

SEMINOLE COUNTY EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY MEETING
Seminole County Services Building
1101 East First Street; Room 1028; Sanford, Florida

November 10, 2009
4:00 P.M.
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Michael McLean, Chairman, Presiding
Commissioner Gary L. Brender, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Bob Dallari
Commissioner Brenda Carey
Commissioner Carlton Henley
Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide
Commissioner Art Woodruff

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Gary Johnson, SCEA Executive Director
Matthew Minter, Assistant County Attorney, SCEA Counsel
Jerry McCollum, P.E., County Engineer
Fred Coulter, Fiscal Services Department, for Lisa Spriggs, SCEA Secretary-Treasurer
Sabrina O'Bryan, Assistant County Manager
Sheralyn Brinson, Administrative Assistant, SCEA Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT:

Alice E. Gilmartin, AICP, Government Affairs Officer, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Antonia Gerli, AICP, Principal Planner, City of Sanford Planning Department
Seminole County Employee Academy Students
Chris Wojton, Environmental Services Department
Rick Johnson, Public Works Department
Lynne Smith, Leisure Services Department

ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner McLean called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

ITEM #2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Henley gave the invocation; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Commissioner Dallari**.

ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2009 MEETING

Upon motion by **Commissioner Brender** and second by **Commissioner Dallari**, Minutes of the May 12, 2009 Meeting were approved unanimously.

ITEM #4: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman McLean asked Mr. Johnson to hand out to the Board, for informational purposes, a copy of the November 9, 2009, letter he received today from Thomas C. Feeney, III, of the law firm of Fowler, O'Quinn & Sneed, P.A., regarding the preferred route of the Wekiva Parkway.

Chairman McLean stated:

It appears Mr. Feeney is engaged in the process and wanted the Board to have information citing his version of the events that have happened in the past up until now. We'll digest that information and see where that may take us. As you know the process is still working forward with the Department of Transportation working through the logistics of exactly what they are going to bring back to us. We have not seen that yet. At that point, it would be appropriate to involve all. If there are any questions, I will attempt to answer them.

ITEM #5: REORGANIZATION OF THE AUTHORITY FOR 2009-2010: ELECTION OF OFFICERS**(a) Gavel passed to the Executive Director**

The gavel was passed to **Gary Johnson**, Executive Director, who opened the floor for nominations for the office of Chairman; he noted the nominations do not need to be motioned nor seconded.

(b) Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Commissioner Carey nominated Commissioner Brender, commenting that he has done a wonderful job as Vice Chairman. Upon motion by **Commissioner Van Der Weide** and second by **Commissioner Carey**, the nomination was closed. Commissioner Brender was elected Chair unanimously.

(c) Gavel passed to the Elected Chair

Mr. Johnson passed the gavel to Chair-Elect Commissioner Gary Brender for election of the Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Van Der Weide nominated Commissioner McLean.

Upon motion by Commissioner Dallari and second by Commissioner Carey, the nomination was closed. Commissioner McLean was elected Vice Chair unanimously.

(d) Election of Secretary-Treasurer**Gary Johnson stated:**

In past years Seminole County's Fiscal Services Director, Lisa Spriggs, has served in this capacity and in this instance, she has recommended one of her staff members, Mr. Fred Coulter, who has served as the Public Works Department's Budget Analyst for some time. I fully support his nomination.

Commissioner Carey nominated Fred Coulter for Secretary-Treasurer.

Commissioner Henley moved to close the nominations. Fred Coulter was elected Secretary-Treasurer unanimously.

ITEM #6: INFORMATIONAL UPDATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**(a) Wekiva River Basin Commission Update****From 02/27/09 and 06/29/09 Meetings - Gary Johnson, SCEA Executive Director****Gary Johnson stated:**

I missed one of these meetings; I believe Jerry was at the June meeting and I can speak to the February meeting. The discussion continues to revolve at least in terms of the alignment of the Parkway around some of the historic structures that are being dealt with in Orange and/or Lake Counties. Mr. Snyder advised Jerry and me recently that they anticipate they may be ready for a public hearing after the first of the year; that they may be able to get through those issues and schedule a public hearing at that time. That's the most recent update on the Basin Commission.

(b) Wekiva Parkway Update – Gary Johnson, SCEA Executive Director**Gary Johnson stated:**

I believe all of you have been recently visited by Mr. Snyder and/or his team to talk about some of the issues they are looking at, mostly focused at the crossing of the Wekiva into Seminole County and some of the Lake County traffic issues they are trying to solve. We have received additional traffic analyses that Jerry and I are looking at; we have not completed that review or given our feedback to the Expressway Authority yet; but that is a recent development that I think you all have had the experience of visiting with that team.

