



**CENTRAL FLORIDA
MPO
ALLIANCE**

**Central Florida MPO Alliance
Meeting Minutes**

Friday, April 21, 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 Don Burgess
Honorable Pat Kelley
Honorable Tim Sullivan for
Honorable Leslie Campione
Honorable John Horan
Honorable Cheryl Grieb
Honorable Betsy VanderLey for
Honorable Jennifer Thompson
Honorable Roy Tyler
Honorable Collins Smith
Honorable Patrick Huff
Honorable Lita Handy-Peters
Honorable Leigh Matusick
Honorable Kathy Meehan
Honorable Tres Holton

REPRESENTING:

Lake-Sumter MPO
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MetroPlan Orlando
MetroPlan Orlando

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

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Kathy Bryant
Honorable Carl Zalak
Honorable James Hilty
Honorable Deb Denys
Honorable T. Patrick O'Neill
Honorable Jennifer Thompson
Honorable Leslie Campione

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Virginia Whittington
Mr. Harry Barley
Mr. T. J. Fish
Mr. Michael Daniels
Mr. Ronnie Blackshear
Mr. Bob Kamm
Ms. Lois Bollenback
Ms. Carol Scott
Mr. Rick Morrow

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

Ms. Laura Herrscher
Ms. Kellie Smith

FDOT - District I
FDOT - District V

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

I. Call to Order

Chairman Kathy Meehan called the April 21, 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

Mayor Meehan noted that there is an addendum to today's agenda. Ms. Whittington explained that Addendum, Item 7B, is a request from the Lake-Sumter MPO for authorization to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the CFMPOA and the Lake-Sumter MPO for purposes of coordinating and planning the update of the regional Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. Whittington noted that the presentation on the Sun Trails Prioritization Process is postponed until the June Alliance meeting.

MOTION: Mayor Pat Kelley moved to remove Item VIII (d) – Presentation on Sun Trails Prioritization Process and add Item VII (b) – Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Metropolitan Coordinating and Planning. Mayor Pro-tem Leigh Matusick seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

V. Public Comment on Action Items

None

VI. Reports

Chairman Meehan called attention to written delegation reports which were 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 1 reported that Districts 1 and 5 continue to work closely on the I-4 corridor improvements. In addition, the S.R. 60 project which extends across the Kissimmee River Bridge into District 5, is currently going through PD&E. Ms. Herrscher stated that District 1 will continue working with District 5, MetroPlan Orlando and the Polk TPO on planning consistency.

Mr. Rick Morrow, FDOT District 5, reported that the I-4 Ultimate project continues to make progress. He told Alliance members that a second permanent bridge opened at the Kirkman Road Interchange and that several new ramp movements have opened at the Maitland interchange. Mr. Morrow reported that for the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate project, FDOT continues to work to upgrade previous estimates to ensure accuracy as the project moves from line and grade to design phase. Mr. Morrow told the Alliance members that the right-of-way for section 3 has been programmed into FY 2022-25. Construction is anticipated to begin on Section 6 of the Wekiva Parkway in the summer of 2017. He stated that District 5 has begun an inventory of the truck parking and rest area facilities in Polk County. He explained that the study will take approximately six months to complete, and look into prospective parking sites both on and off the system in an effort to try and bring together public and private interests in that area to ensure that there is a plan for the future. Mr. Morrow announced some managerial changes within the District 5 offices.

Seminole County Commissioner John Horan thanked FDOT District 5 for their cooperation in working with Seminole County on the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate project. Commissioner Horan explained that FDOT coordination was critical in making ancillary changes on the portion of I-4 that runs through Lake Mary.

Carol Scott, Florida Turnpike Enterprise, stated that a potential site has been identified to be the new location for a tandem truck parking lot for the Turnpike main line and I-4. She commented that the subject property is located south of the Turkey Lake Service Plaza, four miles north of I-4. Ms. Scott announced that groundbreaking for the new Suntrax facility is anticipated for the summer of 2017. She added that a PD&E study is currently underway, and the first public meeting has been held for a new interchange at Braddock Road and the Polk Parkway. Ms. Scott announced that the grand opening for the Minneola Interchange is scheduled for Saturday, June 10, 2017. Ms. Scott added that in conjunction with the ribbon cutting ceremony, the City of Minneola is hosting a 5k fun run and walk.

