

**Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization's Annual Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 27, 2010**  
**Lake-Sumter Community College—Everett A. Kelly Convocation Center (Magnolia Room)**  
**9501 US Highway 441**  
**Leesburg, Florida 34788**

### **Introduction of new officers**

- Chairman Sanna Henderson
- Chairman-Elect Jennifer Hill, Lake County
- 1st Vice-Chairman/Treasurer Don Burgess, Sumter County
- 2nd Vice-Chairman Jim Richards, Lady Lake
- Immediate Past Chairman Ray Goodgame, Clermont
- At-Large Representative Joe Wynkoop, Montverde

### **2010 Chairman Sanna Henderson comments on 2010**

- The upcoming year will see the adoption of the MPO's new plan, Transportation 2035.
- It will also be a year in which all of Sumter County will formally be part of the MPO, making it a true two-county organization.
- There may possibly be a new federal transportation bill, which will affect how the MPO operates.
- Funding will continue to be a challenge.
- Transit is becoming a bigger part of the transportation picture, with the LakeXpress seeing success in Leesburg and in Lake County and with passenger rail now part of the MPO's planning.
- Leesburg will see the advancement of regional trail projects and the improved intersection of US 441 and US 27, which are projects coordinated with the MPO.
- Partnerships with neighbors and with the county will continue to strengthen.



Keynote Speaker  
Rep. Alan Hays



2009 Chairman  
Ray Goodgame



2010 Chairwoman  
Sanna Henderson

**2010 HORIZON AWARDS**

The purpose of the Lake~Sumter MPO Horizon Awards is to encourage and recognize excellence in planning, partnership and public service. The awards are to recognize efforts during **2009** and the awards coincide with the annual installation of MPO officers.

**Horizon Award:**

**Keep Lake Moving:**

**Presented by Commissioner Jennifer Hill**

Eligibility is extended to county departments and divisions. Nomination-based award will recognize a Lake County project that furthers the transportation goals of the community and of the MPO. Candidate projects may be in areas of Growth Management, Public Works, Public Transportation or Administration. Candidate projects may include physical improvements, provision of transportation services, capital projects, land or right-of-way acquisition, approved studies or designs, updates to comprehensive plans or land development regulations and intergovernmental coordination.

Past Winners:

2008 - Lake County Public Works - Transportation Concurrency Management System

2009 - Lake County Public Works - Road Project, Completion of Hammock Ridge Road

2010 Honorable Mentions:

- Lake County Growth Management, Lake County Public Works, and Lake County Attorney's Office for Rewrite of Chapter 5 (the Concurrency Ordinance) as a partnership among departments and with the MPO
- Lake County Public Works for effective administration of Stimulus Contracts and for executing a public-private partnership with The Villages for construction of CR 466

**2010 Winner:**

**Lake County Public Transportation** (Director Ken Harley & Fixed Route Coordinator David Hope, (excepting award) for Enhancing the LakeXpress through the establishment of Route 4 (serving Altoona-Umatilla- Eustis-Mount Dora-Zellwood) and for the partnerships with LYNX including the Route 4 connection to LYNX, Link 55 Four Corners service and the highly successful Link 204 Clermont Express Service to Orlando .



2010 Chairman Sanna Henderson presents 2009 Chairman Ray Goodgame with a plaque



Lake County Commissioner Jennifer Hill presents LakeXpress Fixed Route Coordinator David Hope with 2010 Keep Lake Moving Award



Sumter County Commissioner Don Burgess presents Sumter County Manager Bradley Arnold with the 2010 Keep Sumter Moving Award

**Horizon Award: Keep Sumter Moving: Presented by Commissioner Don Burgess**

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Past Winners:

2008 - **Sumter County Planning** - Interlocal Agreements with MPO for DRI Review of Transportation Impacts

2009 - **Sumter County Transit** - Innovative Rural Transit Provider

2010 Honorable Mentions:

**Sumter County Public Works** for advancement of Lake Panasoffkee Pedestrian Project

**Sumter County Public Works** for effective administration of Stimulus Funds

2010 winner:

**Sumter County Administration** (County Administrator Bradley Arnold) for Public - Private Partnership between Sumter County and The Villages resulting in an executed agreement for the construction of a four-lane US 301 in Wildwood

**Horizon Award: Small Municipality: Presented by Fruitland Park Commissioner Sharon Kelly**

Eligible MPO members include municipalities of 5,000 or less in population. Nomination-based award will recognize a local project that furthers the transportation goals of the community and of the MPO. Candidate projects may include physical improvements, provision of transportation services, capital projects, land or right-of-way acquisition, approved studies or designs, updates to comprehensive plans or land development regulations and intergovernmental coordination.

