMPOA areas. Hansen, had been selected as the lead consultant for the study and a kick-off meeting will be held following the CFMPOA meeting. A one-page outline was provided in the supplemental folders.

## **IX. Other Business**

### **a. Potential 2017 Legislative Priorities**

A copy of the 2016 CFMPOA Legislative Priorities and Positions was provided for use and information. Each respective M/TPO is in the process of adopting 2017 policies and positions. Once approved the lists will be reviewed and combined. Staff sought direction from CFMPOA members on any potential priorities prior to adoption of the 2017 priorities at the January Alliance meeting.

- b. **Regional Inventory of Rest Areas – taken out of order**
- c. **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Comment Period Extended**

Mr. T.J. Fish updated the Alliance on the extended comment period for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. He provided a map which showed the potential repercussions if M/TPOs were merged as a result of the Proposed Rulemaking efforts.

**X. Information Items**

**a. TRIP List/Doc Stamps Tax Revenue**

As a follow-up to discussion that took place at the July Alliance meeting, the attached information had been provided about funding for the TRIP program.

**XI. Member Comments**

None.

**XII. Public Comments**

None.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Mr. Harry Barley, MetroPlan Orlando, called attention to Commissioner Boyd upcoming retirement from the Orange County Board of County Commissioners and thanked him for his service.

Commissioner Sean Parks thanked Commissioner Boyd for his outreach efforts in Lake County

Commissioner Lee Constantine thanked Commissioner Boyd for his work on the Regional Planning Council.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Respectfully transcribed by Cathy Goldfarb, Deputy Clerk, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance

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Hon. Kathy Meehan, Chairman

Attest:

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Cathy Goldfarb, Deputy Clerk

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