



Polk Transportation Planning Organization

MEETING AGENDA

Date: Thursday, October 12, 2023
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Commission Boardroom
Polk County Administration Building
330 West Church Street
Bartow, Florida 33830

Commissioner Jack Myers, Board Chairman, Presiding

INTRODUCTION

1. Call to Order – Jack Myers, Polk TPO Chairman
2. Confirmation of Quorum
3. Opportunity for Public Comment
4. Agenda Review – Mr. Parag Agrawal, Polk TPO Executive Director

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 on these items. A Board member may request an item be moved to the regular agenda for discussion.

5. Approve Minutes – August 24, 2023
6. Approve Polk TPO Executive Director Quarterly Timesheets and Expense Reimbursements

Staff requests the Board to approve the timesheets and expense reimbursements for the Polk TPO Executive Director for the third quarter of 2023, in accordance with FDOT Technical Memorandum 19-05, as amended.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS (TAB 2)

7. Public Hearing on Draft Amendments to FY 2023/24 – 2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

(ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)

The Board will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of amendments to the TIP to include projects previously funded, but not completed, under the prior TIP. These projects are contained in the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) "Roll Forward" Report as attached. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends approval.

8. Review/Approval of Draft TPO Resolution 2023-11 Approving FDOT's Polk County SunRail Extension Study

Following a presentation by FDOT, the Board will be requested to approve a resolution accepting the findings of the study and request FDOT to further evaluate/analyze the concept. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends approval. (Attachment)

9. Review/Approval of Draft TPO Proclamation 2023-01 Recognizing Greenways and Trails Month and Mobility Week

The Board will be asked to approve Draft TPO Proclamation 2023-01 recognizing October 2023 as Greenways and Trails Month and October 27th through November 4th, 2023, as Mobility Week.

10. Review/Approval of Amended TPO Resolution 2023-08 Approving the TPO Membership Apportionment Plan for Submittal to Member Jurisdictions and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

The Board will be requested to take action on the amended resolution. The amendment consists of adding one (1) member to the City of Lakeland's representation on the TPO Board providing the City with a total of six (6) members. (Attachment)

PRESENTATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS (TAB 3)

11. Lake Wales Envisioned

The City's project consultant will provide an overview of the Lake Wales Envisioned Plan that has been prepared by the City. (Attachment)

12. Moving Florida Forward – Interstate 4

The FDOT recently announced that two (2) projects on Interstate 4 in Polk County will be programmed for Construction. Staff will review these projects with the Board.

REPORTS

13. Executive Director's Report

- a. Federal Certification Review
- 14. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Report
- 15. Opportunity for Public Comment
- 16. Board Member Comments
 - a. Commissioner George Lindsey – Transportation Sales Surtax Discussion
- 17. Adjournment

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