Commissioner Henley stated:

When I met with Mr. Snyder and received that information, I reminded him that he might be putting the cart before the horse because I did not know we had agreed to allow the Expressway Authority to do that.

Jerry McCollum stated:

After looking over the information, I talked to the consultant briefly and basically said we need a complete operational study from the Wekiva River up to Orange Boulevard showing the interaction of that traffic as they had originally talked about a stop condition especially crossing the river. I don't think from an engineering viewpoint that would work well but they promised to get that information; so I cannot recommend anything to the Board until I have an analysis which they are to provide to us; I hope to have that within the next 2-3 weeks.

Chairman Brender asked: Would there be a need once you digest the information, to have this Board come together at other than its regular meeting?

Jerry McCollum replied: I don't believe so at this stage. I can certainly discuss that issue with each Board member separately; and if there is a severe issue, I would talk to you as Chair and see how to work through that. At this stage, I think I can brief each Commissioner individually.

Chairman Brender called for questions, there were none.

ITEM #7: OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) **Discussion: Draft Interlocal Agreement Between the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority and Seminole County, Florida - W. Gary Johnson, SCEA Executive Director**

Gary Johnson stated:

This Interlocal Agreement was discussed briefly at a recent Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting; based on our initial review of that agreement, the question of voting membership for Seminole County on either the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority's (OOCEA) Board or on a Regional Board had not been addressed by that Agreement. I have taken the liberty of preparing correspondence for either the Chairman's signature or I would be happy to sign for the Board, basically explaining that we have reviewed this Agreement and we do not see that provision indicated in the Agreement.

A copy of the draft letter was handed out.

Commissioner Henley requested a copy of the draft agreement.

Gary Johnson stated he would make it available to the SCEA Board.

The draft agreement that Jerry McCollum and I have seen does not include any language regarding either a seat at the current OOCEA Board or a Regional Board which has been proposed by this Commission and our County Commission as well.

Commissioner Dallari requested a copy of the makeup of the existing Board and a copy of the draft Interlocal Agreement, which Gary Johnson agreed to provide.

Gary Johnson stated:

What I am proposing in this correspondence would be that they revise the Agreement to incorporate language of at least a commitment of intent and/or process that would be necessary to either accommodate a voting membership on the current OOCEA or on a regional board should that be the direction they choose to go.

Commissioner McLean stated:

We definitely made it clear by resolution early this year this was a route that we wanted to see at least progress made on and as far as I know there has not been any communication regarding that at all; it's very much appropriate that we move in that direction.

Gary Johnson stated:

I believe Mr. Snyder is expecting that type of feedback based on the Agreement not containing that language.

Commissioner Brender stated:

I had a chance to sit down with Mr. Snyder yesterday and his impression is before anything comes in the way of design money for this program we have to have an interlocal agreement in place in the next six months before anything can happen. Obviously he has no authority to create tolls in Seminole County if there is going to be a toll and that seems to be the way it's looking; secondly, he objected to the idea of changing the makeup of his Board in order to accommodate Seminole County and Lake County but he said that is far beyond him.

Commissioner Dallari stated: In my conversation with him he said he supported it.

Commissioner Van Der Weide agreed stating he can't afford to propose it but that's the way we need to go.

Commissioner Carey stated: It's his Board that does not support it.

Commissioner Van Der Weide stated:

That's the reason you're going to have to go legislative; because now it's made up of four (4) appointees and one elected official which is stipulated to be the Mayor of Orange County; that's through legislation. They are not going to voluntarily do it; but if they want this route over here as far as I'm concerned then they will have to work with us to get the legislation or they have raised the fee with no where to put the money. Lake County and Osceola County have taken the same position; we have to support it and we need to reaffirm to them or at least communicate with them the letter we are sending back so they know what the process is and what our position is.

Commissioner Carey stated: The letter Gary Johnson has drafted indicates that's the big sticking point right now; the sooner we get this letter out and have their Board discuss it, the sooner we can get it to the Legislative Delegation if there needs to be a legislative change.

Gary Johnson stated: That's why we're talking about it today.

Commissioner Dallari recommended that a copy be sent to Lake County, Osceola County and the City of Orlando.

Commissioner Van Der Weide stated:

I've talked to the Mayor in the City of Orlando; he said he had no problem with the proposal we have; I talked to Dean Cannon when he was here for the ribbon cutting on the new road about the idea and he said he didn't have any problem with it; and he wanted to see all transportation elements brought into one authority, Lynx, Rail and the Expressway, a truly regional authority; whether he's changed his mind since then, I don't know but that was his opinion then.