Past Winners:

2008 - **City of Wildwood** - Visioning Workshops and Report



Horizon Award: Regional Partner: Presented by FDOT Rep. George Lovett to Florida Central Railroad Vice President and General Manager Pete Petree



T.J. Fish, Executive Director of the Lake~Sumter MPO emceed the 2010 Annual Dinner



Current and Past Chairman Sanna Henderson and Ray Goodgame

2009 - **City of Fruitland Park** – City Commission participation in regional planning efforts

2010 Honorable Mentions:

**City of Mascotte** for partnering with Lake County Public Works on the CR 33 study

**Town of Howey-in-the-Hills** for planning efforts toward a three-lane SR 19 concept

**Town of Astatula** for partnering with Lake County Public Works on the CR 561 PD&E Study

2010 winner:

**City of Bushnell** (Vice Mayor Warren Maddox) for

- (1) advancement of the Downtown Multimodal Project and for
- (2) enhanced involvement in the Lake~Sumter MPO

**Horizon Award: Large Municipality: Presented by Mount Dora Mayor Melissa DeMarco**

Eligible MPO members include municipalities of more than 5,000 in population. Nomination-based award will recognize a local project that furthers the transportation goals of the community and of the MPO. Candidate projects may include physical improvements, provision of transportation services, capital projects, land or right-of-way acquisition, approved studies or designs, updates to comprehensive plans or land development regulations and intergovernmental coordination.

Past Winners:

2008 - **City of Tavares** – Downtown Master Plan and Multi-Modal Project in Wootton Park

2009 - **City of Mount Dora** – Traffic Impact Study Methodology

2010 Honorable Mentions:

**Town of Lady Lake** for efforts in adopting an ordinance addressing Eminent Domain

**City of Eustis** for initiative in developing an Energy Efficiency & Conservation Strategy and their leadership in establishing an Electric Vehicle Charging Station in downtown

**City of Tavares** for being the first city to develop mobility policies in their Comprehensive plan to support their new Transportation Concurrency Exception Area

2010 winner:

**City of Leesburg** (Commissioner Sanna Henderson and City Manager Jay Evans) for

- (1) Coordinating with FDOT to relocate utilities for the US 441 construction project to improve the intersection with US 27 and

(2) for the advancement of trail projects including Canal Street, the Gardenia Trail to Fruitland Park and the forthcoming Leesburg-Wildwood Trail

**Horizon Award: Volunteer of the Year: Presented by CAC Chairwoman Suzy Gibson**

MPO staff selected from the various committees and boards of the MPO the individual who has demonstrated the greatest commitment of time and energy to the goals and plans of the MPO.

Past Winners:

2008 - **Steve Ferrell** - Citizens' Advisory Committee Member

2009 - **Mary Link Bennett** - Lake County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

2009 - **Suzy Gibson** - Citizens' Advisory Committee Member

2010 Honorable Mentions:

**George Popovich**, Florida Dept. of Elder Affairs, for serving on both the Lake County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and the Sumter County TDCB since 1998 (before the 2004 creation of the MPO)

**Rich Dunkel**, BPAC member, for his highly-motivated and enthusiastic involvement in bicycle and pedestrian issues

2010 winner:

**Scot Hartle**, Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee member, for his consistent and active involvement in the BPAC since 2002 (when it was a Lake County committee)

**Horizon Award: Regional Partner: Presented by FDOT Rep. George Lovett**

MPO staff selected from the various regional transportation partners, which include governmental entities and transportation agencies. The award will be based upon the strongest demonstration of partnership in furthering the goals and plans of the MPO.

Past Winners:

2008 - **METROPLAN ORLANDO**

2009 - **Florida Department of Transportation District 5**

2010 Honorable Mentions:

**East Central Florida Regional Planning Council** for their support in regional planning and community visioning efforts

**Florida Turnpike Enterprise** for their planning coordination on the pending Minneola and Wildwood interchanges

2010 winner:

**Florida Central Railroad** () for Partnering on the pursuit of funding for freight rail infrastructure improvements and for supporting the planning of the potential passenger rail project, the Orange Blossom Express

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**Leadership Award: Presented by T.J. Fish, Executive Director**

MPO staff selected the most influential individual to have furthered the goals or plans of the MPO. The award is intended to recognize the person that has most demonstrated the MPO's mission of "Promoting Regional Transportation Partnerships." The award is based on overall efforts in the area of transportation.

Past Winners:

2008 - **James Yatsuk**, Mount Dora City Council, BPAC Chairman and MPO Member

2009 - **Michael Francis**, SC Commissioner & Lake~Sumter MPO Chairman-Elect

Honorable Mentions:

**Councilmember Ray Goodgame** – officer 2006-2010 (Past Chairman) – advocacy for safety and support of regional projects

**Former Mayor David Yeager** – officer 2005-2008, including chairman in 2007 – advocacy of transit and support of regional projects

**Commissioner Jennifer Hill** – officer 2008-2010 (Chairwoman-Elect) – support of transportation infrastructure and funding

The award went to a person who, when first elected, had little love for road projects, but over time gained and appreciation for projects that are truly needed for quality of life rather than projects that promote sprawl. Involvement in regional issues like How Shall We Grow, the ECFRPC and the Orlando Metro EDC. For leadership in environmental and growth issues and for promoting the need for coordinating planning among local governments, specifically regarding the connection between land use and transportation decisions, the 2010 Horizon Award for Leadership:

2010 winner:

**Lake County Commissioner Elaine Renick**

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