



**JOINT CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE (CCC)  
CENTRAL FLORIDA MPO ALLIANCE**

**MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, July 18, 2003**

City of Auburndale  
Ariana Beach Clubhouse  
321 Ramsgate Road  
Auburndale, FL 33823

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Commissioner Gow B. Fields Polk TPO Board, *Presiding* Chairman

Central Florida MPO Alliance Members Present:

Commissioner Roy Tyler  
Commissioner Gail Schreiber  
Mayor Buddy Fletcher  
Commissioner Ron Pritchard  
Commissioner Catherine Hanson  
Commissioner Wendell McKinnon  
Council Member Pat Northey  
Vice Mayor Mary Martin

Representing:

Polk TPO Board  
Polk TPO Board  
Polk TPO Board  
Brevard MPO  
Lake County BoCC  
METROPLAN ORLANDO  
Volusia County MPO  
Volusia County MPO

CCC Members Present:

Commissioner Richard Glorioso  
Lucie Ayer  
Mayor John Doglione  
Shannon Staub  
Kenneth Hoyt, Ex-Officio  
Ricky Langley, District One Secretary  
Lee Royal, Ex-Officio  
John Moore, Ex-Officio  
Commissioner Gail Schreiber  
Commissioner Gow B. Fields  
Tom Deardorff  
Bill Dennis

Representing:

Hillsborough County MPO  
Hillsborough County MPO  
Pinellas County MPO  
Sarasota/Manatee MPO  
TBRPC  
FDOT  
FDOT District Seven  
FDOT District Five  
Polk TPO  
Polk TPO  
Polk TPO  
Pasco County MPO

Others Present:

Anna Lawver  
Fred Schneider  
Bob O'Malley  
Harry Barley  
Whit Blanton  
Mayor Marvin H. Wiley  
Laura Kelley  
Earl Durden  
Sarah Ward  
Suzi Dieringer  
Carolyn Kuntz  
Shelley Lauten  
Michael Duclos  
Mike Neidhart  
Carole M. Hinkley  
Nancy Prasse  
Anne Madden  
Virginia Whittington  
Darla Zakaluzny  
Ed Mierzejewski  
Ryan Kordek  
Greg Welstead  
Noble Olasimbo  
Jose Masaoy  
Janet Masaoy  
Steve Polzine  
Mayor Mike Easterling  
Jon Cheney  
Karl Guenthy  
Fred Milch  
George R. Little  
Representative Dennis Ross, District 63  
Manny Pumariega  
Tom Palmer  
Sherry Carver  
Linda Limieux  
Brigitte D'Orval  
Howard Glassman  
Randy Fox  
Mike Williams  
Amy Palmer  
Bob Kamm  
Carolyn Ismart  
Curtis Knowles  
Sue Imbody  
Karen Raihill  
Tom Deardorff  
Carl Lewis  
Laura Lockwood  
Jan Johnson  
Wendy Swilling

Representing:

Lake County BoCC  
Lake County Public Works  
METROPLAN ORLANDO  
METROPLAN ORLANDO  
Renaissance Planning  
City of Auburndale  
FL Transportation Comm.  
FL Transportation Comm.  
Pinellas County MPO  
Renaissance Planning  
Pinellas County MPO  
myregion.org  
Polk County Asst. Attorney  
Volusia County MPO  
Volusia County MPO  
Volusia County MPO  
Hillsborough County MPO  
METROPLAN ORLANDO  
Volusia County MPO  
CUTR/USF  
Polk TPO  
Lake County BoCC  
Lake County BoCC  
COST  
COST  
Hillsborough County MPO  
City of Winter Haven  
Volusia County  
Pinellas CAC  
ECFRPC  
Citizen  
Representative District 63  
TBRPC  
The Ledger Newspaper  
Florida's Turnpike  
Florida's Turnpike  
Polk TPO  
MPOAC  
Florida's Turnpike  
FDOT District One  
City of Auburndale  
Brevard MPO  
FDOT District Five  
City of Haines City  
Citizen  
Tampa Bay Partnership  
Polk TPO  
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## **AGENDA**

### **I. Call to Order, Introductions and Roll Call**

Substitute Chairman, Commissioner Schreiber, welcomed attendees and thanked the City of Auburndale for the utilization of the facility. Marvin Wiley, Mayor of Auburndale, provided welcome remarks. Commissioner Schreiber asked that the members of the CCC/MPO Alliance and members of the audience introduce themselves.

### **II. Approval of CCC Minutes from March 14, 2003 Meeting**

**Motion:** A motion was made for approval of the March 14 , 2003 CCC minutes as presented. The motion was seconded, and passed without dissent.

Ms. Whittington informed Mr. Barley that the MPO Alliance did not have a quorum therefore, Mr. Barley requested that the MPO Alliance Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2003 be tabled until their next meeting.

**At this time, the presiding Chairman, Gow B. Fields took over the responsibility of Chairing the Meeting.**

### **III. Legislative Update**

Mr. Bob O'Malley, METROPLAN ORLANDO, provided an update on the results of the 2003 Florida Legislative Session and the status of the TEA-21 Reauthorization.

