



JOINT MEETING OF
East Lake Task Force
And Northwest Lake Task Force

MINUTES

Thursday, December 15, 2016
2:30 p.m.

Lake~Sumter MPO, 1616 South 14th Street, Leesburg, Florida

East 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
Commissioner Linda Bob, City of Eustis
Councilor Ed Conroy, Town of Howey
Councilmember Marc Crail, City of Mount Dora
*Councilmember Nick Girone, City of Mount Dora
Councilmember Troy Singer, City of Tavares
Councilmember Kirby Smith, City of Tavares
*Council member Katherine Adams, City of Umatilla
Council President Peter Tarby, City of Umatilla
Pete Petree, Florida Central Railroad
Matt Schwerin, Florida Central Railroad

TAC /Staff

*Fred Schneider
*Dottie Keedy
Tomika Monterville
Stephen Cross
*Tom Carrino
Vince Sandersfeld
Aaron Mercer
Richard Hatfield

*Members Present

Administrators

David Heath, Lake County
Kitty Cooper, Town of Astatula
Ron Neibert, City of Eustis
Brenda Brasher, Town of Howey
Robin Hayes, City of Mount Dora
John Drury, City of Tavares
Scott Blankenship, City of Umatilla

CAC (citizens)

Bradley Campbell
Natalie Werner
Gregory Jones
Gerald Cobb
David Clutts
David Kilmartin

BPAC (bike/ped)

Scot Hartle
Sharlene Smith
Mike Stephens
John Harrison
Pam Hunt
Mark Slaby
Lori Barnes

Northwest Lake Task Force Members

Governing Board

*Commissioner Tim Sullivan, Lake County, D1
*Commissioner Wendy Breeden, Lake County, D3
*Commissioner Josh Blake, Lake County, D5
Commissioner Raymond Lewis, City of Fruitland Park
Commissioner John Gunter, City of Fruitland Park
*Commissioner Dan Vincent, Town of Lady Lake
Commissioner Jim Richards, Town of Lady Lake
Commissioner Jay Hurley, City of Leesburg
Commissioner Bob Bone, City of Leesburg

Administrators

David Heath, Lake County
Gary La Venia, City of Fruitland Park
Kris Kollgaard, Town of Lady Lake
Al Minner, City of Leesburg

TAC/Staff

*Fred Schneider
*Dottie Keedy
Tomika Monterville
Thad Carroll
*DC Maudlin

CAC (citizens)

Bradley Campbell
Gregory Jones
John Schaller
Regis LeClerc

BPAC (bike/ped)

Scot Hartle
Sharlene Smith
Mike Stephens
Mike Burske
*Michelle Yoder

*Members Present

ITEMIZED AGENDA

OPENING

A. Call to Order, Proper Noticing and Introductions **Commissioner Leslie Campione**

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

TASK FORCE ITEMS

Mr. Fish shared the MPO task force meetings are established as a workshop opportunity for members of the MPO's Governing Board and committees, agency staff members and the general public. He added the agendas focus on specific projects, which are discussed in greater detail at task force meetings than at committee and board meetings. Any action of the task force is advisory only. He added there is a lot happening at board meeting and committee meetings and the task forces allow for more questions regarding projects in the area.

I. Trails

- A. Wekiva Trail Development – Connection to Central Florida Coast to Coast Connector
TJ Fish commented the Coast to Coast Connector is a priority trail right now and fully committed by FDOT who is managing the project. Mr. Fish provided a breakdown of each segment.
- B. Wekiva Trail Design – Neighborhood Lakes, Mount Plymouth/Sorrento, Mount Dora
Michael Woods commented the PD&E has been finalized and is officially in design phase. Mr. Fish provided update on each section of the trail thru Mount Plymouth/Sorrento, and Mount Dora. The Memorandum of Understanding with Pinsley and Florida Central Railroad was discussed.
- C. Tav-Lee Trail Construction Project in Downtown Tavares
TJ Fish discussed the background of the project and how the previous work is being updated.
- D. Tavares-Mount Dora Trail
- E. Eustis Trail Study *Mr. Fish commented the MPO is happy to get Eustis on the list and the application process. Commissioner Campione discussed focusing on getting the Eustis downtown connected to Pine Meadows property.*
- F. North Lake Trail, Black Bear Scenic Trail and Heart of Florida Loop *Accomplishments with the US Forestry Service were discussed by Michael Woods. Mr. Woods stated the Feasibility Study will be started soon. Funds are needed for an environmental study, interim steps were discussed while waiting for funds to be available.*

G. Leesburg Trails *Update provided by DC Maudlin.*

II. Wekiva Parkway *Staff provided an update on the following projects:*

- A. Wekiva Parkway ROW and Construction Schedules: FDOT and CFX
- B. SR 429 and SR 46
- C. SR 453
- D. CR 46A
- E. Pending Studies of CR 437 Realignment and Round Lake Road Extension

III. Status of FDOT Road Projects *Staff provided an update on the following projects:*

- A. Replacement of Little Lake Harris Bridge - SR 19
- B. US 441/27 – Lake Ella Road to Avenida Central
- C. SR 44 – US 441 north to Orange Avenue/SR 44
- D. US 441 – Perkins Street to Dixie Avenue
- E. US 441 – SR 44 south to SR 46
- F. CR 470 – Future State Road 470
- G. US 27 (14th Street)/SR 44 (Dixie Avenue) Intersection

IV. County Road Projects *Staff provided an update on the following projects:*

- A. CR 466A
- B. Old 441/CR 19A/Eudora Avenue Intersection
- C. Old 441 Corridor – Tavares to Mount Dora
- D. Rolling Acres Road
- E. Micro Racetrack Road
- F. SR 19/CR 561 Intersection and Slim Haywood Avenue Intersection Concept

V. Complete Streets *Staff provided an update on the following projects:*

- A. Dixie Avenue – Leesburg
- B. US 27 – Leesburg
- C. SR 19 – Umatilla
- D. SR 19 and Orange Avenue – Eustis
- E. SR 19 – Howey-in-the-Hills
- F. SR 46 (Future Sorrento Boulevard) – Mount Plymouth/Sorrento
- G. Fifth Avenue – Mount Dora

Mr. Fish added beginning with January committee meetings staff will be looking at all intersections that need addressing.

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

TJ Fish provided an update on the LakeXpress Routes and commented Route 2 is the busiest. Lake County staff recently went thru a process for vendors; the new vendor is under negotiations and the new contract will include fleet maintenance. Dan Vincent questioned when there would be a stop at the hospital in The Villages. Ms. Keedy provided an update and added the county is continuing to look at the situation.

VII. Safe School Emphasis Program

Staff provided an update on the Safe School Emphasis Program and how cities are able to receive funding. Michael Woods added seven of the top ten school projects have been funded.

VIII. Scenic Byways *Mr. Fish provided an update on Green Mountain and Black Bear Scenic Byways.*

IX. Staff / Task Force Members - Reports / Comments

DC Maudlin commented on the level of service on Hwy 27 to US 441 interchange. He added the Intelligent Transportation Management System is a solution and we need to keep pushing to get it done.

X. Meeting Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 22, 2017