



**CENTRAL FLORIDA
MPO
ALLIANCE**

**Central Florida MPO Alliance
Meeting Minutes**

Friday, February 10, 2023
MetroPlan Orlando

Commissioner Michelle Stone, Ocala/Marion TPO, presiding

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Craig Estep
Honorable Roy Tyler
Honorable Nancy Daly
Honorable Christine Moore
Honorable Olga Castano
Honorable Michelle Stone
Honorable Ire Bethea, Sr.
Honorable Craig Curry
Honorable David Alfin
Honorable Chris Cloudman
Honorable Yvonne Minus
Honorable Joe Robinson
Honorable Andrea Young

REPRESENTING:

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

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Dan Robuck
Honorable Cal Rolfson
Honorable Brian Yates
Honorable Jay Zembower

Lake-Sumter MPO
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Polk TPO
MetroPlan Orlando

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Virginia Whittington
Mr. Gary Huttman
Mr. Robert Balmes
Mr. Parag Agrawal
Ms. Laura Carter
Ms. Sarah Kraum
Ms. Colleen Nicoulin
Mr. Mike Woods
Mr. Gallus Quigley
Mr. Siao Si Fine
Ms. Nicole Mills
Mr. Jack Adkins
Ms. Maggia Ardito
Mr. Eric Hill
Ms. Taylor Laurent

MetroPlan Orlando
MetroPlan Orlando
Ocala/Marion County TPO
Polk Tpo
Space Coast TPO
Space Coast TPO
River to Sea TPO
Lake-Sumter MPO
Lake County
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
FDOT - District 1
FDOT - District 5
River to Sea Loop Alliance
MetroPlan Orlando
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A complete list of all others in attendance may be obtained upon request.

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I. Call to Order

Chairwoman Michelle Stone called the February 10, 2023, Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Yvonne Minus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Chairman's Announcements

Chairwoman Stone reviewed the public comment procedures for both in person and virtual comments.

IV. Alliance Introductions

CFMPOPA Members introduced themselves and Ms. Lisa Smith confirmed an in-person quorum was present.

Chairwoman Stone called attention to a few agenda items and changes. She told CFMPOA members that Ms. Whittington would facilitate the election of officers. In addition, agenda item VII.C. was postponed and under agenda item VII.D. Mr. Gallus Quigly would be presenting along with Mr. Mike Woods.

V. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

VI. Reports

Chairwoman Stone called attention to the Delegation Reports provided for informational purposes.

a. Delegation Reports (Info only)

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

b. FDOT District Reports

Chairwoman Stone recognized Ms. Nicole Mills, FDOT District 1, who called attention to the Governor's Moving Florida Forward Transportation Infrastructure Initiative. District 1

will have eight of the twenty projects, one of which is shared with District 5. Ms. Mills called attention to the SR 33 interchange and widening project and the US 27 interchange projects, the latter of which will have a public meeting in May and a hearing scheduled next year at this time. Awarding of the project funding is contingent on legislative approval.

Ms. Mills reported that a high-level feasibility study on extending SunRail to Polk County is underway. She told CFMPOA members that a survey seeking public input on US 27, US 17/92 and the I-4 area, is currently being conducted. In addition, Ms. Mills reported that US 98, from Daughtry Road to the Pasco County line design/build bid opened. Discussion ensued regarding the location of the SunRail connection in Polk County.

Mr. Jack Adkins, FDOT District 5, gave a brief presentation on Moving Florida Forward. He told CFMPOA members that they are working collaboratively with District 1 and FTE to be ready once funding is approved. Mr. Adkins provided a map detailing all the Florida projects and then spoke about the ones in District 5. Discussion ensued regarding the cost to extend SunRail and the need to look at mass transit as a way to assist with congestion issues, the SR 301 project cost in comparison to costs to extend SunRail, which would provide a quicker and less costly solution. Members also discussed the I-95/ US 1 project, the engagement process for I-75/US 1 in Sumter County, and where the I-95/Ellis Road interchange project is on the priority list, and a proposal to draft a letter of support from the CFMPOA for Moving Florida Forward. Following a brief discussion it was recommended that each respective M/TPO send letters of support at their boards' discretion and direction.

Mr. Siasoi Fine, Florida Turnpike Enterprise, reported that the Central Polk Parkway first leg to US 17 is scheduled for construction in March 2023 and the second leg from US 17 to SR 60 in 2025.

VII. Action Items

a. Election of 2023 Officers

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. The newly elected officers will assume their roles at the conclusion of the February meeting and will serve through February 2024. A copy of the historical list of Alliance officers was provided. Ms. Whittington reminded CFMPOA members that at the October 2022 meeting, the bylaws were revised to designate the first meeting of the year as the organizational meeting and election of officers. The newly elected officers will begin their terms at the conclusion of the meeting and serve for one year.

