



Polk Transportation
Planning Organization

Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES Thursday, June 8, 2017

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

Voting Members Present:

Commissioner Todd Dantzler
Commissioner John Hall
Commissioner Bill Braswell
Commissioner Melony Bell
Commissioner George Lindsey
Commissioner Phillip Walker
Mayor Howard Wiggs
Commissioner Jim Malless
Mayor Pro Tem Nat Birdsong, *Vice-Chairman*
Mayor Eugene Fultz
Commissioner Justin Troller

Representing:

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

East County Block Voting Members:

Mayor Charles Lake

South County Block Voting Members:

Mayor Rodney Cannon

East County Block Alternate Members:

Commissioner Willie Quarles

South County Block Alternate Members:

Commissioner Barbara Manley

Commissioner Collins Smith

Advisory Members Present:

Secretary L.K. Nandam

Tom Deardorff

Randy Mink

Others Present:

Christopher Hatton

Michael Bissett

Commissioner Michael Burdelak

Brian Boller

D. Chesner

Erik Fleming

Representing:

City of Lake Alfred

Representing:

City of Frostproof

Representing:

Town of Dundee

Representing:

City of Fort Meade

City of Mulberry

Representing:

FDOT, District One

Polk County TPO

TPO Legal Advisor

Representing:

Kimley-Horn

Polk County Sheriff Office

City of Eagle Lake

HNTB

Florida Department of Transportation

AIM

Ben Walker	HNTB
Chuck Barmby	City of Lakeland
Jennifer Stults	Florida Turnpike
William Roll	Kimley-Horn
Harold Baxter	PRBSE
Millie Brown	Florida Department of Transportation
Laura Herrscher	Florida Department of Transportation
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

Vice-Chairman Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Birdsong called the TPO Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chairman Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Birdsong announced the Pledge to Slow Down Campaign kick-off and introduced Mr. Tom Deardorff, TPO Executive Director. Mr. Deardorff announced the kick off for the campaign and explained that marketing materials are available for distribution. Mr. Deardorff introduced the sponsors that were present.

Mr. Deardorff also announced the launch of the new Polk TPO website. Ms. Judi Ashlock, IT staff, explained the new website and when it will be updated. Ms. Trish Pichette, PGTV Staff, showed the Public Service Announcements available on the Polk TPO’s website.

3. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Annette Crews, Polk TPO staff, confirmed a quorum of 13 voting members. Mayor Rodney Cannon, City of Frostproof represented the South County Block and Mayor Charles Lake, City of Lake Alfred represented the East County Block.

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Birdsong opened the floor for public comment. Seeing none, the floor was closed.

5. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Deardorff, TPO Executive Director, informed that the printed agenda is in order and had no added remarks.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Commissioner Phillip Walker, seconded by Commissioner George Lindsey. Motion carried without dissent.

7. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Hearing on Draft TPO's Fiscal Year 2017/18-2021/22 Transportation Improvement Program – Ryan Kordek, TPO Staff, reviewed the TIP Program to the Board. Reviewed public comments that were made on the current projects. Laura Herrscher, FDOT Staff, answered questions about the TIP. Roll Call vote was required. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried without dissent. No public comments.

B. Review/Approve Draft TPO 2017 Priority Transportation Projects – Ryan Kordek, TPO Staff, requested that the board approve the priority road and highway projects for funding and programming as part of FDOT's Five Year Work Program. SR 572 Drainfield road is seeking additional funding for intersection improvements. Priority transportation projects are transit, complete streets, and multi-use trails.

Motion: Motioned by Mayor Charles Lake, Seconded by Commissioner Jim Malless. Motion carried without dissent.

8. PRESENTATIONS

A. Lakeland Area Alternatives Analysis- Deborah Chesna, FDOT, discussed the Lakeland Area Alternative Analysis. Phase I is being wrapped up on data collection and phase II they will look to address the current needs as a whole. Ben Walker, HTNB, discussed the Phase I results and the short and long term projects. Mr. Ben Walker gave an overview of what to expect in phase II of the project. Commissioner George Lindsey asked about left turns at red lights and how to make this a priority at all intersections. Mr. L.K. Nandam, FDOT, responded to Commissioner Lindsey about the red light issues. Mr. Tom Deardorff commented that this would be a good item to take to the next TAC meeting and have them review this issue.

9. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Millie Brown, FDOT, reported that the Combee Road and U.S. 98 analysis and the PD&E study were done and the information regarding those studies will be given a later time. Ms. Brown also announced the new Secretary for the FDOT is Mr. Michael J. Due replacing Mr. Jim Boxhold.

10. Communications and Reports

Mr. Deardorff introduced Mayor Rodney Cannon, City of Frostproof. He also introduced Julia Davis, TPO Senior Transportation Planner.

11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Jim Malless announced the dedication service for the Park and Ride service at U.S. 98 and I-4.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully transcribed by Annette Crews, Polk TPO Staff

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