



CENTRAL FLORIDA
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Central Florida MPO Alliance
Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 13, 2017

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

Chairman Kathy Meehan, presiding

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Leslie Campione
Honorable Pat Kelley
Honorable Sean Parks for
Honorable Ray Goodgame
Honorable Bob Dallari
Honorable Cheryl Grieb
Honorable Roy Tyler
Honorable Collins Smith
Honorable Lita Handy-Peters
Honorable Deb Denys
Honorable Leigh Matusick
Honorable Kathy Meehan
Honorable Tres Holton
Honorable T. Patrick O'Neill

REPRESENTING:

Lake-Sumter MPO
Lake-Sumter MPO

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MetroPlan Orlando
MetroPlan Orlando
Polk TPO
Polk TPO
River to Sea TPO
River to Sea TPO
River to Sea TPO
Space Coast TPO
Space Coast TPO
Space Coast TPO

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Kathy Bryant	Ocala/Marion County TPO
Honorable Carl Zalak	Ocala/Marion County TPO
Honorable James Hilty	Ocala/Marion County TPO
Honorable Pat Huff	Polk TPO
Vacant	MetroPlan Orlando

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Virginia Whittington	MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. Harry Barley	MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. T. J. Fish	Lake-Sumter MPO
Mr. Michael Daniels	Ocala/Marion County TPO
Mr. Ronnie Blackshear	Polk TPO
Mr. Bob Kamm	Space Coast TPO
Ms. Lois Bollenback	River to Sea TPO
Ms. Carol Scott	Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Secretary Noranne Downs	FDOT - District V
Ms. Laura Herrscher	FDOT - District I

Ms. Kellie Smith
Ms. Brenda Young
Ms. Britney Moore

FDOT – District V
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DEP/OGT

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

I. Call to Order

Chairman Kathy Meehan called the January 13, 2017 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Meehan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Introductions

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

IV. Chairman's Announcements

Chairman Meehan announced the retirement of FDOT District 5 Secretary, Noranne Downs. She reported that Mr. Steve Martin will be the new FDOT District 5 Secretary. Secretary Martin told CFMPOA members that he looks forward to working with them.

Ms. Virginia Whittington thanked Secretary Downs and welcomed Secretary Martin. Commissioner Bob Dallari and Council Member Deb Denys expressed their appreciation for Secretary Downs' work in the community.

V. Public Comment on Action Items

None

VI. Reports

Chairman Meehan 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 is making progress on the Transportation Land Use Study for SR 37. She noted that staff has looked at the market in the area and conducted outreach to local governments and the community.

Secretary Noranne Downs, FDOT District V, reported that sections of the Wekiva Parkway are undergoing right-of-way acquisition in addition to some construction underway. She noted that the I-4 Ultimate project and the Wekiva Parkway are both scheduled to be completed by 2021. Secretary Downs told CFMPOA members that the 21 miles of the I-4 Ultimate are 35% completed and a good job has been done managing the 2,000 workers currently on the project. She added that the SunRail Phase II expansion to Poinciana Boulevard is projected to be completed in 2018 and the Kissimmee parking garage is scheduled to be completed in the first quarter of 2017.

Ms. Carol Scott, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), reported that FTE and the City of Orlando applied to USDOT to become an Autonomous Vehicles Proving Ground and were awarded the designation. A collaborative partnership has been formed with local agencies and universities and the SunTrax testing facility is planned for a location next to Florida Polytechnic University in Polk County.

VII. Action Items

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Action was requested for approval of the October 14, 2016 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting minutes.

MOTION: Councilman Pat O'Neill moved approval of the October 14, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Bob Dallari seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

b. Approval of the REVISED 2017 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

A request was made by TBARTA to move the joint meeting date from July to June. Staff requested approval to revise the meeting to June 16, 2017.

MOTION: Commissioner Bob Dallari moved approval of the Revised 2017 Quarterly Meeting Schedule. Mayor Pro-Tem Leigh Matusick seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

c. Approval of 2017 CFMPOA Legislative Priorities

Ms. Virginia Whittington told CFMPOA members that she compiled the lists submitted from the CFMPOA partner M/TPOs into the draft list being presented. She noted that the two main areas of focus for the priorities were safety and funding, with some additional items that would be monitored and supported. In terms of safety, she reported, was supporting legislation to increase funding for bicycle/pedestrian safety including looking at current legislation. Ms. Whittington added that the funding focus was on identifying funding

resources for operations and maintenance of SunTrails projects, enhancing/protecting Transportation Disadvantaged funding, and amending the Charter County Surtax for M/TPOs. Discussion ensued on the recent Dangerous by Design report and its implications for the region including tourism and economic. Councilman Tres Holton suggested bringing the issue back as an action item on a future agenda and Commissioner Dallari suggested a work session to take an in-depth look at the safety issue. Mr. Bob Kamm commented that this has been an ongoing issue and effort and suggested compiling a list of what is already being done, so efforts could be streamlined and coordinated to maximize results. Mr. Barley added that an analysis of what has been done by M/TPOs for years would be helpful and the bicycle and pedestrian safety issue deserves a regional approach. Additional discussion ensued regarding the role of law enforcement and complete street efforts underway.