MOTION: Commissioner Olga Castano nominated Commissioner Christine Moore for Chairwoman. Commissioner Craig Curry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Craig Curry nominated Commissioner Craig Estep for Vice Chair. Commissioner Chris Cloudman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Mayor David Alfin nominated Commissioner Chris Cloudman for Secretary. Council Member Yvonne Minus seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Action was requested for approval of the October 7, 2022, Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Roy Tyler moved approval of the October 7, 2022 meeting minutes. Council Member Ire Bethea Sr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Presentations/Discussion

a. Kick off of Regional Project Prioritization Process

Ms. Laura Carter, Space Coast TPO, gave a presentation on the CFMPOA Regional Project Prioritization process. A list of the current projects was provided. Ms. Carter told CFMPOA members that each M/TPO develops their own list which is combined collectively into a regional list and may be categorized. The regional list is then forwarded to the appropriate FDOT staff and helps them prioritize regionally significant projects. Ms. Carter called attention to the top five project categories and spoke briefly about them. She detailed things to consider when prioritizing projects. Ms. Carter announced that the prioritization process for the current year is kicking off now. The draft lists, she added, will be submitted to their respective M/TPOs for adoption in the June/July time frame and the regional list is scheduled to be adopted at the October Alliance meeting.

b. Transportation Systems Management & Operations List of Priority Projects

Mr. Eric Hill, MetroPlan Orlando, gave a brief presentation on the Regional Transportation Systems Management & Operations List of Priority Projects. Mr. Hill reminded Alliance members that the regional approach to ranking TSMO projects and the evaluation tool to rank them was introduced at the October meeting. He reported that there was not enough information to rank the projects and they needed to repeat the process. Staff will work together to provide the list of projects at the next Alliance meeting.

c. Status Updates on the CFMPOA LRTP and Tracking the Trends

Presentation postponed.

d. Active Transportation Plan Updates

Ms. Taylor Laurent, Ms. Sarah Kraum, Mr. Mike Woods, Mr. Gallis Quigley and Ms. Maggie Ardito

Active transportation describes human scaled and often person-powered ways of getting around, such as walking, bicycling or using a wheelchair. An Active Transportation Plan is a comprehensive set of strategies to ensure better options and may be used as a guide for investments in bicycle and pedestrian facilities. MetroPlan Orlando, Space Coast TPO, Lake-Sumter TPO, and the River to Sea Loop Alliance each shared progress being made on Active Transportation Plans currently underway, in their respective areas.

Ms. Taylor Laurent, MetroPlan Orlando, started off the updates describing what an Active Transportation Plan is. She reviewed what can be expected from the Plan, MetroPlan Orlando's role, and the five key project tasks, along with public engagement timeline. The Plan, she noted, is slated to be finalized in December 2023 and will be incorporated into the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Ms. Sarah Kraum, Space Coast TPO, reported on the adoption of their Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan in 2019. She provided information on what had been accomplished since the Plan adoption, including its themes and goals. The Plan, she added, was the winner of the Planning Innovation of the Year at Transplex in 2020.

Mr. Mike Woods, Lake Sumter MPO, and Mr. Gallus Quigley, Lake County, gave a presentation on their Active Transportation Plan. Mr. Woods noted that their Active Transportation Plan is part of their Long-Range Transportation Plan. Their emphasis, he noted, is on Complete Streets, Regional Trail network including SUN Trails, Safe Routes to School and transit first mile last mile. Mr. Woods reported they identify projects, move them through the priority list and look to add them to their funded Transportation Improvement Program. He called attention to two Complete Streets projects on SR 471 in Webster, which is part of the Coast-to-Coast Trail, and US 301 in Wildwood. Mr. Woods introduced Mr. Quigley who reviewed projects in Lake County. He provided background on the Trails Master Plan, including the availability of an interactive map. Mr. Quigley reviewed the current trail projects. Discussion ensued regarding dealing with CSX and mile markers along the trails in case of an emergency.

Ms. Maggie Ardito, representing the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Alliance gave a presentation on efforts towards developing an Active Transportation Plan. Ms. Ardito reviewed what Volusia County has in terms of bicycle, pedestrian, and trails. She noted that they are missing an active transportation map and covered what more is needed to get an Active Transportation Plan in place. Ms. Ardito provided an overview of an Active Transportation Workshop held January 27, 2023. She detailed the partnerships that helped with the Workshop and its benefit showcasing what other local agencies are doing and what's next.

VIII. Information Items

a. 2023 Central Florida MPO Alliance Meeting Schedule

IX. Member Comments

None.

X. **Public Comments**

None.

XI. **Next meeting** – April 14, 2023; 10:00 a.m. at MetroPlan Orlando, 250 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32801

XII. **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed by Cathy Goldfarb, Senior Board Services Coordinator, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance



Commissioner Christine Moore, Chairwoman

Attest:



Cathy Goldfarb, Board Services Coordinator

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.