



**CENTRAL FLORIDA
MPO
ALLIANCE**

**Central Florida MPO Alliance
Meeting Minutes**

Friday, April 12, 2024
MetroPlan Orlando

Chairman Doug Shields, Lake-Sumter MPO, Presiding

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Doug Shields
Honorable Cal Rolfson
Honorable Roy Tyler
Honorable Nancy Daly
Honorable Brian Yates
Honorable Christine Moore
Honorable Olga Castano
Honorable Lee Constantine
Honorable Ire Bethea, Sr.
Honorable Michelle Stone
Honorable Craig Curry
Honorable Chris Cloudman
Honorable David Alfin
Honorable Yvonne Minus
Honorable Joe Robinson

REPRESENTING:

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

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Sandy Gamble
Mayor Bill Partington
Honorable Andrea Young

Lake-Sumter MPO
River to Sea TPO
Space Coast TPO

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Gary Huttman
Mr. Robert Balmes
Mr. Ryan Kordek
Ms. Georganna Gillette
Ms. Colleen Nicoulin
Mr. Mike Woods
Mr. Siasoi Fine
Ms. Betsy Reina
Mr. Jack Adkins
Mr. Eric Hill
Mr. Alex Trauger

MetroPlan Orlando
Ocala/Marion County TPO
Polk TPO
Space Coast TPO
River to Sea TPO
Lake-Sumter MPO
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
FDOT - District 1
FDOT - District 5
MetroPlan Orlando
MetroPlan Orlando

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

I. Call to Order

Chairman Doug Shields called the April 12, 2024, Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Chris Cloudman, River to Sea TPO, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Introduction of CFMPOA Members and Staff

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

Mr. Ryan Kordek, Polk TPO, made a special presentation to Mayor Roy Tyler honoring his time serving as a member of the Central Florida MPO Alliance, the Polk TPO and his retiring from public service.

IV. Public Comments on Action Items

Chairman Shields reviewed the public comment procedures for both in person and virtual comments.

There were no requests for public comment.

V. Reports

Chairman Shields called attention to the Delegation Reports provided for informational purposes.

a. Delegation Reports (Info only)

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

b. FDOT District Reports

- District I

Ms. Betsy Reina represented FDOT District 1. She provided an update on the Collier to Polk Regional Trail Master Plan. She explained that Regional Trail is proposed to be a connected multi-use trail through Collier, Henry, Glade, Highland, Hardy and Polk counties. Ms. Reina noted that there will be a series of public meetings to be held in late May into early June and

that the meeting to discuss the Polk County portion is scheduled for June 4th. The PD&E study exploring the SunRail expansion into Polk County is currently going through the procurement phase to hire a consultant to assist the Department in that undertaking.

- **District 5**

Mr. Jack Adkins represented FDOT District 5. Mr. Adkins noted that a working group has been formed for Ellis Road in Brevard County. He explained that the working group will explore ways to bridge the funding gap and look at strategies for value engineering. The working group will convene May 20th-May 24th. He noted on the national performance measure on Greenhouse Gas emissions, Secretary Perdue has issued letter that it is no longer a requirement. He noted that April is Distracted Driving Month, and National Work Zone Awareness week is April 15th through April 19th and Wednesday, April 17th is "Wear Orange Day".

- **Florida's Turnpike Enterprise**

Mr. Siao Si Fine, Florida's Turnpike Enterprises, noted that FTE will be hosting public information meetings for the PD&E widening of the Turnpike mainline from SR 70 in St. Lucie County to SR 60 in Osceola County. The virtual session was held on May 1st. Two in-person sessions are scheduled for May 7th from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Indian River State College, in Ft. Pierce and on May 9th from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Intergenerational Community Center in Vero Beach.

VI. Action Items

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Action is requested for approval of the February 9, 2024, Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mayor Roy Tyler moved approval of the February 9, 2024, meeting minutes. Councilman Cal Rolfson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Presentations/Discussion

a. Central Florida MPO Alliance Coordinator Efforts

Mr. Nick Lepp, PE, HDR, presented on the CFMPOA's coordination efforts regarding the long-range planning process. He spoke about the importance of collaboration. He explained that major transportation projects take a long time to implement and having shared priorities that address transportation challenges in the Region has advanced regional projects like I-4, Coast to Coast Trails and SunRail. He provided an overview of the proposed CFMPOA regional network. He provided the next steps to develop a regionally significant network with MPO staff that supports the mission of the Alliance, to establish a regionally significant network for other modal connections (i.e.: intermodal, regional trails, new corridors and emerging technology).

