



CENTRAL FLORIDA
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Central Florida MPO Alliance Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 10, 2014

MetroPlan Orlando
David L. Grovdahl Board Room
315 East Robinson Street, Suite 355
Orlando, Florida 32801

Chairman Stan McClain, presiding

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Ray Goodgame
Honorable Sean Parks
Honorable Norman Hope
Honorable Stan McClain, **Chair**
Honorable Jack Meyers
Honorable Pat Huff
Honorable Rocky Randels
Honorable Kathy Meehan
Honorable Ken Greene
Honorable Pat Northey

REPRESENTING:

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

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Bob Dallari	MetroPlan Orlando
Honorable Scott Boyd	MetroPlan Orlando
Honorable John Quiñones	MetroPlan Orlando
Honorable Kent Guinn	Ocala/Marion County TPO
Honorable Kathy Bryant	Ocala/Marion County TPO
Honorable Roy Tyler	Polk TPO
Honorable Leigh Matusick	River to Sea TPO
Honorable Gene Emter	River to Sea TPO

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Virginia Whittington	MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Gary Huttman	MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. TJ Fish	Lake-Sumter MPO
Mr. Greg Slay	Ocala/Marion County TPO
Mr. Ronnie Blackshear	Polk TPO
Mr. Bob Kamm	Space Coast TPO
Ms. Lois Bollenback	River to Sea TPO
Ms. Laura Lockwood	FDOT - District 1
Ms. Mary Schoetzel	FDOT - District 5
Ms. Deborah Tyrone	FDOT - District 5

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

I. Call to Order

Chairman Stan McClain called the October 10, 2014 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

II. Introductions

Chairman McClain invited all Alliance and audience members to introduce themselves.

III. Chairman's Announcements

Chairman McClain had no announcements

IV. Reports

Chairman McClain 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
- Polk TPO Report
- Space Coast TPO Report
- River to Sea TPO Report

b. FDOT District Reports

Ms. Laura Lockwood, FDOT District I, reported that the I-4 interchange at SR 555 is under construction and expected to be completed in early 2017. She told committee members that the I-4 resurfacing project from CR 557 to the Osceola County line is underway and the westbound lanes are currently being paved. US 27, she reported, from Ritchie Road to Barry Road is being widened from 4 to 6 lanes, Bicycle and pedestrian features, and a sound wall are included in the project which is expected to be completed in the fall. Ms. Lockwood told CFMPOA members that US 27 from Barry Road to US 192 is also being widened from 4 to 6 lanes, will include interchange improvements at US 192, and is expected to be completed in December 2016. She called attention to a new regional TPO being formed called the Heartland TPO that will include Highland, Hardee, Desoto, Glades, Hendry and Okeechobee counties. The Governor's office currently has their apportionment plan to include the new TPO.

Ms. Mary Schoetzel, FDOT District V, reported that Sections 4A and 4B of the Wekiva Parkway, from the Orange County line to west of Old McDonald Road, is in the design/build phase. She told CFMPOA members that SunRail had 3,892 riders in September and noted that the Winter Park, Church Street, Sand Lake, and Debarry stations are the most popular. FDOT continues their safety and marketing outreach efforts, work on software, and efforts to find a funding source for evening and weekend service. Ms. Schoetzel informed committee members that a request has been made for \$63 million in funding in the federal budget for Phase II from Debarry to Deland and 30% of the design plan has been completed for that phase. Efforts also continue, she noted, on SunRail Phase III which would connect to Orlando International Airport. In terms of the I-4 Ultimate project, she reported that a 40-year contract had been signed with I-4 Mobility partners. Design for the I-4 project was expected to be completed shortly and construction is slated for 2015. Ms. Schoetzel added that I-95 is being widened from 4 to 6 lanes from north of SR 44 to north of US 92.

V. Public Comments on Action Items

None

VI. Action Items

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Action was requested for approval of the June 13, 2014 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting minutes.

MOTION: Council Member Pat Northey moved approval of the June 13, 2014 meeting minutes. Deputy Mayor Ken Greene seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

b. Approval of the 2015 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

The 2015 meeting schedule was presented for approval. Ms. Whittington noted that the January 2015 meeting date was scheduled on January 16 due to a scheduling conflict.

MOTION: Mayor Rocky Randels moved approval of the 2015 quarterly meeting schedule. Council Member Pat Northey seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

c. Election of 2015 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. Due to results of elections held earlier this year, Council Member Stan McClain was elected Chair for the remainder of 2014 and 2015. Elections were held to fill the Vice-Chair and Secretary seats for 2015. A history of the Alliance officers was provided. Ms. Whittington noted that Mr. Gary Huttman was representing MetroPlan Orlando in Mr. Barley's absence. Committee members were asked to make recommendations based on the officer rotation schedule.

