

East Lake Task Force

Minutes

Thursday October 22, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.

Lake County BCC Chambers
315 W. Main Street Street
Tavares, Florida

East Lake Task Force Members

Governing Board

Commissioner Tim Sullivan, Lake County, D1
Commissioner Jimmy Conner, Lake County, D3
*Commissioner Leslie Campione, Lake County, D4
Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County, D5
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Councilmember Scott Purvis, City of Umatilla
Pete Petree, Florida Central Railroad

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Chris Schmidt
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Dottie Keedy
Amye King
Stephen Cross
Tom Carrino
Mark Reggentin
Jacques Skutt
Richard Hatfield
Bob Tweedie
*Aaron Mercer

CAC (citizens)

*Steve Ferrell
Ted Wicks
Natalie Werner
Don Griffey
David Clutts
David Kilmartin

BPAC (bike/ped)

Scot Hartle
Machelle Koonce
Mike Stephens
*Lori Barnes
Pam Hunt
Joe Runnels

***Members Present**

OPENING

Commissioner Campione called the meeting to order at 2 pm and verified the meeting was properly noticed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

TASK FORCE ITEMS

- I. Presentation of the Final Results of the US 441 Corridor Alternatives Analysis – FDOT/VHB**
Libertad Acosta-Anderson, FDOT provided final results of the US 441 Corridor Alternatives Analysis.
- II. Development of TRANSPORTATION 2040 – Mr. Fish provided an overview of the plan.**
 - A. Needs versus Cost Feasible Projects
 - B. Draft Plan Document Available for Public Review
 - C. Steps to December Adoption

III. Trails

Mr. Fish provided update on each of the trail projects.

- A. Wekiva Trail Development – Connection to Central Florida Coast to Coast Connector
- B. Wekiva Trail Design – Neighborhood Lakes, Mount Plymouth/Sorrento, Mount Dora
- C. Tav-Lee Trail Construction Project in Downtown Tavares
- D. North Lake Trail, Black Bear Scenic Trail and Heart of Florida Loop

IV. Wekiva Parkway

Status updates were provided for each of the sections of the Wekiva Parkway.

- A. Wekiva Parkway Design, ROW and Construction Schedules: FDOT and CFX
- B. SR 429 and SR 46
- C. Pending Studies of CR 437 Realignment and Round Lake Road Extension

V. Status of East Lake Road Projects

Status updates were provided for each of the East Lake Road projects.

- A. SR 44 – US 441 north to Orange Avenue/SR 44 – shovel ready project, top priority of MPO.
- B. US 441 – SR 44 south to SR 46 - Under design to be six laned by Renningers.
- C. SR 19/CR 561 Intersection and Slim Haywood Avenue Intersection Concept - New Publix going in, improvements to be done, creating an intersection for Publix traffic, including a traffic signal
- D. CR Old 441/CR 19A/Eudora Avenue Intersection - Design money from DOT for safety improvements for the intersection.
- E. Replacement of Little Lake Harris Bridge - SR 19 Up for replacement over the next two to three years

VI. Complete Streets Program and Potential Candidate Projects

T.J. Fish reviewed each of the potential candidate projects for Complete Streets; roadways that can be better enhanced.

- A. Ruby Street and Main Street – Tavares
- B. SR 19 – Umatilla
- C. Orange Avenue – Eustis
- D. SR 19 – Howey-in-the-Hills
- E. SR 46 (Future Sorrento Boulevard) – Mount Plymouth/Sorrento
- F. Fifth Avenue – Mount Dora

VII. Safe School Emphasis Program

Mr. Fish reported the MPO studied every school site and the reports are on line detailing the inventory of needs.

VIII. Scenic Byways

Michael Woods provided updates on the Green Mountain Scenic Byway and the Black Bear Scenic Byway.

IX. Staff / Task Force Members - Reports / Comments

Discussion regarding traffic in Mount Plymouth Sorrento. Commissioner Campione commented on the Keep Lake Beautiful committee and a potential wildflower beautification project between Mount Dora and Tavares. Mr. Fish will coordinate with Matt Schwerin, Florida Central Railroad.

X. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.