



# **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**Wednesday, April 12, 2017  
Regular Meeting, 1:30 p.m.**

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## **OPENING**

Call to Order  
Proper Noticing  
Determination of Quorum

## **I. REPORTS**

- A.** Florida Department of Transportation
- B.** Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
- C.** Sumter County
- D.** Lake County
- E.** Municipalities
- F.** School Districts
- G.** MPO Staff

## **II. AGENDA UPDATE**

## **III. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS**

## **IV. PRESENTATIONS**

- A.** FDOT -US 301 Project Development and Environment Study (PD&E)
- B.** FDOT/ Central Florida Expressway Authority -Wekiva Parkway

## **V. ACTION ITEMS**

- A.** Approval of February 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**B. Recommendation on Resolution 2017–7 Amending the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and Acknowledgement of Opening of Public Review Period**

Amendment is proposed to *Transportation 2040*, the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan. Two new roadway projects are proposed to be added to the cost-feasible plan, one in Sumter County and one in Lake County. In addition, the amendment would include the addition of an appendix to the plan containing the five LRTP policies that were adopted throughout the past year: Complete Streets, Safe Schools Emphasis Areas, Sidewalks, Regional Trails, and Transportation Systems Management & Operations. The Sumter County roadway project to be added to the plan is the concept of the extension of Buena Vista Boulevard from SR 44 south to C-468. The concept may involve a crossing over Florida's Turnpike. However, the alignment will not be determined until the concept is studied. The project is anticipated to be cost-feasible as a public-private partnership that would be eligible for unanticipated federal or state funds. The Lake County roadway project to be added to the plan is the concept of the extension of Citrus Grove Road in Minneola east crossing Florida's Turnpike and aligning with Fosgate Road in the Montverde area. The project is anticipated to be cost-feasible as a public-private partnership that would be eligible for unanticipated federal or state funds. In addition, financial participation by Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is pending approval. The proposed amendments to *Transportation 2040* were advertised March 29 per the MPO's Public Involvement Plan in order to provide the public opportunity to comment on the amendments prior to the April 26 meeting of the Governing Board.

**C. Recommendation on Resolution 2017-8 Adopting the 2017 List of Priority Projects and Acknowledgement of Opening of Public Review Period**

The annual process of prioritizing projects for funding has been ongoing since January and the MPO's Prioritization Process Subcommittee has vetted local projects to create a final List of Priority Projects. FDOT is required by law to utilize the MPO's document as the department programs funds for projects in the next FDOT Tentative Work Program. Adjustments have been made to the draft document approved in February resulting in a final document ready for approval. Questions or suggestions are welcomed as part of the committee review process. Once questions and concerns are addressed, the committee is requested to recommend to the Governing Board to close the public comment period and to approve the final document. The proposed adoption of the document was advertised March 29 per the MPO's Public Involvement Plan in order to provide the public opportunity to comment on the amendments prior to the April 26 meeting of the Governing Board.

**D. Recommendation on Draft FY 2017/18-2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program and Acknowledgement of Opening of Public Review Period**

The draft five-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) document is based on several funding sources, especially the FDOT Tentative Work Program. Each year, FDOT conducts a process of proposing a Tentative Work Program, which occurred in October 2016. The tentative program becomes final as of July 1 of each year and covers the period from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2022. Therefore, the MPO is required to adopt a new five-year TIP no later than the June meeting in order to concur and to be consistent with the projects in the FDOT program. The committee is requested to recommend approval of the draft document and to also acknowledge the open public

review period until the May 24 meeting. The TIP will come back to the committee next month for a recommendation of final approval.

**E. Recommendation on Resolution 2017-9 to Amend the Current Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2016/17-2020/21**

The FDOT has notified the MPO of a reduction in the programmed funding amount for a resurfacing project pending construction this upcoming fiscal year. The project is resurfacing of US 27 from CR 561 in Minneola to just north of O'Brien Road in Groveland. The amended funding amount for the resurfacing project is \$9,147,483, a reduction of \$2,163,782 from the original amount of \$11,311,265. The reduction is attributed to a reduction during the design phase of the pavement depth. An amendment to the TIP is required to maintain consistency between the MPO and FDOT five-year programs.

**F. Recommendation to Support Safety Initiative / Regional Analysis of Major Intersections**

Staff will provide an overview of the proposed safety initiative pending action of approval of the Governing Board. The board in February requested more detailed information on the components of the initiative, which is intended to be a long-term campaign with various methods of engaging the public on enhancing transportation safety. One component of the proposed initiative is the ongoing analysis of major intersections, which will be the subject of update at the meeting. Pedestrian and bicyclist safety is also a major component. Staff requests the committee review the information pertaining to the proposed initiative and provide recommendations on how the proposal can be further refined.

**G. Recommendations on Transportation Management System: (1) Budget and (2) Traffic Impact Analysis Methodology**

Per the interlocal agreement between the MPO and local governments, an annual budget is to be approved by the MPO and transmitted to administrators by May 1. The local funds received by the MPO support the MPO's Transportation Management System and the local funds may be utilized to cover items approved by the Governing Board that cannot be paid from grant funds. The draft budget for FY 2017/18 proposes that local funds cover two full-time positions: the TMS Project Manager and the GIS Manager. By covering the personnel costs for the two positions from local funds rather than grant funds, the grant management process is enhanced. The TMS will continue to include services and data to support local governments' planning efforts. TMS also includes management of the Lake County traffic counts contract. In addition to requesting a TAC recommendation on the draft budget, an update will be provided on the MPO's updated traffic impact analysis methodology.

**VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Modification UPWP – PIP Update**

Staff will provide an update of recent modifications to the MPO's scope of work for grant funding, the Unified Planning Work Program. The most recent modification involves the designation of grant funds in FY 2017/18 to fund a consultant update of the MPO's Public Involvement Plan (PIP).

**B. Update on MPO Transitions**

Staff will update the committee on various transitions occurring for the organization including the pending leasing of office space in Lady Lake and transitions in project management.

**VII. PROJECT UPDATES**

A written project update is presented for review. Staff will answer questions on any projects in the report or on projects not included in the report.

**VIII. CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

April 26, 2017 @ 2 p.m. at Lake~Sumter MPO

**IX. ADJOURNMENT - NEXT MEETING:**

**May 10, 2017 @ 1:30 p.m. @ Lake~Sumter MPO**