



**JOINT MEETING OF  
East Lake Task Force & Northwest Lake Task Force  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 @ 2 p.m.**

**Lake~Sumter MPO, 225 W. Guava Street, Suite 217, Lady Lake, Florida**

**East Lake Task Force & Northwest Lake Task Force Members:**

Governing Board

Commissioner Tim Sullivan, Lake County, D1  
Commissioner Wendy Breeden, Lake County, D3  
\*Commissioner Leslie Campione, Lake County, D4  
Commissioner Josh Blake, Lake County, D5  
Vice-Mayor Mitchell Mack, Town of Astatula  
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Commissioner Bob Bone, City of Leesburg  
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Councilmember Kirby Smith, City of Tavares  
\*Council member Katherine Adams, City of Umatilla  
Council President Eric Olson, City of Umatilla  
Pete Petree, Florida Central Railroad  
Matt Schwerin, Florida Central Railroad

Administrators

Jeff Cole, Lake County  
Kitty Cooper, Town of Astatula  
Ron Neibert, City of Eustis  
Brenda Brasher, Town of Howey  
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**Technical Advisory Committee**

Fred Schneider  
\*Antonio Fabre  
Richard Hatfield  
Stephen Cross  
Tom Carrino  
Vince Sandersfeld  
Aaron Mercer  
David Hope  
Thad Carroll  
\*DC Maudlin  
\*CT Eagle  
\* Members present

**Citizens' Advisory Committee**

Bradley Campbell  
David Clutts  
Gregory Jones  
Gerald Cobb  
Christina Kurtz-Clark  
Regis LeClerc  
Tim Bailey  
Bob Zerbe

**BPAC (bike/ped)**

Scot Hartle  
Sharlene Smith  
Mike Stephens  
Ed Smith  
Lori Barnes  
Amanda Boggus  
Mike Burske  
Michelle Yoder  
Travis Rima

**OPENING** Commissioner Jim Richards, Town of Lady Lake **called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.**  
Proper Noticing and Introductions

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **TASK FORCE ITEMS**

### **I. Trails**

MPO staff provided update on the following Trails:

- A. Wekiva Trail
  - 1. Northern Lake County Connection to Coast to Coast Trail
  - 2. Approved Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study
  - 3. Lake County and Mount Dora Memorandum of Understanding with Florida Central Railroad (FCEN)
  - 4. Segments Funded for Design Phase – Neighborhood Lakes, Mount Plymouth/Sorrento, Mount Dora
  - 5. Right-of-Way Acquisition Process – FCEN Role in Protecting Corridor; Lake County, Mount Dora & FDOT Funding Roles
  - 6. Segments Funded for Construction; Unfunded Segments
- B. Tav-Lee Trail Construction Project in Downtown Tavares
- C. Tavares-Mount Dora Trail Feasibility Study
- D. North Lake Trail, Black Bear Scenic Trail and Heart of Florida Loop
- E. Eustis Trail Study
- F. Leesburg Trails
- G. Gardenia Trail Concept

### **II. Wekiva Parkway - Construction Schedules: CFX and FDOT**

MPO staff provided update on the following segments of the Wekiva Parkway:

- A. SR 429 Extension - from Kelly Park Rd Interchange north to SR 453 Systems Interchange (CFX)
- B. New SR 453 – from SR 429 north to SR 46 (CFX)
- C. Six-laning of SR 46 – from US 441 east to SR 453 (FDOT)
- D. SR 46/US 441 Interchange – Reconstruct as Flyover above Signalized Intersection (FDOT)
- E. SR 429 – from SR 453 in Orange County east through Lake County to Seminole County (CFX)
- F. CR 46A – New Alignment (FDOT)
- G. Two-lane toll-free SR 46 – from CR 46A east to Seminole County (FDOT)

### **III. Status of FDOT Road Projects**

MPO staff provided update on the following FDOT road projects. Mr. Fish explained the Mount Dora City Council priority change and the shovel ready projects.

- A. Priority Change by Mount Dora City Council
- B. US 441 – from SR 46 north to SR 44 (Mount Dora)
- C. SR 44 – from US 441 north to Orange Avenue/SR 44 Intersection (Eustis, Mount Dora)
- D. US 441/27 – from Lake Ella Road north to Avenida Central (Lady Lake, The Villages)
- E. CR 470 – from I-75 east to US 27; Future State Road 470 (Leesburg, Wildwood)
- F. US 441 – from Perkins Street east to Dixie Avenue (Leesburg)
- G. SR 19 Replacement of Little Lake Harris Bridge (Tavares, Howey-in-the-Hills)
- H. US 27 (14<sup>th</sup> Street)/SR 44 (Dixie Avenue) Intersection – PD&E Study Request

### **IV. Complete Streets Program**

Staff provided updates on the Complete Streets Program including the following projects:

- A. Construction and Resurfacing of SR 44 (Dixie Avenue) – Leesburg

- B. Pending Design Funding Request for US 27 (14<sup>th</sup> Street) – Leesburg
  - C. Pending Construction and Resurfacing of SR 19 – Umatilla
  - D. Study Request for SR 19 and Orange Avenue – Eustis
  - E. Potential Study Request of SR 19 – Howey-in-the-Hills
  - F. Request of FDOT for SR 46 (Future Sorrento Boulevard) – Mount Plymouth/Sorrento
  - G. Construction of Highland Avenue – Mount Dora
- Discussion referencing the safety improvements needed for CR 435. Mr. Fish discussed the consistent feedback received from City of Umatilla for a sidewalk on SR 19 to North Lake Park.

**V. County Road Projects**

Staff discussed the following county road projects providing updates to each project:

- A. CR 466A, Phase 3B (Fruitland Park)
- B. Old 441/CR 19A/Eudora Avenue Intersection – Safety Project (Mount Dora, Golden Triangle)
- C. CR 437 Study Results (Sorrento)
- D. Round Lake Road Pending Study and Design (Mount Dora)
- E. Rolling Acres Road (Lady Lake)
- F. Micro Racetrack Road (Fruitland Park)
- G. SR 19/CR 561 Intersection and Slim Haywood Avenue Intersection Concept (Tavares)

**VI. LakeXpress – Route 1, Route 1A, Route 2, Route 3, and Route 4**

Mr. Fish provided update on the Transit Development Plan for LakeXpress. Staff is coordinating with the consultant for LYNX. A Stakeholder meeting is scheduled December 13.

**VII. Lake County Transportation Systems Management & Operations Master Plan**

Mr. Fish commented the MPO Board will be provided a presentation at the December 13 meeting.

**VIII. Safe School Emphasis Program**

Mr. Fish commented MPO staff continue to work with municipalities and look at the needs.

**IX. Scenic Byways: Green Mountain and Black Bear**

Mike Woods provided update on the Green Mountain and Black Bear Scenic Byways. He added the Black Bear kiosks are being replaced with new graphics on aluminum which provides a 20 year life span.

**X. MPO Prioritization Process**

T.J. Fish shared the TAC was informed of timeframe for LOPP to address changes or updates.

**XI. Staff / Task Force Members - Reports / Comments**

DC Maudlin provided update on the City of Leesburg gateway landscaping project and the 441 landscape near the airport. Discussion referencing fertilizer ordinance ensued.

**XII. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: TBD**

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