MOTION: Commissioner Sean Parks moved approval of Commissioner Scott Boyd serving as CFMPOA Vice-Chairman for 2015. Council Member Pat Northey seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

MOTION: Mayor Kathy Meehan moved approval of Mayor Rocky Randels serving as CFMPOA Secretary for 2015. Deputy Mayor Ken Greene seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

VII. Other Business

a. Adoption of CFMPOA Regional Prioritization Project List

Action was requested to adopt the 2015 CFMPOA Regional List of Priority Projects including the SIS Highway project list, the Regional Trails priority list, and the Regional Transit priority list. The lists had been presented to each respective M/TPO Board and approved by their committees.

MOTION: Commissioner Sean Parks moved approval of adopting the 2015 CFMPOA Regional List of Priority Projects. Council Member Pat Northey seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

VIII. Presentations/Discussion

a. Coast-to-Coast Connector Update

Ms. Deborah Tyrone, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator, provided an update on the continued efforts to "close the gaps" in the Coast-to-Coast Connector project. Ms. Tyrone informed CFMPOA members that a Coast-to-Coast Summit was held on October 1st with the objectives of informing key stakeholders on the current state of the Coast-to-Coast Connector and creating a common baseline of knowledge and to establish a framework for how to organize and implement a regional system of local trails. Ms. Tyrone provided Department of Environmental Protection maps, broken down by county, detailing existing trails, portions of trails already funded for construction and current gaps as of October 1. She reviewed the status of the gaps and funding available in the 2014 budget. Senate Bill 2514 that was recently passed, she noted, allows the use of funds for closing the gaps on statewide trails. Ms. Tyrone informed committee members that FDOT will provide project management for the Coast-to-Coast projects. She suggested that the Department of Environmental Protection maps be utilized along with the FDOT spreadsheet on the

projects to maintain consistency. Discussion ensued in regards to formalizing the close the gaps process and conducting public outreach, future projects to pursue and the impact of possible legislative changes. Committee members expressed their appreciation for FDOT's efforts in moving the Coast-to-Coast project forward.

b. CFMPOA Regional Indicators Report

Ms. Gaby Arismendi provided an overview of the 2014 CFMPOA regional indicators. Ms. Arismendi told committee members that data is collected yearly on the regional transportation system and trends, and reported out to CFMPOA members. She reviewed some of the highlights from this year's data and trends including population growth to 4.3 million, employment which was up 3%, Vehicle Miles Traveled, and vehicle crash and injury data.

c. 2015 Legislative Priorities

Over the next few months the CFMPOA Directors will develop legislative priorities for the 2015 session. Each list will be reviewed for consistency and a CFMPOA list developed for approval at the January meeting. Members were asked to provide direction to staff on potential legislative items. A copy of the 2014 Alliance Legislative Priorities was provided. Mr. T. J. Fish reviewed the 2014 CFMPOA priorities and legislative action from the last session that was relevant. He told CFMPOA members that he will update the list and remove any items that had been addressed during the last legislative session. Chairman McClain called attention to Amendment 1 on the ballot and if that passes there will be many groups/agencies lobbying to get the funds that will be made available. Mr. Bob Kamm noted that with Representative Crisafulli's leadership role in the Florida House of Representatives, he expected water policy to play an important part in upcoming legislation. A draft list of 2015 legislative priorities will be compiled and presented for approval at the January CFMPOA meeting.

IX. Information Items/Featured Articles and Research

Members were invited to attend the Central Florida Intermodal Logistics Center (ILC) Grand Opening, October 16, 2014, 9:30 a.m., 3935 Intermodal Drive, Winter Haven, FL 33884.

X. Member Comments

Commissioner Sean Parks thanked FDOT for their efforts on the Coast-to-Coast trail.

Ms. Virginia Whittington reported that she made a presentation at a regional workshop in Tampa on the Central Florida MPO Alliance and received good feedback from the

group. She noted that the CFMPOA is held up as a good example of regional collaboration, not only state-wide but soon to be nationally as well.

Ms. Laura Lockwood, who also attended the regional workshop, commented that feedback from Federal Highway Administration was that the Central Florida MPO Alliance was doing an excellent job in regional collaboration and the annual meeting with the Chairs Coordinating Committee brings together representatives from coast to coast.

XI. Public Comments

None

XII. Next meeting - January 16, 2015* at 10:00 a.m. at MetroPlan Orlando

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Respectfully transcribed by Cathy Goldfarb, Deputy Clerk, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance

Hon. Stan McClain, 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.