

Central Florida MPO Alliance Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 16, 2017

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

Vice-Chairman Leslie Campione, presiding

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Pat Kelley

Honorable Leslie Campione

Honorable John Horan

Honorable Jennifer Thompson

Honorable Lee Constantine

Honorable James Hilty

Honorable Roy Tyler

Honorable Patrick Huff

Honorable Deb Denys

Honorable Lita Handy-Peters Honorable Kathy Meehan

Honorable T. Patrick O'Neill

Honorable Tres Holton

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Don Burgess

Honorable Jennifer Thompson

Honorable Cheryl Grieb

Honorable Kathy Bryant

Honorable Carl Zalak

Honorable Collins Smith

Honorable Leigh Matusick

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. David Cooke

Ms. Laura Herrscher

Ms. Kellie Smith

REPRESENTING:

Lake-Sumter MPO

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Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

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

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Leslie Campione called the June 16, 2017 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chairman Campione led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Introductions

Vice-Chairman Campione welcomed everyone and invited Alliance members to introduce themselves.

IV. Chairman's Announcements

Vice-Chairman Campione reminded those in attendance of the joint meeting with the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority MPO/CCC following today's Alliance meeting.

Ms. Whittington noted that there were no changes to today's agenda. She called attention to the information items in the supplemental folders.

V. Public Comment on Action Items

None

VI. Reports

Vice-Chairman Campione 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 coordination continues with District 5 for the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate project, the rest area/truck parking study, interchange development along the I-4 corridor, and the regional work program development cycle. Ms. Herrscher stated that District 1 will continue working with District 5, MetroPlan Orlando, and the Polk TPO on planning consistency.

Mr. David Cooke, Planning Manager, FDOT District 5, reported that the I-4 Ultimate project is progressing well. He called attention to recent changes to the westbound off ramp for the Maitland Boulevard interchange, and the opening of the new Colonial Drive/Garland Avenue ramp. Mr. Cooke reported that the Grand National overpass is set to open in August 2017, and that it would provide traffic relief for the Kirkman Road and International Drive corridors. He added that the bidding period has opened for Wekiva Section 3, and work is anticipated to begin in fall 2017.

Ms. Carol Scott, FTE, reported that the Minneola Interchange recently opened. She thanked the City of Minneola for organizing a ribbon cutting and 5K in conjunction with the grand opening. She noted that the event was well attended with over 300 participants. Mayor Pat Kelley provided a drone video of the new interchange. Ms. Scott stated that the property clearing has begun for the SunTrax facility in Polk County; and that FDOT Central Office has sent out Invitations to Participate in the Driver Assistive Truck Platooning Study and Pilot Project.

VII. Action Items

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Action was requested for approval of the April 21, 2017 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Commissioner James Hilty moved approval of the April 21, 2017 meeting minutes. Commissioner John Horan seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

VIII. Presentations/Discussion

a. CFMPOA Priority Project List DRAFT and Update on the CFMPOA LRTP Interlocal Agreement

Mr. TJ Fish walked the Alliance members through the projects listed on the draft priority project list, strategic intermodal system priorities, the regional trail project priority list, and the regional transit projects. He explained that now that the draft has been presented to the Alliance as a whole, the next step in the process was to submit the draft to each Executive Director to present at their respective meetings prior to the final adoption by the Alliance in October. Mr. Fish provided a brief update concerning the executive summary of the LRTP. He stated that the scope of work is complete, the task order is ready to execute, and that he has secured interlocal agreements with all except one of the MPO/TPO's but that should be secured within the next week. The last step in the process is to invoice each agency for the \$2,500 commitment. The entire process is anticipated for completion by October 2017.

b. Regional Indicators Report

Ms. Nikhila Rose, gave a presentation on the 2016 Indicators Report. She noted that the full report could be accessed online at:

http://www.metroplanorlando.org/files/view/2016 regional indicators report.pdf.

c. Coast-to-Coast and SunTrails Update

Ms. Heather Garcia, FDOT District 5 Sun Trail Program Coordinator, provided Alliance members with the update on SUN (Shared-Use Non-motorized) Trail Networks. She explained that state funds were authorized for trails in 2014 under F.S. 335.065; that the SUN Trail was created in 2015 under F.S. 339.81 and covers the paved component of the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS). She noted that the \$25 million annual commitment comes from revenue generated from new vehicle tag sales. Ms. Garcia commented that the SUN Trails program has no sunset date. Ms. Garcia stated that the total trail network is comprised of over 3,000 miles, with over 600 miles being within the District 5, nine county area. She noted that makes up the biggest percentage of the trail program at 19%. Ms. Garcia discussed the trail selection criteria. She said that it must be on the SUN Trail Priority Network; that it must be consistent with local comprehensive plans; that it must be on the MPO/TPO Priority List; and that it must be maintained by a local government whether it is on or off the system. Funding considerations she stated that any phase from planning to construction is eligible for funding. Ms. Garcia explained that design consideration is limited to basic trail components, and cannot be used for any roadway updates. She mentioned that SUN Trail funds can be used for right-of-way acquisition with the caveat that it must be willing sellers as SUN Trail funds cannot be used to exercise eminent domain.