Commissioner McLean stated:

Perhaps on Thursday, we might want to have someone, if you're available Mr. Chairman, make that case. Let's voice that instead of waiting for letters; let's voice that this is the direction we want to have them begin to think about; I think we should formally do that Thursday.

Commissioner Carey stated:

We should get the letter out quickly because if we have the OOCEA opposing it, before it gets started and blows up it would be easier to get everybody on the same page.

Gary Johnson stated: I believe the Legislative Delegation received the earlier communication from the Chairman.

Commissioner Brender stated: We can e-mail this to them and they would have it tomorrow and it won't be a big surprise.

Jerry McCollum stated: I don't really think it's a surprise to them; we made it very clear to Mr. Snyder, both Mr. Johnson and myself several months ago, that would be the only way we would think about recommending anything to our Board; I'm sure they are aware of that situation.

Commissioner Woodruff asked: Are we going to require that this have taken place before we enter into the interlocal? I would want somebody on the Board before we sign the interlocal agreement.

Commissioner Dallari stated he agreed wholeheartedly.

Gary Johnson confirmed he had clear direction.

**(b) Discussion: SR-417 Signage/Seminole Way Signage
Gary Johnson, SCEA Executive Director**

Gary Johnson stated:

Thank you Mr. Chairman, following up on a discussion at our last meeting of this Board, we have obtained the necessary information from the Turnpike Enterprise as to accomplishing a designation; there is a legislative part to that process as well as a local part. Once again, I have taken the liberty of drafting correspondence, (copy handed out) anticipating the Legislative Delegation's visit this Thursday. One of the steps necessary, and I believe Mr. Brantley has had some discussions with us about this in the past, we're talking about the designation of 417 in Seminole County as Seminole Way as the corridor. That is possible under the statute which is referenced in this correspondence which provides that such designation can be created by an act of the Legislature. It does not say local bill; I'm seeking to determine what that means in the words "act of the legislature"; once the Legislature makes such designation and the local jurisdictions through which the corridor passes adopt resolutions of support, the DOT will place the signs; the signs would be of the type that you may be familiar with for memorial purposes; they are typically brown; they have bridges named after people, usually deceased people, but in this case, this would be a designation, not a memorial and it would seemingly fit the bill for that process to get a sign at each end of the corridor identifying it as Seminole Way. This correspondence is intended to provide you with a vehicle to have some discussion on Thursday with the Legislative Delegation to get the legislative piece in place if this group agrees that's the way you want to go; then we would pursue the local resolutions with the cities as well as our Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner McLean stated:

This has come 360 degrees around because when I initiated discussions with Mr. Brantley our lobbyist, he said we needed to have something formally done by our Board, which we have done; now we are making it towards hopefully getting the Legislation Delegation to pass grace over it and we can move forward with it.

Gary Johnson stated: The signage would be at no cost to the County or the Cities; that would be absorbed by the DOT.

Commissioner Carey stated:

At one point there was some discussion about trying to brand Seminole Way with a logo, etc; has that been developed to the point that it would be part of the signage; in other words in the wayfinding instance, they stick to one logo and do things that are recognizable, we live in an icon society.

Commissioner McLean stated:

We have a brand from early on when we began the process that Bev Weinberg’s product marketing group did; we have an identifiable brand which I would hope we could use for the signage.

Gary Johnson stated: We would try to get that accomplished through the Turnpike Enterprise in this case.

Commissioner Carey requested the branding information be re-circulated to the Board.

Chairman Brender asked whether this matter would have to come before the Legislative Delegation Thursday.

Gary Johnson responded, the letter could be finalized and ready on Thursday.

Chairman Brender asked if there were any objections? There were none.

END OF REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA

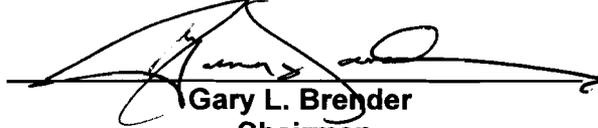
Chairman Brender called for other discussion points – there were none.

ITEM #8: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 11, 2010.



