



JOINT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA MPO CHAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2006, 4:00 P.M.

MEETING SUMMARY

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was held at the Polk County TPO in Bartow with members also in attendance at four satellite locations. Those in attendance and listening via teleconference introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Torres handed out a letter from Hillsborough County CAC member Pierre Mathurin regarding the level of transit service among comparison areas across the country. The letter will be added to the meeting minutes.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MEETING OF AUGUST 29, 2006

Motion by Amon, 2nd by Guenther. Passed unanimously

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING DATES

Discussion regarding Memorial Day in May. Motion by Plotkin, 2nd by Guenther, to approve the 2007 meeting dates, with the exception of changing the May meeting from May 29 to May 22. Passed unanimously.

V. FDOT & FTE WORK PROGRAM UPDATES

Lee Royal, FDOT District 7 presented the D-7 work program. Alison Stettner, Florida Turnpike Enterprise gave a brief overview of the FTE work program. Manon Lavoie, FDOT District 1, handed out the draft Work Program for D-1 and provided a review of the changes followed by Cindy Celmmmons-Adente, D-1 addressing the specific projects for Polk County.

There was a question regarding the Enhancement Program. Ms. Lavoie responded that District 1 made the decision to not program Enhancement

projects, which often sit for many years ending up with higher construction costs, until the projects get caught up to date.

VI. REGIONAL HURRICANE EVACUATION STUDY (TBRPC)

Deferred until after Item VII was presented.

VII. CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMUTER RAIL (CFCRT)

Ms. Tawny Olore, FDOT District 5, provided an informative presentation on the Central Florida Commuter Rail. Outlined were the benefits of rail, the future regional alignments, schedule for Phase I, operating plan, costs and financing for the project. There was a sense of support and interest from the JCAC members to have the same presentation made to their individual boards.

VIII. REGIONAL HURRICANE EVACUATION STUDY (TBRPC)

Ms. Betti Johnson, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council provided an overview of the Tampa Bay Regional Hurricane Evacuation Study. This is the 5th update of the Study, and another will be undertaken in 2007 to take into account the new SLOSH Model.

Ms. Johnson highlighted the results of the Behavioral Surveys recently conducted which confirmed the challenges of educating the public on who should evacuate, when that should take place, and where they should go during an occurrence. Ms. Johnson also summarized the population at risk, availability of shelters, evacuation time, and the need for more public education.

IX. REGIONAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN UPDATE (Pinellas MPO)

Ms. Karen Cunningham gave an overview of the Regional Public Involvement Plan and an evaluation of the outreach efforts to date. Effective public involvement on a regional basis is challenging.

The JCAC members agreed with the efforts to reach more people with printed materials, regional topics shared at meetings of member organizations, creating a database to record input, and refining the CCC website.

Mr. [chair of Polk CAC] recommended adding evacuation information to the regional outreach material and particularly on the website when there is a catastrophic occurrence.

Motion by Amon, 2nd by Guenther to recommend the CCC approve the 2007 Regional Public Involvement Plan with the caveat that hurricane evacuation information be included in the Plan. Passed unanimously.

X. MULTI-USE TRAILS PLAN UPDATE (Hernando MPO)

Mr. Hugh Pascoe gave an overview of the Regional Multi Use Plan development. He explained the efforts of each county to identify trail priorities and produce the regional trails map. More detailed work is now needed with the help of a consultant. TBRPC was chosen to assist with inventorying trail facilities, updating the Trails Plan Element and developing implementation strategies.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Request for Change to Legislation Governing Remote Voting

Mr. Ramon Solis explained the Pinellas County attorney's position to not pursue changing the legislation to allow for remote voting. Mr. Joe Amon added that Hillsborough County is not ready to concede considering all the new technology available, such as video-conferencing.

For the time being, the JCAC agree to continue to defer to the votes of the quorum present at the meeting and poll the remaining members at the satellite locations. This allows for decent votes to be voiced and discussed.

B. Regional Study Updates

Ms. Lee Royal was required at another meeting and was unable to present this item.

C. Next Meeting Location(s)

The JCAC members decided to follow the same meeting locations of the CCC. Mr. Solis volunteered to assist with the next JCAC meeting to be held in Hernando County with Mr. Pascoe gratefully accepting his assistance. After the February meeting, each county will be responsible for preparing the agenda packets and hosting the meeting.

February 27 – Hernando

May 22 – Pasco
August 28 – Hillsborough
November 27 – Polk

Sarasota and then Pinellas counties will host the first two meetings of 2008.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Florida Future Corridors Workshop Follow-Up

XIII. ADJOURNMENT