VII. Action Items

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Action was requested for approval of the January 13, 2017 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Roy Tyler moved approval of the January 13, 2017 meeting minutes. Mayor Pat Kelley seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

b. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Metropolitan Coordinating and Planning

Staff requested approval and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the Central Florida MPO Alliance, MetroPlan Orlando, Lake-Sumter MPO, Ocala-Marion TPO, Polk TPO, River-to-Sea TPO, Space Coast TPO for metropolitan coordinating and planning for the update to the regional Long Range Transportation Plan.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Leigh Matusik moved approval of the Interlocal Agreement for Metropolitan Coordinating and Planning. Mayor Pat Kelley seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

VIII. Presentations/Discussion

a. CFMPOA Priority Project List Kick-off and Update on the CFMPOA LRTP Interlocal Agreement

Mr. TJ Fish, Lake-Sumter MPO, stated that over the next two months the staff of the Lake-Sumter MPO will be producing an executive summary of each of the MPO's and TPO's Long Range Transportation Plans. He provided an overview of the prioritization process. Mr. Fish explained that the process addresses the categories of strategic intermodal system projects, regional trail projects that are driven by the Suncoast Trails program, and regional transit projects. He noted that after today's Alliance meeting, MetroPlan Orlando is hosting a meeting of the Executive Directors to discuss regional transit planning for the Alliance. Mr. Fish explained that through June staff from each MPO and TPO will review what has changed since the last prioritization list was compiled and work together to come up with a draft list for the June Alliance meeting. Mr. Fish stated that in turn the prioritization list must be approved by each MPO and TPO at their "home rule" meetings with final ratification by the Alliance in October 2017. Mr. Kamm asked if consideration had been given to include any turnpike and expressway authority projects. Mr. Fish responded those would be included in the June draft.

b. Update on Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Mr. Mike Daniels, Ocala-Marion TPO, updated the Alliance members on the USDOT Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform final rule, published December 2016. Mr. Daniels discussed the impacts the rule could have on multiple MPOs/TPOs that are located in one urbanized area. He stated that the proposed rule could require the merger or separation of those MPOs/TPOs, but require that they file joint LRTPs and TIPs. He said that if the rule passes there are concerns that the Rule could diminish the voice of the local communities in terms of local transportation related projects, delay projects that are currently on the priority list, and call for additional implementation costs. He discussed the current status of the bill with regard to the current legislative session. Mr. Daniels recommended that the Alliance members reach out to the local congressional delegation in an effort to be sure that they understand the importance of the rule and potential negative consequences.

Mr. Fish revisited his concerns regarding the proposed rulemaking. He pointed out that if the legislation passes, Ocala to Kissimmee could potentially be looked as one contiguous urbanized area. He said that he feels that the Alliance should be carefully monitoring this legislation for the next five years as this could cause major changes to the 2020 census.

c. Coast-to-Coast Implementation Update

Ms. Tara McCue, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC), updated the Alliance on the work that has taken place over the past two years with regard to the Coast-to-Coast Implementation. She explained that the ECFRPC in partnership with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, received grant funding from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for a series of projects to advance coordinated trail planning and marketing along the Coast to Coast Trail. Ms. McCue provided insight into the history of the project. She stated that in 2015, a system wide way-finding, branding concept, and a corridor wide Atlas was created. Additional funding was received in 2016, to advance the initial project by developing an Implementation Guidebook, Marketing Tool Kit, and website for use across the corridor. Ms. McCue noted that the next information webinar is scheduled for May 17th at 3 p.m. and provided the website address: <http://www.c2ctrail.com/>.

Commissioner VanderLey asked how the marketing and wayfinding would be incorporated into what has already been done. Ms. McCue responded that will be left up to the individual Counties. She explained that templates have been created and recommendations are made with regard to implementation.

Mayor Pro-tem Matusick announced that Bike Florida 2018 will be held in the cities of Edgewater and Titusville, March 17 through March 23. She explained that one of the reasons that those locations were chosen was to test having large organized bike tours on the trails. She mentioned that approximately 700 cyclists are anticipated for the event. She added that an economic impact report will be done for the communities involved.

Mr. Harold Barley, MetroPlan Orlando stated that he is proud of the progress that has been made on the Coast-to-Coast trail over the years. In addition, he said that a lot has been learned having to do with what is involved in a project of this scale. He spoke concerning the importance of future planning efforts regarding marketing and branding, horizontal construction, trail heads, restrooms, lightening shelters, safety and security. He said that he feels that these efforts are necessary to continue with the good work that has been done.