MOTION: Councilman Tres Holton moved approval of including a bicycle and pedestrian safety presentation and discussion at the April CFMPOA meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Leigh Matusick seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

Mr. Bob Kamm suggested sending a letter from the CFMPOA regarding the Dangerous by Design report to the legislative delegation acknowledging the problem and the concerns of the CFMPOA members. Discussion ensued regarding who should receive the letter, the best way of delivering it, and who is ultimately responsible for implementing the countermeasures.

MOTION: Commissioner Cheryl Grieb moved approval of the 2017 CFMPOA Legislative Priorities with the additional companion piece letter regarding the Dangerous by Design report sent to legislators. Commissioner Bob Dallari seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

d. Central Florida MPO Alliance LRTP Update

Mr. T. J. Fish reported that the new USDOT Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform final rule was just issued and provided three options for M/TPOs. These options included merging M/TPOs based on the 2020 census, M/TPOs engaging in joint planning efforts, or appealing to the Governor to sign off on an M/TPO not being required to adhere to the new rule. Mr. Fish noted that the CFMPOA had produced a joint LRTP in the past and the same processes could be used to generate an updated the combined LRTP Executive Summary. Mr. Bob Kamm noted that TBARTA generated a joint LRTP for that area and if CFMPOA members joined with TBARTA they could produce an LRTP that would encompass the entire Central Florida area. CFMPOA members were asked to contribute \$2,500 each to produce and print a joint LRTP Executive Summary for the CFMPOA member M/TPOs.

MOTION: Commissioner Roy Tyler moved approval of drafting an Interlocal Agreement for a joint LRTP Executive Summary of not more than 16 pages. The agreement would include the Lake-Sumter MPO managing the project and consultants. Commissioner Bob Dallari seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

VIII. Presentations/Discussion

a. Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Final Rule

Mr. T.J. Fish updated the Alliance on the new USDOT Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform final rule under the LRTP update agenda item.

b. Discussion on Inventory of Rest Areas

At the October Alliance meeting, discussion ensued regarding a request for FDOT/D5 to take the lead on a study of truck rest stop areas in the 10-county area covered by the Central Florida MPO Alliance. Staff provided an update on the request and reported out on action taken by the River-to-Sea TPO and Volusia County Council. Mr. Barley told CFMPOA members that there are safety and economic factors related to truck rest stops and truck traffic is projected to increase by 45% over the next 30 years. He noted that under the FAST Act, funding a comprehensive freight plan is required. Mayor Pro-Tem Matusick commented that there are two issues, the difference between a rest stop and a major truck stop. Discussion ensued regarding off-system truck stops and recommendations to send a letter to Secretary Boxold with the framework for addressing the issue, focusing on public/private partnerships, having FDOT District 5 take the lead on the issue, including truck stops in the LRTP, PPL, etc., and including the rest stop issue as a legislative priority. Council Member Deb Denys commented that Volusia County and the River to Sea TPO would be opposed to relocating a rest stop in Volusia County. She noted that while they acknowledged the need for rest stops, there would be no welcome mat for locating them in Volusia. Further discussion ensued in regards to the elimination of some rest areas in the past and the reason for the elimination, law enforcement issues with rest areas, comp plans not allowing for rest areas and balancing economic development and truck stops. Mr. Kamm commented that MetroPlan Orlando conducted the first regional freight study and the Longwood rest stop was included. The Longwood stop is in high demand due to it being the last place to stop outside regular delivery hours. Mr. Barley added that some businesses have a window for delivery that trucks must adhere to. Commissioner Dallari commented that Seminole County was not trying to tell Volusia County what to do, however, the area relies on freight movement. He suggested a holistic, regional approach on what the real issue is and how to manage it through a long-term plan, since the truck stop issue will eventually affect everyone eventually. Secretary Downs reported that FDOT District 5 had begun the project to upgrade the rest stop, however, they encountered opposition to having the rest stop located on the current site. She added that FDOT looked at alternate sites, including in Volusia County, through a concept study, but met with opposition to the sites identified. Ms. Lois Bollenback commented that the original scope was limited. She recommended all stakeholders be included in future conversations.

MOTION: Commissioner Bob Dallari moved approval of the recommendations presented with the caveat that regarding the number five recommendation, to provide guidance to staff on possible request for legislative action, the legislators are kept informed of the motor carrier plan issue, without site specific detail and looking at the issue holistically. Council Member Deb Denys seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding how keeping legislators informed would be defined, including comments and concerns expressed by CFMPOA members, ensuring the statewide motor carrier plan includes local input, consideration of the current legislative climate before requesting legislation, and the short window of opportunity to introduce any legislation for the current legislative session.

AMENDED MOTION: Commissioner Bob Dallari moved approval of the recommendations presented with the caveat that number five recommendation be removed and replaced with including information to update staff so they could address the issues in their motor carrier plan. Council Member Deb Denys seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Matusick and other CFMPOA members requested a copy of the presentation. Ms. Whittington responded that the presentation would be forwarded to CFMPOA members.

IX. Other Business

None

X. Information Items

None

XI. Member Comments

Mr. T. J. Fish thanked Secretary Downs and commented on how safety could be improved if the same funds as were being spent on the I-4 Ultimate project be allocated to safety issues.

XII. Public Comments

None

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m. Respectfully transcribed by Cathy Goldfarb, Deputy Clerk, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance



Hon. Kathy Meehan, 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.