Ms. Garcia then provided an update on the Coast-to-Coast priority network. She explained that the Coast-to-Coast is a 250 mile trail that spans from St. Petersburg in Pinellas County to Titusville in Brevard County. She noted that 115 miles are in District 5. She reviewed the various stages of construction noting that 50 miles are complete, 37 miles are programmed for construction through FY22 with various funding sources; and 28 miles are programmed for pre-construction. \$4.8 million has been programmed for SUN Trail in FY17. \$7.9 million has been programmed for SUN Trail in FY18-21. She highlighted the newest priority, the St. John's River to Sea Loop. She noted that the first SUN Trail groundbreaking was held in the City of Edgewater on June 14th, for a \$1.1 million, 1.2 mile segment that is critical in closing the gap for the St. John's River to Sea Loop. Ms. Garcia discussed the individual trails that are in the network, but not a part of the Coast-to-Coast or St. John's River to Sea Loop. She stated that five projects were submitted for funding in July 2016, and only the Kissimmee Shingle Creek Trail South Phase 1B was funded. She said that the remaining four projects will remain on the list pending potential funding opportunities. Ms. Garcia noted that the SUN Trail Future Funding program follows MPO Prioritization Process and that they are tentatively programmed through FY 2021. She provided the website address: www.FloridaSunTrail.com to stay abreast of updates.

Ms. Lois Bollenback, Staff Director for the River-to-Sea TPO, stressed the importance of the Edgewater groundbreaking the discussion. She explained that the construction project and ribbon cutting ceremony is the first in the state to be paid for with SUN Trail funds. She noted that the last segment for Volusia County to be funded and constructed is a 3.5 mile segment located in the center of the Coast-to-Coast system through Volusia County. Ms. Bollenback commented that the River-to-Sea TPO continues to partner with FDOT District 5 for programming and funding on the Volusia County portion of the Coast-to-Coast Trail. She added that funding was advanced for the construction of the last piece of the trail from 2018/19 to 2017/18, and construction will begin in the new fiscal year and anticipated for

completion in 2019. Additionally, FDOT and Coast-to-Coast have programmed a connection to the DeBary SunRail station into that segment of the trail. She added that they are moving forward with a wayfinding signage project for the Coast-to-Coast trail to be funded out of their bike/pedestrian program.

Ms. Sarah Kraum, Multi Modal Program Specialist for the Space Coast TPO, reported that the East Central Florida Rail Trails is anticipated for completion in August 2017 with a fall ribbon cutting. She noted that the Space Coast Office of Tourism is developing a Brevard County Trails application that will incorporate regional and local trails. She explained that the app will call attention to points of interest and the amenities along the trails. The application is anticipated to be released in conjunction with the fall ribbon cutting. Ms. Kraum noted that the Kingman Road to Canaveral Rail Trail segment opened in March 2017 and is widely used by locals and tourists. She provided an update on the City of Titusville's efforts in trail development.

Mr. Mighk Wilson, Transportation Planner, MetroPlan Orlando reported that the St. John's Bridge design build has been programmed for 2018. Seminole County has completed its Coast-to-Coast path by finalizing the Rinehart Road path. For the two segments that run through Orange County the PD&E for the Pine Hills Road segment is now complete, alignment has been selected, and it is awaiting programming for right-of-way design and construction. For the segment connecting Clarcona-Ocoee Road to the West Orange Trail, right-of-way acquisition is programmed for 2018/19 and design-build in 2020. He closed his report noting that local MPO funding has been assigned for the Shingle Creek Trail in an effort to complete the area wide network.

Mr. T.J. Fish, Executive Director, Lake Sumter MPO, reported that for the gap of the Coast-to-Coast that runs between Groveland and Hernando County the feasibility study is now complete, the PD&E is now underway, design and right-of-way funding is committed. He discussed the special challenges that have been encountered with right-of-way acquisition for the area west of Groveland. He said that realistically, extending the Coast-to-Coast project out to Hernando County is at least seven years out.

Mr. Mike Daniels, Executive Director, Ocala Marion TPO, reported that the Land Bridge and Santos Gap of the Heart of Florida Loop are now under construction. The Black Bear Trail is currently in the PD&E stage. They are currently negotiating right-of-way issues with the landowner for the Pruitt gap. The Silver Springs to 64^{th} Avenue gap has been funded in 2019. The 64^{th} Avenue to Mount Dora gap is currently not programmed.

IX. Other Business

a. Approval of Joint Resolution 2017-01 Supporting the Proposed Statewide Trail Alignments and Continued Coordinating for Florida's Coast-to-Coast and Florida's Gulf Coast Trails

Ms. Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando, requested approval of the joint resolution supporting the proposed statewide trail alignments and continued coordinating for Florida's Coast-to-Coast and Florida's Gulf Coast Trails. She explained that the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan is currently being updated for 2018-2022 with anticipated approval by the Florida Greenways and Trails Council in fall of 2017. The Coast-to-Coast Trail and Gulf Coast

Trail, when complete, will go from Titusville to Naples (approximately 500 miles) through urban and rural communities in Central and Southwest Florida. At the joint meeting of the CFMPOA Alliance and the TBARTA MPO CCC, a request will be made to take a position of support on the proposed corridor updates for these trails.

MOTION:

Commissioner Lee Constantine moved approval of Joint Resolution 2017-01. Mayor Pat Kelley seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

X. Information Items

- **a.** A CFMPOA 2017 Legislative Positions Post-Session Summary was provided for information purposes.
- XI. Member Comments

None

XII. Public Comments

None

XIII. Next meeting - October 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

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XIV. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Respectfully transcribed by Lisa Smith, Board Services Coordinator, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance

For

Hon, Kathy Meehan Chairman

Attest:

Lisa Smith, 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.