He recommended that the Alliance endorse a coordinated network at the October meeting for long range transportation plan coordination and development.

b. Moving Florida Forward: I-4 and I-75/I-95 Presentations

Mr. Ed Kestory, District Design Engineer FDOT, provided a brief overview of the district 5 Five-Year Work Program. Mr. Kestory discussed the I-75 auxiliary lanes from S.R. 44 to S.R. 326, affecting Marion and Sumter Counties. He noted that it is separated into two separate projects, I-75 South (South of S.R. 44 to S.R. 200) and I-75 North (S.R. 200 to S.R. 326). He provided estimated costs, planned advertisements, and procurement schedule. He noted that both projects are anticipated for construction in 2025. He showed a rendering of the proposed improvements.

Mr. Kestory provided information on the I-95 at U.S. 1 Interchange in northern Volusia County. He provided estimated costs, planned advertisements, and procurement schedule. He noted that both projects are anticipated for construction in 2027. He showed a rendering of the proposed improvements. He also discussed the I-95 Strategic Plan and planned PD&E studies.

Mr. Tracy Hood, FDOT, presented an update on the Moving Florida Forward (MFF) Initiative. He provided an overview of the new Corridors Program Team created by FDOT Central Office to deliver the following projects:

- Project number 12: I-4 from Champions Gate to Osceola Parkway
- Project number 13: Poinciana Parkway Extension Connector
- Project number 16: I-4 from U.S. 27 to Champions Gate.

Mr. Hood shared a project map of the planned construction, detailed the road layout, and gave a status update of the I-4 project in Osceola and Polk County. Ms. Chacon provided an overview of public outreach efforts to date. She shared that the office is pivoting from Design-Build Contracts to Multiple-Phase Contracts with different procurement methods for MFF, with the benefit of a shorter time from advertising the contract to being awarded at approximately four months.

c. Adoption of Passenger Rail Statement

Mr. Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando, clarified that the request is not for adoption, but was provided as an information item. He explained that he had been contacted by the Director of the Pinellas TPO who had been directed by his governing Board to prepare a statement that supports connecting Tampa and Orlando by rail. The ask is for the Alliance to consider a statement supporting high-speed passenger rail (HSR) between Orlando and Tampa. The statement was provided in the agenda package. Mr. Huttman explained that the resolution would be presented at the joint meeting in June with the Suncoast TPA, requesting support.

d. Update on Federal GHG Performance Measure and Target

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando, updated Alliance members on recent developments concerning the GHG Performance Measure and Target. Mr. Trauger provided background

information and a status update. He noted that a briefing on the subject was provided at the February meeting. Mr. Trauger provided insight into recent court proceedings that were filed against the measure and Alliance partner collaboration. He stated that on April 1st, the GHG requirement was vacated by the Judge, and noted the 30-day appeal period for USDOT to seek relief. He said that it is no longer a requirement.

VIII. Information Items

- a. MPOAC Legislative Wrap Up
- b. River to Sea TPO Resolution 2024-08 supporting the St. Johns River to Sea Loop Trail

IX. Member Comments

Chair Shields, Lake Sumter MPO, thanked FDOT for their efforts in realigning S.R. 50 around the City of Groveland. He noted the groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for April 19th.

Georganna Gillette, Space Coast TPO, provided an update on the regional priority that Bright Line officially announced its intention to develop a Cocoa station. The next steps will be working on a funding plan and submitting a CRISI grant with the City of Cocoa.

Councilwoman Minus, Space Coast TPO, thanked FDOT for moving the Ellis Road Exchange forward in West Melbourne.

Mayor Roy Tyler, Polk TPO, provided parting insight regarding traffic safety from his perspective as a retired law enforcement official and as a long-time Polk TPO Board and CFMPOA member. Members of the Alliance gave a round of applause and thanked him for his service.

X. Public Comments

None.

XI. Next meeting

June 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
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XII. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed by Lisa Smith, Senior Board Services Coordinator, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance



Commissioner Doug Shields, Chairman

Attest:



Lisa Smith, Sr. 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.