



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

## Central Florida MPO Alliance Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 8, 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 John Horan  
Honorable Scott Boyd  
Honorable Cheryl Grieb  
Honorable James Hilty  
Honorable Roy Tyler  
Honorable Deb Denys  
Honorable Kathy Meehan  
Honorable Tres Holton

### REPRESENTING:

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

### MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Ray Goodgame  
Honorable Kathy Bryant  
Honorable Carl Zalak  
Honorable Jack Meyers  
Honorable Pat Huff  
Honorable Leigh Matusick  
Vacant  
Honorable T. Patrick O'Neill

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

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Virginia Whittington  
Mr. Harry Barley  
Mr. T. J. Fish  
Mr. Greg Slay  
Mr. Tom Deardoff  
Mr. Ronnie Blackshear  
Ms. Georganna Gillette  
Ms. Lois Bollenback  
Commissioner Lee Constantine  
Ms. Laura Kelley  
Ms. Allison Stettner  
Ms. Robin Birdsong

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Polk TPO  
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Space Coast TPO  
River to Sea TPO  
MetroPlan Orlando  
Central Florida Expressway Authority  
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise  
FDOT

Ms. Heather Garcia	FDOT District V
Mr. Greg Moore	VHB
Ms. Mary Schoelzel	FDOT - District V
Secretary Billy Hattaway	FDOT - District I
Ms. Jennifer Stults	FDOT - District I
Ms. Carol Scott	Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Ms. Kellie Smith	FDOT - District V
Mr. David Cook	FDOT - District V
Mr. Brian Stanger	FDOT - District V

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

#### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Scott Boyd called the April 8, 2016 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **II. Introductions**

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

#### **III. Chairman's Announcements**

Chairman Boyd had no announcements

#### **IV. Reports**

Chairman Boyd called attention to written delegation reports which had been provided for information only.

##### **a. Delegation Reports**

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

##### **b. FDOT District Reports**

Secretary Billy Hattaway, FDOT District I, reported that in regards to I-4 Beyond the Ultimate project, from US 27 to CR 532, District V has the lead on design and work with District I is ongoing. He noted that the value engineering for the project has been completed and the report is under review. Concept plans for US 27, he added, have been completed and right-of-way needs have been established. Secretary

Hattaway told CFMPOA members that the project was presented to the Polk TPO in September and a target date of spring or summer 2016 has been established for a public hearing on the project. The Central Polk Parkway project, he noted, had been shelved by FDOT, however, a Polk Expressway Authority was formed and the hope was that they would proceed with the project. Secretary Hattaway informed committee members that District I was evaluating roundabouts at I-4 and CR 557 and the use of retaining walls as opposed to embankments. He added that the Polk TPO has identified projects to help mitigate traffic on US 27, now that the Central Polk Parkway project has been shelved. In regard to Complete Streets, he reported that the implementation plan for the project had been approved last fall. In addition, a consultant was under contract and a Complete Streets handbook was expected by April 2017 and a design meeting finished by November 2016.

Ms. Mary Schoelzel, FDOT District V, reported that the groundbreaking for construction on SunRail Phase II south was scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Middlesex had been chosen as the contractor for the project, she added, and April 1<sup>st</sup> the notice to proceed was given for the four stations in that phase. Ms. Schoelzel told committee members that District V has applied for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant for SunRail Phase II north. She asked if CFMPOA members could indicate their support for Phase II north through letters of support that could be sent to Mr. John Booker at FDOT. Work continues, she added, on all four areas of the I-4 Ultimate project with the Grand National overpass expected to be completed by fall 2017 and the entire project completed by 2021. Ms. Schoelzel told CFMPOA members that work also continues on the Wekiva Parkway and Sections 4A and 4B are currently open. Sections 3A, 3B, and 5, she added, are in the right-of-way acquisition stage with letting in June 2017 and Section 6 is preparing for right-of-way acquisition and to be advertised for design/build in 2016. Ms. Schoelzel informed committee members that Section 7 will be entering a plans update and right-of-way acquisition phase in December 2017 and FDOT is currently seeking a consultant for design for that section. Section 8, she noted, is currently going through a line and grade update and in 2017 FDOT will advertise for design/build procurement. Coordination, she added, continues with local, state and federal partners as well as community outreach to local stakeholders. Ms. Schoelzel reported that project limit information could be found at <http://wekivaparkway.com>. In addition, she told members that landscaping is programmed for each section, once construction is completed. Ms. Schoelzel introduced Mr. David Cook the new Transportation Planning Manager for FDOT District V. She also informed CFMPOA members that she was retiring shortly and this would be her last CFMPOA meeting.

Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), reviewed five interchanges that FTE has in progress or upcoming, four that will add new access and one that will involve a major overhaul. She noted that the Minneola interchange in Lake County will add new access, while the interchange at I-75 will undergo a major overhaul. Ms. Scott provided slides showing the locations of the five interchanges, new movements on the SR 417 interchange, and construction on the SR 417 interchange, which is slated to open in May and will be SunPass only. Commissioner Horan inquired about the new movements on the SR 417 interchange. Ms. Scott explained the

directions of the new movements. She noted that a test track is planned at the location of the Braddock Road interchange, which could eventually be used for autonomous vehicles.

**V. Action Items**

- a. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - deferred to later in the meeting due to lack of a quorum at this time.

**VI. Other Business**

**a. CFMPOA Priority Projects List Update**

Mr. TJ Fish, Lake-Sumter MPO, provided an overview of the CFMPOA priority project list, including a proposed update to the CFMPOA's Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Project list. The draft priority project lists were provided. Mr. Fish told committee members that the M/TPO Directors reviewed the previous year's lists and updated them. The current draft lists, he noted, would be taken back to the individual M/TPOs for approval and then brought back to the CFMPOA to approve at the July meeting. He asked that any changes that need to be made to the draft lists be submitted prior to CFMPOA approval in July. Commissioner Grieb asked how projects get included on the priority lists and why the Shingle Creek Trail was not included. It was explained that the priority list process started with the Coast-to-Coast Trail initiative. Ms. Whittington added that today's meeting was the kickoff for the 2017 priority lists and that the lists presented would be going back to the M/TPOs for vetting and then come back to the CFMPOA for approval. Chairman Boyd asked if the lists would be going to the MetroPlan Orlando Board. Ms. Whittington responded that the lists would be going through the MetroPlan Orlando board and committee process prior to the July CFMPOA meeting. Mr. Fish commented that now that the Coast-to-Coast Trail projects were moving forward, any trail projects that connect to that trail were important. Ms. Whittington called attention to one additional list which included the regional transit priorities.

**b. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

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

**MOTION:** Commissioner John Horan moved approval of the January 15, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Cheryl Grieb seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

**c. I-75 Relief Study Update**

Ms. Allison Stettner, Florida Turnpike Enterprise, provided an update on the I-75 Relief Study. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the potential for enhanced and new

multimodal and multiuse transportation corridors between the Tampa Bay region and I-75 in North Central Florida. Ms. Stettner explained that the information she is providing was a compilation of the four task force meetings that have been held so far. She provided a brief history and background on the I-75 Relief Study, which is part of a future corridors study process started in 2012. Ms. Stettner reviewed potential corridors, the purpose and need for the study, and the next steps. She explained that the study was looking to expand capacity, improve safety, and enhance regional connectivity along the I-75 corridor. Discussion ensued regarding a financing plan and potential financing options.

## **VII. Presentations/Discussion**

### **a. Central Florida Expressway Authority Update - taken out of order**

Ms. Laura Kelley, CFX Executive Director, provided an update on the Central Florida Expressway Authority and its master plan. Mr. Tom Deardorff, Polk County TPO, also provided a brief report on the creation of an expressway authority in Polk County. Ms. Kelley first showed a video that provided background information on the Central Florida Expressway Authority. She explained that the CFX board started the master plan process at their August 2015 board meeting, after soliciting input from the community. The purpose of the Master Plan, she added, was to provide structure to guide decisions, identify new projects for the next 25 years, and provide a framework to prioritize projects. Ms. Kelley noted that CFX would take care of capacity needs on existing corridors prior to looking at new projects. She called attention to a legislative change which would now allow CFX to consider multimodal projects, if they helped relieve congestion on the CFX system. She added that staff was tasked with conducting a study to come up with policy recommendations on how to look at intermodal projects and part of this process was to look at areas of high population growth. Ms. Kelley told committee members that CFX was looking to expand 50% of their existing projects over the next 25 years. The downtown area, she noted was built out and intermodal projects would need to be looked at for that area in particular. She reported that CFX would be looking at 12 expansion projects at a cost of \$6.5 to \$9 billion but they only had capacity for \$6.6 billion, which is why a prioritization process was crucial.

Mr. Tom Deardoff, Polk TPO, provided a brief update on the formation of the Polk Expressway Authority, which is currently underway. Mr. Deardoff explained that despite the shelving of the Central Polk Parkway, there still existed a need to connect to two important travel markets, the Tampa Bay region and the East Central Florida region. The hope was that the new expressway authority would be able to leverage funding to move projects forward that could make the important connections needed, especially in light of population growth trends. He provided a map detailing the area being looked at for connections.