Mr. Bob Kamm, Space Coast TPO, pointed out that state funds cannot be utilized for branding, marketing, trail heads, restrooms, and water fountains. He spoke on the importance of establishing local funding partnerships to ensure that the trail projects are completed successfully.

d. Presentation on Sun Trails Prioritization Process

The presentation was postponed until the June 16, 2017 meeting.

e. CFMPOA Regional Transit Study Update

Mr. Mark Hardgrove, Planning Innovations, provided an update on activities surrounding the CFMPOA Regional Transit Study. He explained that the purpose of the study was to develop a 50-year vision for mobility on a regional scale with specific emphasis on addressing gaps in regional connectivity across public transportation modes (i.e.: local and express bus; bus rapid transit; light rail; heavy rail). Mr. Hardgrove displayed a map of the study area that included an overlay of the existing transit networks. He said that the study schedule is

approximately one year and it is currently about 1/3 complete. He said that currently they are establishing the base data and studying the existing plans to see where they connect and disconnect. Mr. Hardgrove touched on the study scope, highlighted the benefits, and the next steps. He stated that he will continue data collection of the travel market for the ten county region; continue working on land use and funding analysis; and coordination with the various multi-modal studies to ensure that efforts are not duplicated and information is shared.

IX. Other Business

a. Discussion on Inventory of Truck Rest Areas

Mr. Harold Barley, MetroPlan Orlando, provided an update on the action steps that have been taken since the January Alliance meeting concerning the Truck Rest Areas. He stated that after the January meeting, a letter signed by Mayor Meehan outlining Alliance concerns and how those concerns could be addressed at a regional scale was sent to former FDOT Secretary Boxold. Alliance members were provided a copy of Mayor Meehan's letter addressed to former FDOT Secretary Boxold; FDOT Assistant Secretary Byron's response to Mayor Meehan's letter; and the scope of services for the freight and logistics consultant contract: 2017 Truck Parking Study, Phase 1.

Mr. Barley stated that FDOT District 5 has agreed to take on this issue satisfying all of the items mentioned in the letter. He provided some insight into the scope of the new study. He stated that the new study will soon be underway, with anticipated completion in six months; that the study will be done as a coordinated effort of both the public and private industry; that the study acknowledges the need for more facilities and outlines the action steps to be taken in an effort to meet the needs; and encourages sensitivity in the sites chosen and the business methods used in providing the facilities. Mr. Barley noted that the staff directors have reviewed the study scope and confirmed that it takes into consideration all of the concerns raised in Mayor Meehan's letter. Mr. Barley thanked District 5 Secretary Steve Martin and staffers Rick Morrow and Jim Wigstrum for the role that each played in these efforts and for their willingness to continue working towards a resolution to this issue. He stated that updates will be provided at the next two Alliance meetings.

Mayor Pro-Tem Matusik expressed concern that the study is solely interstate based. She questioned if the study takes into consideration state roads. Mr. Barley acknowledged that there is some ambiguity in the scope in terms of some of the vocabulary chosen. Both he and Mr. Rick Morrow assured that the study is district wide and that does not only focus on the interstate and is inclusive of state roads. Commissioner Horan noted that federal transportation laws require that the scope has to include all existing truck corridors.

b. Pedestrian Safety Presentation

Mr. Mike Wilson, Transportation Planner, MetroPlan Orlando, presented his findings concerning the Dangerous by Design report and its implications for the region. Mr. Wilson, gave an overview of efforts currently underway throughout the region, and discussed how new complete streets policies can help address the operating speeds and other factors contributing to our high pedestrian fatality rates. Mr. Wilson responded to questions and concerns raised by Alliance members and staff.

X. Information Items

- a. CFMPOA 2017 Legislative Priorities
- b. MPOAC 2017 Legislative Priorities
- c. Bike Safety Month Activities- May 2017

XI. Member Comments

XII. Public Comments

None

Next meeting – June 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., respectively **

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****NOTE: The annual joint meeting of the CFMPOA and TBARTA/WCFCCC will immediately follow the CFMPOA meeting.****

XIII. Adjournment

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

Central Florida MPO Alliance



FOR Hon. Kathy Meehan, Chairman

Attest:



Lisa Smith, 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.