Jerry McCollum
Acting Executive Director



Gary L. Brender
Chairman

Attachments

- (1) November 9, 2009 Letter from Thomas C. Feeney, III; Fowler, O’Quinn, Feeney & Sneed, P.A., to Commissioner Michael McLean, SCEA, Re: The Wekiva Parkway
- (2) November 10, 2009, Letter in Draft Form from Michael J. McLean, SCEA Chairman, to Mr. Michael Snyder, P.E., Executive Director, OOCEA. Subject: Interlocal Agreement Between The Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority and Seminole County – Wekiva Parkway
- (3) November 12, 2009, Letter in Draft Form from Michael J. McLean, SCEA Chairman, to the Legislative Delegation. Subject: Seminole Way

Approved: 06-08-2010

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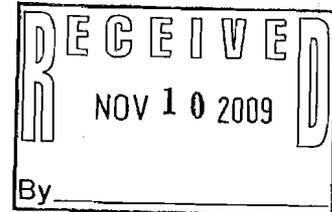
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November 9th, 2009



Commissioner Michael McLean
Board of Seminole County Expressway Authority
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Dear Commissioner McLean,

I represent the Wekiva Parkway Community Coalition, Inc. (WPCC), a Non-Profit Corporation representing hundreds of homeowners, small businesses, churches and property owners located within Seminole County and in close proximity to what is commonly referred to as the 'Recommended Preferred Alternative' for the Wekiva Parkway. My clients support the long standing position of the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and the Seminole County Expressway Authority opposing any toll road or expressway through Seminole County.

On December 10, 2002, the Seminole County BCC unanimously adopted a resolution opposing any toll route or Expressway facility that crosses the Wekiva River into Seminole County. The Commission further requested that the Wekiva River Task Force remove from consideration any such proposed corridor in Seminole County, and urged partner agencies involved in Central Florida's transportation planning to consider other alternatives to address the Governor's executive order which created the taskforce. (See Addendum 'A', Memo from Gary Johnson sent December 10, 2002)

Part of the reasoning for the unanimous decision was "significant concerns of detrimental impacts for the citizens of Seminole County". In fact, the then Chair of the Seminole County BCC, Commissioner Daryl McLain, famously was quoted at the December 10 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners saying "there is no way Seminole County is going to allow them to bulldoze through existing communities". The organization of homeowners, business, church groups and others that I represent strongly endorses that responsible and long held position of the Seminole County Board expressed in its December 10, 2002 Resolution, a position which was a major factor influencing choices made by my constituents to locate in the bucolic, Seminole County portion of the Wekiva River Basin.

The Wekiva Basin Area Taskforce "Final Report" was issued on January 15, 2003. Among other provisions of that final report, Recommendation 2 specifically spelled out that:

“The final alignment within Seminole County shall be subject to the approval of the Seminole County Expressway Authority.”

The Taskforce went on to make clear that the Seminole County Commissioners had adopted a resolution opposing a new toll road or expressway crossing the Wekiva River into Seminole County, and that Commissioner's urged a “strong local preference to use the State Road 46 quarter to the maximum extent feasible. (See recommendation to Wekiva Basin Area Taskforce Final Report, January 15, 2003). Approximately one month later, at the Seminole County Expressway Authority Meeting held Thursday, February 13, 2003, the Seminole County Expressway Authority members were briefed on the Wekiva Area Basin Taskforce Final Report. Commissioners present that evening included Commissioner Brender, Commissioner Henley, Commissioner McClain, Commissioner Malloy, Commissioner Van Der Weide and Commissioner Woodruff. During the minutes of that Seminole County Expressway Authority meeting, Steve Lee, Deputy County Attorney stated that “in my view the provisions of the special act would grant this authority the final determination of a location of toll roads...”. He went on to say “I think the special act is clear with respect to your authority”. As an attorney and former State Legislator, familiar with statutory interpretation, I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Lee's legal advice to the Board that night.

During the course of a rather lengthy discussion between Expressway Authority Members, joined by Mr. Gary Johnson, Executive Director, Mr. Steve Lee, Seminole County Expressway Authority Counsel, and Jerry McCullom, Seminole County Engineer, Commissioner Daryl McClain summed up the position of Seminole County as follows:

“That's why our Board a couple of years ago decided to pass a resolution stating that we oppose any toll road into Seminole County; we stated our position, made it clear that we could work with them as far as controlled access four-lane access road that would connect to it. Just like Maitland Boulevard, it is anticipated to be a controlled access road that will eventually connect to the Western Beltway through the Apopka Bypass. We also believe that a connection to the Western Beltway should be made from Volusia County. That's their decision but we think it's short-sighted to end the road here across the bridge where we have all of these Interchanges and everybody is coming into Seminole County causing this congestion. I don't see where it's going to be that beneficial and I agreed I don't see how they can get a major interchange between the river and 46A. I just want to assure the people here that we are going to be very cautious; we're going to make sure that we are diligent in reviewing this process; we're going to make sure that we do the proper oversight to make sure that we look out for our interests because all of us have a substantial investment in our community and our quality of life and we have got to keep that in the forefront of our decision-making process”.

