



Polk Transportation  
Planning Organization

## Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board

### APPROVED MEETING MINUTES Thursday, April 13, 2017

Neil Combee Administration Building, Commission Boardroom  
330 West Church Street  
Bartow, FL 33830

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**Voting Members Present:**

Commissioner Todd Dantzler  
Commissioner Bill Braswell  
Commissioner Melony Bell  
Commissioner George Lindsey  
Commissioner Phillip Walker  
Commissioner Don Selvage, *Chairman*  
Commissioner Bill Read  
Commissioner Jim Malless  
Mayor Pro Tem Nat Birdsong, *Vice Chairman*  
Mayor Eugene Fultz  
Commissioner Roy Tyler  
Commissioner Pat Huff

**Representing:**

Polk County BoCC  
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City of Lakeland  
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City of Lakeland  
City of Winter Haven  
City of Lake Wales  
City of Haines City  
City of Bartow

**East County Block Voting Members:**

Mayor Marlene Wagner

**South County Block Voting Members:**

Commissioner Barbara Manley

**East County Block Alternate Members:**

Mayor Charles Lake

Commissioner Willie Quarles

**Advisory Members Present:**

Secretary L.K. Nandam

Tom Deardorff

Randy Mink

**Others Present:**

Carol Scott

Rax Jang

Brian Ribaric

Patrick Bateman

Millie Brown

Bessie Reina

Laura Herrscher

**Representing:**

City of Lake Hamilton

**Representing:**

City of Fort Meade

**Representing:**

City of Lake Alfred

Town of Dundee

**Representing:**

FDOT, District One

Polk County TPO

TPO Legal Advisor

**Representing:**

Florida Department of Transportation

Florida Department of Transportation

FTE/Atkins

Florida Department of Transportation

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Chuck Barmby	City of Lakeland
Jan Parham	LAMTD
Jennifer Marshall	AIM
Danielle Blackshear	Florida Highway Administration
William Roll	Kimley-Horn & Associates
Amee Bailey	City of Lake Alfred
Annette Crews	Polk TPO
Ronnie Blackshear	Polk TPO
Curtis Knowles	Polk TPO
Ryan Kordek	Polk TPO
Xiomara Meeks	Polk TPO
Diane Slaybaugh	Polk TPO
Gloria Rake	Polk TPO

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Don Selvage called the TPO Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**2. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Selvage made note that Cheri Edwards is no longer with TPO and introduced Annette Crews.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Annette Crews, Polk TPO staff, confirmed a quorum of 12 voting members. Commissioner Barbara Manley, City of Fort Meade represented South County Block, Mayor Marlene Wagner, City of Lake Hamilton represented East County Block.

**4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Selvage opened the floor for public comment. Seeing none, the floor was closed.

**5. AGENDA REVIEW**

Tom Deardorff, TPO Executive Director, reviewed the agenda. Briefly reviewed the consent agenda and then highlighted several of the action items and presentations on the agenda and how they relate to the recent safety and complete streets initiatives supported by the TPO.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** Commissioner Phillip Walker motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Melony Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried without dissent.

**7. OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Public Hearing on Draft Amendment to the FY 2016/17-2020/21 TIP** - Tom Deardorff, TPO Executive Director, reviewed the TIP Amendment for FY 2016-2017 which includes

US 98 from 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Parkview Place to Crawford Place to make this area more pedestrian friendly area. The TAC recommended for the Board to approve the Draft TIP Amendments. Chairman Selvage opened the public hearing for the TIP amendments. Being none, Chairman Selvage closed the public hearing and asked for board discussion. A Roll call vote is required.

**Motion:** Commissioner George Lindsey motioned; seconded by Commissioner Malless. Unanimous vote approved.

**B. Review/Approve Draft TPO Resolution 2017-01 Supporting Efforts to Secure Additional Funding for the Widening of US 98 from Lakeland to US 301 in Pasco County** - Tom Deardorff discussed the TPO's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (Mobility 2040) and how the widening of US 98 is reflected in the Plan. He stated the project is important to both counties and is used by freight trucks as an alternative to Interstates 4 and 75. Chairman Selvage asked for questions; being none he asked for a motion. Commissioner Phillip Walker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lindsey. Motion carried without dissent.

**C. Board Appointments to CFMPO Alliance** - Tom Deardorff, discussed the MPO Alliance Board Appointments. Current members are Commissioner Roy Tyler, Commissioner Pat Huff and Commissioner Collin Smith with Commissioner Manley as alternate. Commissioner Jim Malless motioned to appoint these members for 2017, seconded by Commissioner Phillip Walker. Motion carried without dissent.

**D. Approve Kick-Off Event for Pledge to Slow Down Campaign-** Tom Deardorff, spoke about The Pledge to Slow Down Campaign. PGTV is working on the public service announcement which is in post-production and features Sheriff Grady Judd. Mr. Deardorff asked for approval from the Board for the kickoff for this campaign. Commissioner Phillip Walker motioned, seconded by George Lindsey. Motion carried without dissent.

## 8. PRESENTATIONS

### FDOT PD&E Studies

**A. State Road 570 and Braddock Road Interchange** - Brian Ribaric, Turnpike Project Manager with Atkins Consulting, reviewed the two to four-lane widening project on SR 570 which will be done in conjunction with the Braddock Road Interchange widening project. He discussed the purpose and need for the improvements and provided an overview of the interchange alternatives being considered. He also presented slide show of the timeline schedule for the project.

**State Road 60 from CR 630 to East of Kissimmee River Bridge** - Patrick Bateman, FDOT, reviewed the SR 60 project. Jennifer Marshall, AIM, consulting project manager, reviewed and presented a slideshow on study limits and the purpose and need for the project.

**B. South Florida Avenue Master Plan-** Laura Herrscher, FDOT, gave an overview of the State Road 37 (South Florida Avenue) Dixieland Study. Ms. Herrscher addressed the outline of the project, the multi-agency approach and who has participated in the Master Plan. She discussed the timeline on this project and the workshops that have been conducted to date. Ms. Herrscher

also provided an overview of the road diet options for the corridor and reviewed the traffic study that has been prepared by FDOT. Commissioner Lindsey made several comments regarding the study and stated he does not support the road diet option for the corridor. Commissioner Malless spoke about the importance of the study and role it can play in improving safety and redevelopment in the Dixieland Area.

## **9. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REPORT**

**US 17/92 Lake Alfred** - Laura Herrscher, FDOT, addressed the US 17/92 one way pair in Downtown Lake Alfred and the concerns which have been expressed by the City. These include traffic light timing, vehicle speed in the corridor, signage and pedestrian safety. Ms. Herrscher stated FDOT will continue to work with the City and TPO to develop any new plans and/or evaluations to help with future development.

**US 17/92 Trail Bridge** - Millie Brown, FDOT, discussed the new pedestrian bridge in Lake Alfred and that it will open on April 14<sup>th</sup> with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

## **10. Communications and Reports**

Tom Deardorff introduced Danielle Blackshear, Liaison with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

## **11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

## **12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Lindsey spoke about a proposed bill in Tallahassee which would, if passed, increase homestead exemption. He supplied a handout to all attendees.

Commissioner Malless encouraged FDOT to consider adding signage along Interstate 4 indicating how far it is to Lakeland and Polk County, as well as signage indicating when you have entered Lakeland and Polk County.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

*Respectfully transcribed by Annette Crews, Polk TPO Staff*

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