



Polk Transportation  
Planning Organization

**MEETING NOTICE**

**POLK TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) BOARD**

DATE: Thursday, February 25, 2016  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
LOCATION: Polk County Commission Boardroom  
Neil Combee Administration Building  
330 West Church Street  
Bartow, Florida 33830

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Commissioner George Lindsey, III, Board Chairman, Presiding

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chairman Lindsey**

**3. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM – Ms. Simmons**

**4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**5. AGENDA REVIEW – Mr. Deardorff**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**(Tab 1)**

*These action items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. A Board member may request an item be moved to the regular agenda for discussion. As applicable, consent agenda items have been recommended by the Technical Advisory Committees for approval.*

**A. Approve Minutes – December 10, 2015**

**B. Approve Draft Amendment to the FY 2014/15 – 2015/16 Unified Planning Work Program**

Staff requests the Board to approve a budget amendment on software used to develop the Transportation Improvement Program. This amendment will result in a cost savings.

**C. Approve Appointment to Polk County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board**

Staff requests the Board to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Steven Hunnicutt to the Coordinating Board as a representative of mass transit.

**7. OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Review/Approve Draft Strategic Plan for the Polk TPO (Tab 2)**

Staff will request the Board to review and approve the Draft Strategic Plan for 2016-2018. This plan will guide the TPO's planning program and the implementation of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (Momentum 2040). It will form the basis for the Draft FY 2016/17 – 2017/18 Unified Planning Work Program. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends approval.

**8. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Closeout of Lakeland/Winter Haven Transportation Management Area Certification Review (TAB 3)**

Based on its review, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration have jointly certified that the TPO's planning process meets federal requirements. A representative of the certification review team will present its final report.

**B. Tampa Bay Express Project**

A project representative will provide an overview of this proposed project – the addition of express toll lanes to interstate highways in the Tampa Bay region.

**C. Florida Department of Transportation District (FDOT) One Freight Mobility and Trade Study and Implementation Plan**

FDOT staff will provide an update on this study effort.

## **9. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

The current Chairman and Vice-Chairman have both served two consecutive terms. They are not eligible for re-election to their same post due to term-limits.

## **10. Board Appointments**

- Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council
- Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board
- West Central Florida Chairs Coordinating Committee
- Ridge Scenic Highway Corridor Management Entity
- Central Florida MPO Alliance

## **11. AGENCY REPORTS**

### **A. Florida Department of Transportation**

### **B. Polk Transit**

## **12. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

## **13. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

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