During the past legislative session \$200Million in the budget was diverted from the Transportation Trust Fund to make up in shortfalls in the general fund. The good news on this is that the intent was to make it non-recurring, a one time cut. Also Senate Bill 24A, by Senator Webster, authorizes the issuance of bonds for projects that are eligible for funding from the Infrastructure Bank. Senate Bill 1176, has to do with the Department of Revenue Package. A couple of notable items are: one gives the Department of Revenue authority to require rental car companies to report rental car surcharge revenue on a county-by-county basis. House Bill 1813 expands the use of county municipal fuel taxes that can be used for bike/ped. projects. Senate Bill 676, creates the Strategic Intermodal System, there is no funding for this yet, but it is anticipated for next year. It also authorizes revenue bonds for the widening of SR 520 with toll revenues from the Bee Line Expressway. The Bill also authorizes toll revenue bonds for the Sunshine Skyway Bridge and the Pinellas Bayway. Senate Bill 676 clarifies that MPO's are exempt from the Administrative Procedures Act, that we are not agencies of the State. It provides a framework for inter-MPO coordination.

This item was presented for informational purposes only.

#### **IV. Regional Transit Initiatives**

Mr. Whit Blanton, Renaissance Planning Group, provided a brief overview of existing and planned public transportation services that serve regional travel in Central Florida.

Mr. Glorioso stated that the projects we have are using WAGES dollars. He believes that we need to send a letter to Congressman Young asking to support WAGES, not only for our area, but through out the whole state.

**Motion:** Mr. Glorioso made a motion to compose a letter to Congressman Young, supporting the enhancement, as well, as the WAGES dollars. The motion was seconded and passed without dissent.

#### **V. Florida High Speed Rail**

Representative Dennis Ross, District 63, discussed the current status of high speed rail and suggested possible courses of action by the Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) and the Central Florida MPO Alliance.

There were several attempts made during the session to further promote and appropriate funds for high speed rail, for the specific purpose of awarding a contract and choosing a route from Tampa to Orlando. Next week we will know whether the federal government will continue to fund this, he believes strongly that they will. There are efforts in Congress to fund high speed rail as a national project. At the last High Speed Rail Authority Meeting in June 2003, they voted not to choose a specific route in the Orlando area, as a result, this summer when the Authority meets again they will choose a vendor.

Mr. Ross stated that any support the CCC/MPO Alliance can give will be greatly appreciated.

**Motion:** Mr. Glorioso made a motion to send a letter or resolution to the Governor and Legislative Delegates supporting High Speed Rail and asking them to keep moving forward. The motion was seconded.

Mr. Glorioso modified his motion to just do a letter instead of a resolution. This amendment was seconded.

Chairman, Gow Fields, suggested that the letter simply state that we support the Resolution passed recently by the Florida High Speed Rail Authority having to do with tax exemptions and request that funding be reinstated during the upcoming special session.

The motion passed without dissent.

## **VI. Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) Assessment of Regional Transportation Planning**

Harold Barley, METROPLAN ORLANDO, introduced Mr. Earl Durden.

Mr. Earl Durden, Chairman of the Florida Transportation Commission, spoke on the importance of regional transportation planning and its inherent challenges. He also discussed the purpose and status of the Commission's assessment of regional transportation planning that must be submitted to the Legislature and Governor by December 15, 2003. Members of the CCC/MPO Alliance offered to assist the Commission with this project.

Chairman Gow Fields on behalf of the CCC/MPO Alliance presented Mr. Durden with a book entitled "*Last Train to Paradise*".

## **VII. Interlocal Agreements for Regional Coordination of Transportation Planning**

Representatives from the Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) and Central Florida MPO Alliance discussed existing and planned interlocal agreements for regional coordination.

Mr. Glorioso gave a brief history on the CCC. There are eight (8) counties in the CCC.

Council Member Pat Northey, representing the MPO Alliance, thanked the Polk TPO for hosting the meeting. She gave a brief history on the MPO Alliance and an overview of some of the accomplishments of the MPO Alliance to date.

## **VIII. Development of Chairs Coordinating Committee (CCC) 2025 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan**

Mr. Hugh Pasco, Hernando County MPO, and Ms. Lucie Ayer, Hillsborough County MPO, discussed the development of the regional plan including the associated approaches, lessons learned and benefits.

Mr. Glorioso commented that one of the problems with the CCC is that there is no funding. There are no mechanisms available right now where the CCC can obtain funding, so each county uses their own staff and funding. He believes there should be a funding mechanism to help fund the CCC.

Council Member Pat Northey, stated that she believes that there should be state funding for the MPO Alliance as well. She stated that this is one of the problems they have too. She suggested that maybe out of this meeting a resolution or proposal should be advanced to encourage the State to assist with regional coordination efforts.

Commissioner Pritchard, from the Brevard MPO, suggested that rental car surcharge revenues might be used to fund this work.

Mr. Barley complimented the CCC on all their efforts. He believes there is a lot of opportunity to learn from one another and work together.

## **IX. Group Discussion on Regional Coordination Efforts**

A roundtable discussion ensued regarding regional coordination efforts.

## **X. Announcement of Future Meeting Dates**

A representative stated that she would like to see this group meet together more often.

Mr. Mike Guy commented that he would like to meet again in 6 months.

Council Member Pat Northey suggested that we meet again this year.

Chairman Gow Fields, suggested that we meet once more before the end of the year. He also suggested inviting members of the various delegations so that they can see first hand the efforts that are taking place and the progress that we are making.

A representative suggested meeting before the next legislative session.

Chairman Gow Fields commented that staff can work on the timing of this meeting.

Mr. Tom Deardorff on behalf of the Polk Transportation Planning Organization thanked all the meeting participants for their attendance at today's meeting.

## **XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully transcribed by Wendy G. Swilling, Clerk.

Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board, agency or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.