



Polk Transportation
Planning Organization

Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES Thursday, August 10, 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
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City of Lakeland
City of Winter Haven
City of Lake Wales
City of Lakeland

East County Block Voting Members:

Mayor Marlene Wagner

South County Block Voting Members:

Mayor Rodney Cannon

East County Block Alternate Members:

Mayor Charles Lake
Commissioner Michael Burdelak

South County Block Alternate Members:

Commissioner Collins Smith

Advisory Members Present:

Secretary L.K. Nandam
Randy Mink

Others Present:

Ralph Bove
Charlene Ross
Lori Carlton
William Roll
Tyler Wallum
Richard Dreyer
Patrick Bateman

Representing:

Town of Lake Hamilton

Representing:

City of Frostproof

Representing:

City of Lake Alfred

City of Eagle Lake

Representing:

City of Mulberry

Representing:

FDOT, District One

TPO Legal Advisor

Representing:

Volkert

Florida Department of Transportation

Florida Department of Transportation

Kimley-Horn

Volkert

Tindle Oliver

Florida Department of Transportation

Laura Herscher	Florida Department of Transportation
Addie Javed	City of Haines City
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
Julia Davis	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 had no announcements.

3. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Annette Crews, Polk TPO staff, confirmed a quorum of 15 voting members. Mayor Rodney Cannon, City of Frostproof represented the South County Block and Mayor Marlene Wagner of Town of Lake Hamilton represented the East County Block.

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

5. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Ronnie Blackshear, Long Range Planning Director TPO Staff, reviewed the action items on the agenda which included the amendment to the TIP, with several presentations and reports. There were no changes to the printed agenda and no added remarks.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

7. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Hearing on Draft Amendments to the FY 2017/18-2021/22 TIP – Mr. Ronnie Blackshear, Long Range Planning Director TPO Staff, reviewed the TIP Program for the board. Recommended the board approve. Roll Call vote was required. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried without dissent. No public comments.

B. Request/Approve Changes to TPO Board Meeting Schedule – Mr. Blackshear, Long Range Planning Director TPO Staff, requested that the board approve the request to change the TPO Board meeting schedule which included canceling the Oct 12, 2017 and the Dec 14, 2017 meetings and rescheduling a meeting for Nov 9, 2017. The TAC meeting has also been rescheduled for October 26, 2017. No questions or comments about the schedule change. Commissioner George Lindsey asked question about the Highway 60 transportation updates. Mr. L.K. Nandam, FDOT, commented about the project completion and where the project is on the priority list.

Motion: Motioned by Commissioner George Lindsey, Seconded by Commissioner Bill Reed. Motion carried without dissent.

8. PRESENTATIONS

A. SR 655 (Recker Hwy)/CSX Railroad Crossing Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study- Patrick Bateman, FDOT, presented to the board an update on the Recker Highway project and an overview on what phase the project is in. Mr. Bateman introduced Tyler Wallum from Volkert and he explained the goals for the Recker Hwy PD&E Study. The Study will evaluate and document the engineering and environmental effects of replacing the existing at-grade crossing at the CSX crossing and Recker Hwy. Commissioner John Hall asks about the businesses that would have to be relocated. No other questions or comments.

B. Update on Pledge to Slow Down Campaign- Ms. Tina Mann, Communications Specialist, provided an update on the Pledge to Slow Down Campaign. The Pledge to Slow Down Campaign has currently around 184 online completed pledges. Presentations will be following in the next couple of weeks at local partners involved with the campaign. The second public service announcement which is the newest was shown to the board.

9. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Ms. Lori Carlton, FDOT, gave an overview of the E-Public Hearing that will be taking place during the week of Oct 16-20, 2017 and that the location has yet to be determined. Work Program Staff member Ms. Charlene Ross, FDOT, was presented as a shadow.

10. Communications and Reports

A. Status of Multi-Use Trail Projects- Mr. Kordek, TPO Staff, presented a slideshow for projects that have been completed and projects that are in the process of being completed. Commissioner Melony Bell commented on the timeline for the connectivity of the trails.

B. 2017 APA Neighborhood Mobility Audit Award- Chairman Selvage announced that the Polk TPO received the Best Practices Award for Excellence in July 2017 for the Neighborhood Mobility Audits and will receive recognition along with Xiomara Meeks at the APA Conference in September 2017.

11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Charles Lake thanked the FDOT for starting to do work in Lake Alfred.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:58 A.M.

Respectfully transcribed by Annette Crews, Polk TPO Staff

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