



WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE (CCC)

MEETING MINUTES Friday, September 17, 2004

City of Lakeland
Magnolia Building
702 East Orange Street
Lakeland, FL

Commissioner Jack Myers, Polk TPO Board Chairman, *Presiding* Chairman

CCC Members Present:

Commissioner McClash
Mayor John Doglione
Commissioner Harrison
Commissioner Jack Myers

Others Present:

Mike Guy
Brian Smith
Doug Uden
Hugh Pascoe
Lucie Ayer
Tom Deardorff
Whit Blanton
Sarah Ward
Suzi Dieringer
Carolyn Kuntz
Ed Mierzejewski
Mayor Mike Easterling
Tom Palmer
Karen Raihill
Kimberly Harris
Sheila Martin
Jeannie Keene
Tip Franklin
Patty Harrison
Scott Herndon
Averra Wynne
Bob Kersoren
Ken Hartmann
Lee Royal

Representing:

Sarasota/Manatee County MPO
Pinellas County MPO
Hillsborough County MPO
Polk TPO

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Sarasota/Manatee MPO
Pinellas County MPO
Pasco County MPO
Hernando County MPO
Hillsborough County MPO
Polk TPO
Renaissance Planning
Pinellas County MPO
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CUTR/USF
City of Winter Haven
The Ledger Newspaper
Tampa Bay Partnership

ViaSys

Senator JD Alexander's Office
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TBRPC

FDOT District Seven
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Stanley Cann
Ben Walker
Yolanda Mitchell
Beth Alden
Ned Baiere
Carl Lewis
Laura Lockwood
Jan Johnson
Wendy Swilling
Ryan Kordek
Ben Dunn

FDOT District One
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Tampa Bay Partnership
Hillsborough County MPO
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Lunch was served at 11:30 a.m. Thanks to "The Garden Bistro" for a wonderful job.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order, Introductions and Roll Call

Chairman, Commissioner Jack Myers, welcomed attendees and thanked the City of Lakeland for the utilization of the facility. Commissioner Myers asked that the CCC members and the audience introduce themselves.

Wendy Swilling, Polk TPO, took roll call and a quorum was present.

II. Approval of CCC Minutes from June 11, 2004 Meeting

Motion: Mayor Dogilone made a motion for approval of the June 11 , 2004 CCC minutes as presented. Commissioner McClash seconded the motion, and the motion passed without dissent.

III. Review/Approval of Draft Regional 2025 Cost Affordable Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Hugh Pascoe with Hernando County MPO and Whit Blanton with Renaissance Planning Group, provided an update on the Draft Regional 2025 Cost Affordable LRTP. This draft plan includes regional highway, transit, and multi-use trail projects. The West Central Florida 2025 Cost Affordable Regional Long Range Transportation Plan was distributed.

At the CCC meeting held in June 2004, the CCC approved a 2025 Needs Assessment that identified roadway and transit projects within the major travel corridors of the West Central Florida area. Project needs are based upon estimated regional travel using the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Model maintained by FDOT. Since that time, technical staff and the MPO Staff Directors have prioritized the projects in the Regional Needs Assessment, coordinated regional projects with the LRTP updates being conducted by the individual MPOs, and balanced these needs with available revenues. The product of this effort is the Regional 2025 Cost Affordable LRTP that weighs available funding from several revenue sources with project priorities cooperatively developed by the MPOs in Districts 1 and 7. Under federal regulations the MPOs in District 7 must adopt their updated LRTPs by December

2004, while the MPOs in District 1 will adopt their Plans in December 2005. This regional LRTP will become an essential component of those Plans.

There are two features that distinguish this plan from the Regional LRTP adopted in 2001. First, the updated Plan has been developed through a "top down" process that first determines regional needs and priorities before assessing local needs. Second, the Plan considers a variety of multi-modal solutions appropriate for meeting the demand for services within regional travel markets.

Components of the Regional Cost Affordable LRTP include: Regional Highway Plans, Regional Transit Plans, Regional Multi-Use Trail Plans.

The CCC was asked to review and approve the Draft Regional LRTP.

Motion: Mayor Dogilone moved for endorsement of the West Central Florida 2025 Cost Affordable Regional Long Range Transportation Plan, as presented. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion, and the motion passed without dissent.

IV. Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) New Investment Policy for Capacity Road Project

Mr. Hartmann, with FDOT District 7, provided the latest information on the new investment policy. Attachment 1 - Governor Bush Announces \$100 Million Priority Project List For Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Connectors - was reviewed. Included in the report was a list of 36 FDOT SIS projects in Florida.

Ms. Lucie Ayer, Hillsborough County MPO, discussed with the CCC the local review and implications of this new policy. One thing is certain: this new funding policy will have tremendous statewide implications on how transportation funding decisions are going to affect the delicate balance between urban growth and rural needs.

This item was presented for informational purposes only. No action is required.

V. Communications and Reports

- A.** Ben Walker with the FDOT District 1, provided a brief update on the construction projects along the I-4 Corridor.
- B.** Mr Hartmann updated the CCC members regarding the 511 Travel Information Service. 511 is the new easy to remember telephone number for traveler information. With 511, travelers will be able to access accurate, up to the minute information about local highway and public transportation options and current travel conditions. This number can be used across the country. A list of the covered roads and road segments was distributed, along with additional information.

These items were presented for informational purposes only. No action is required.

VI. Other Business

Tom Deardorff thanked the TPO staff for their help in the preparation of this meeting. Commissioner Myers echoed this comment.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:15 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.