### **b. 2016 Tallahassee Legislative Update**

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando, provided a brief report from the 2016 legislative session. Ms. Whittington told CFMPOA members that the 2016 legislative

priorities had been categorized under safety and funding and that no action was taken on any of the CFMPOA positions. Ms. Whittington called attention to some highlights of the legislative session which included HB 7027, which reallocated funding to seaports and economic development, authorized FDOT to conduct some environmental reviews normally done at the federal level, formed an FDOT financing corporation, and revised twenty requirements for amendments to the FDOT process. Ms. Lois Bollenback, River to Sea TPO, reported that out of seven proposed regional trail systems statewide, the St. Johns River to Sea Loop was selected as the number one priority.

*Mayor Kathy Meehan chaired the meeting from this point on.*

Mr. T. J. Fish called attention to Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funds that were once again available for projects. He told committee members that each M/TPO was being asked to submit projects to be included on a CFMPOA TRIP funding project priority list.

**c. Coast-to-Coast South Sumter Trail Update**

Ms. Heather Garcia, FDOT, presented an update on the South Sumter Trail segment of the Coast-to-Coast Connector project. Ms. Garcia told committee members that the South Sumter Trail would provide a connection from the Good Neighbor Trail to the South Lake Trail. She reviewed a map of the gap area, the study area and initial corridors, and the objective of the study. Ms. Garcia introduced Mr. Greg Moore, VHB, who spoke about the project evaluation. Mr. Moore explained that this was a large project with quite a few challenges. He spoke briefly about the outreach program for the trail, which just finished the third of three public outreach events and experienced good participation. Mr. Moore told CFMPOA members that support from the local maintaining agencies was key to moving the project forward. He reviewed the project schedule and noted that they are expecting to wrap up the study by June. Ms. Garcia spoke briefly about the next steps which included presenting to the Lake-Sumter and Hernando Citrus MPOs in May and following the completion/submission of the alternatives analysis report the project would going to the PD&E phase.

**d. SUNTrails Update**

Ms. Robin Birdsong, FDOT, provided a presentation on how funding allocations are being handled with the Shared Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail Network. Ms. Birdsong reported that there is \$25 million in funding available annually for SUNTrails through new vehicle tag revenue. She told committee members that the public outreach and comment period for SUNTrails network map is just wrapping up and the Florida Greenways and Trails maps are the ones being used to identify the statewide trail projects. Ms. Birdsong noted that FDOT is one of funding sources for trails, however, trails cannot be funded before they have completed the public outreach process. As funds become available, she added, trail projects identified as priorities are added to the FDOT five-year work program. She told CFMPOA members that the trail projects also need to be a priority at the M/TPOs or if outside the M/TPO area they need to be a priority of the county with a commitment for operations and maintenance. Ms.

Birdsong reviewed the eligibility and selection criteria and the funding process. Ms. Georganna Gillette requested a copy of the presentation. Ms. Birdsong responded that she will post the presentation and Ms. Whittington added that she will email the presentation to committee members.

e. **Central Florida MPO Alliance Regional Indicators Report - deferred**

**VIII. Information Items**

None.

**IX. Member Comments**

Commissioner Leslie Campione requested feedback from CFMPOA members on any issues they were having with changes to their Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Greg Slay, Ocala/Marion TPO responded that they are waiting to get comments back from FDOT. Ms. Lois Bollenback added that she had spoken to Mr. Sean Santalla at FDOT and FDOT had distributed the UPWPs and they expected comments back in the next couple of days. She added that River to Sea TPO needed to put out their draft UPWP for approval and FDOT was supportive of them doing that and had not received a lot of feedback on the draft UPWP. Ms. Bollenback noted that River to Sea TPO did not make many changes to their UPWP.

Commissioner John Horan asked if the presentations from the meeting would be available to CFMPOA members. Ms. Whittington responded that she would email the presentations to committee members and also have them uploaded to the MetroPlan Orlando website.

**X. Public Comments**

None.

**XI. Next meeting - Friday, July 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** Ms. Whittington told CFMPOA members that this was the annual meeting with the Chairs Coordinating Committee(CCC). She added that the CFMPOA members would be meeting first followed by the joint meeting with the CCC. Polk TPO, she reported is looking to identify a location for the meeting shortly.

## XII. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m. Respectfully transcribed by Cathy Goldfarb, Deputy Clerk, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance

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Hon. Scott Boyd, Chairman

Attest:

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Cathy Goldfarb, Deputy Clerk

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