



MEETING AGENDA

Please be advised that the **VOLUSIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (VTPO) LEGISLATIVE ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE** will be meeting on:

DATE: Monday, February 11, 2013
TIME: 8:00 a.m.
PLACE: Volusia TPO Executive Conference Room
 2570 W. International Speedway Blvd., Suite 100
 Daytona Beach, Florida 32114

Commissioner Robert Gilliland, Chairman Presiding

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF VOLUSIA TPO LEGISLATIVE ISSUES PLATFORM FOR 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION *(Contact: Lois Bollenback) (Enclosures, pages 2-3)*

Each year, the Volusia TPO Board approves a list of priorities that the organization will support during the upcoming legislative session (recommendations are developed by the Legislative Issues Subcommittee). Enclosed are the adopted Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) 2013 Legislative Session Priorities. Additional information will be provided under separate cover.

III. STAFF COMMENTS

IV. MEMBER COMMENTS

V. ADJOURNMENT

Note: Individuals covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 in need of accommodations for this public meeting should contact the Volusia TPO office, 2570 W. International Speedway Blvd., Suite 100, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114-8145; (386) 226-0422, extension 21 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting date.

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 Daytona Beach
 Daytona Beach Shores
 DeBary

DeLand
 Deltona
 Edgewater
 Flagler Beach

Holly Hill
 Lake Helen
 New Smyrna Beach
 Oak Hill

Orange City
 Ormond Beach
 Pierson
 Ponce Inlet

Port Orange
 South Daytona
 Volusia County



2013 Legislative Session Transportation Priorities

(Adopted January 11, 2013)

Safety

Ban Use of Hand-held Electronic Devices While Driving

Enact legislation to prohibit the use of hand-held electronic devices while driving.

Funding

Protect the State Transportation Trust Fund and Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund

In addition to revenues generated by transportation-related surcharges already directed outside the Transportation Trust Fund, millions of transportation dollars have been diverted each year from the Transportation Trust Fund for other purposes. Overall, such diversions and lost revenues degrade the state's infrastructure and impact Central Florida's competitiveness for federal discretionary funding. Likewise, negative impacts to the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund should be avoided.

Amend Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax to Make Eligible to all Counties with an MPO

The current legislation allows a surtax to be taken before voters as a referendum to fund transportation projects through an up to one percent consumption tax. The law has evolved through the last 25 years to now be eligible to all charter counties, as well as to any non-charter county that is part of a Regional Transportation Authority. The transportation surtax is an appropriate referendum option for urban counties and therefore should be extended to all counties served by a metropolitan planning organization in order to provide funding for cost-feasible transportation plans.

Local Option Rental Car Surcharge

Authorize a \$2.50/day local option rental car surcharge (implemented through a public referendum) with proceeds committed to regional transit projects.

Statewide Trail System

"Close the Gaps" in the Statewide Trail System

Seek inclusion of proviso language from the legislature for the Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to work with the Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation and appropriate metropolitan planning organizations to "close the gaps" in the statewide trail system with a plan submitted to the legislature by December 30, 2013 and progress reports submitted each year for the next three years.

The CFMPOA will support legislation that:

- Returns all motor vehicle fees to the State Transportation Trust Fund.
- Allows up to a one-cent municipal option sales tax for cities with population in excess of 150,000 (or the largest municipality in a county).
- Allows for indexing of local option fuel taxes to CPI, consistent with indexing allowed for state fuel taxes.
- Preserves the existing coordinated system for paratransit service.
- Advances Florida’s Comprehensive, Statewide Rail System Plan.
- Continues investments in Space Transportation Infrastructure.
- Prohibits additional increases in federal truck weight limits in the State of Florida.

The CFMPOA will monitor legislation that:

- Proposes changes in Chapter 339.175, Florida Statutes pertaining to metropolitan planning organization Board composition and operations.
- Proposes creation of a Central Florida Regional Expressway Authority (CFREA).
- Seeks to alter or repeal Red Light Camera Enforcement legislation.

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