

North Lake~Sumter Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 15, 2010

2:00 p.m.

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

In Attendance:

Commissioner Sanna Henderson
Commissioner Jennifer Hill
Commissioner Don Burgess
T.J. Fish
Pamela Richmond
Thad Carroll
Brad Cornelius
Dave Grimm

T.J. Fish provided an overview of *Transportation 2035*, the MPOs Long Range Transportation Plan that would be presented to the MPO Governing Board at its upcoming December meeting for adoption. The plan represents the culmination of three years of public input on the future of the MPO planning area roadway network, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

T.J. Fish presented the status of the state road projects located within the task force area. In Sumter County updates of the widening of I-75, SR 48, SR 471, SR 44 and the US 301 PD&E were given. For Lake County, US 441 from Griffin Road to Perkins Street widening, US 441 from Perkins Street to SR 44 widening and intersection improvements at US 441/27 updates were given.

The status of state road projects located within the task force area were also given. These projects included C-468 widening, C-470 (PD&E; effects of DRIs; bridge over Turnpike), C-48, and C-501 and in Sumter County; C-139, C-462, C-466A in Wildwood; C-475 in Bushnell; CR 466 from Sumter County to US 441/27, Rolling Acres Road in Lady Lake, US 27 Reliever Study; CR 466A from Sumter County to US 441/27 in Fruitland Park, CR 470 & CR 48 coordination with Sumter on bridge over Turnpike, and the Picciola Bridge.

T.J. Fish gave an update on the MPOs Resignation and how the MPO will be reapportioned once Governor Christ signs off on the application. The MPO decided to submit a Redesignation Plan in 2008 so the MPO official planning area would include all of Sumter County, not just The Villages portion. As a result of the Redesignation, Sumter County will receive a second vote on the MPO Governing Board and the five municipalities will receive a vote that rotates amongst them annually, in alphabetical order.

T.J. Fish led a discussion about The Villages desire to vacate the construction of an interchange at I-75/C-466 and move it to the Turnpike and C-468. The interchange at this location will be designed as a full interchange but only ramps to and from the south will initially be constructed.

Implementation of the new concurrency legislation was discussed by the Task Force members. Information on Transportation Concurrency Exception Areas and how the MPO can assist with the implementation was presented.

T.J. Fish provided information on funding the MPO had received to conduct a Two-County School Transportation Study. The study will investigate safe routes to school by developing a list of projects for funding related to safe walking conditions for students in Lake and Sumter County.

T.J. Fish reported on the Gardenia Trail, Tav-Lee Trail, Leesburg- Wildwood Trail, the CSX S-Line and Leesburg International Airport.

An opportunity was provided for public comment and the meeting was adjourned.