Commissioner Henley then went on to reiterate the long-standing position of the Seminole County Expressway Authority Board. He said “this Board, since 1998, has been unanimous in the position and I have seen nothing come forth from the task force or anywhere else that would cause me as one

member and I don't think any other members, to change our position on it". Commissioner Brender next stated, in part "I can't foresee anything changing from this Board's position..."

Commissioner McClain later in the meeting said that "the Seminole County BCC has unanimously stated that we oppose any Expressway Authority toll road into Seminole County outside of the 46 alignment; that we support a controlled access road". And later stated "the Seminole County Commission would not tolerate disrupting a development community and taking out houses in Seminole County.". Finally, Commissioner McClain, as part of the Board Discussion/Wrap-up summed up the meeting as follows:

"I think it would be important to reaffirm that this Expressway Authority is supportive of a controlled access connector to a Western beltway but we are not interested in seeing a major toll road coming through our community and disrupting the lives of our citizens."

In reliance upon the unanimous and longstanding positions of both the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners and the Seminole County Expressway Authority, individuals, families, non-profit organizations and businesses have made investments in improving their property, have made mortgage payments despite principal balances often in excess of property values and otherwise relied on the good faith of their locally elected representatives, and the authority of the Seminole County Expressway Authority to reject plans that would devastate the community.

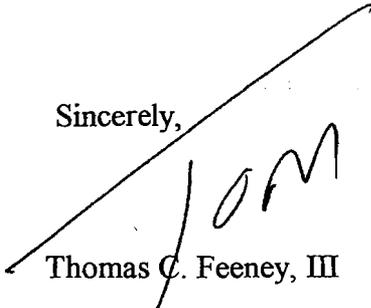
Numerous families that are part of our coalition have purchased their homes since the Seminole County Expressway Authority and the Seminole County Board of Commissioners have unanimously reassured property owners that no toll road would be constructed across the Wekiva River into Seminole County and no Expressway built through their community, and numerous others purchased homes prior to that time based on previous assurances. The so-called "Recommended Preferred Alternative" not only would result in bulldozing local homes and businesses, and condemning the homes of families, but for the overwhelming majority of my clients may result in no damages reimbursed from the government entity constructing the beltway. Indeed, the property values have already been greatly diminished by the mere threat that a horrific expressway, beltway, toll road or other eyesore monstrosity would be constructed through their neighborhood. Actually building the Road as proposed would destroy the communities, decimating property values and violating long held commitments by their selected leaders.

On behalf of my clients, I would urgently request that the Seminole County Expressway Authority hold a meeting to ratify its long standing commitments, remove a burdensome cloud on property owners, and assure Seminole County citizens that their quality of life will not be destroyed. The Seminole County Board of County Commissions should also affirm to agencies, including the Florida Department of Transportation and Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority, that there are multiple alternatives to serving the transportation needs of tourists and others travelling from North of Seminole County to Western and Southwestern Florida and the tourist attractions. Those alternatives include an extension of 415 on the East which would be dramatically shorter for automobiles to travel, a western beltway extension that would connect in either Sanford near the I-4 Bridge, a more

reasonable western beltway completion in Volusia County, and other alternatives to a super highway that would be less destructive of lives and property values. Despite dramatic changes in Florida's economy, transportation plans, and population growth, no serious reconsideration has been given to the decades-old Beltway plan, or, indeed, even the need for a western Beltway in consideration of these changes. (A study of one of many proposed alternatives was by design, pre-determined to have a hostile conclusion. Costs were greatly inflated, a ± \$500,000,000 bridge expansion added, gold plated designs were used, and sensitive political communities deliberately targeted for destruction. Having artificially inflated cost of construction, and deliberately micro-determined bizarre routes, the study conclusion was that the Alternative was expensive and unworkable.) Additionally, this was juxtaposed to the cost of the so-called Recommended Preferred Alternative, employing the OOCOEA termed "threading the needle" design approach, proposing a raised beltway with vertical 25 foot walls, cutting a swath through the affected neighborhoods. By using such a design, those pushing for this alignment seek to artificially sub-optimize costs that would be incurred if the design had complied with the mandated 'parkway look and feel' which would require sloped, landscaped offsets, rather than vertical walls.

My clients have retained me to assist the Seminole County Commissioners and the Seminole County Expressway Authority in keeping commitments accepted by and relied upon people they represent. Enormous damages and a cloud on the value of properties will continue to burden Seminole County residents until the Expressway Authority ratifies its position and outside interests redesign a more feasible and less destructive proposal. My clients would far prefer to be reassured by their representatives that they will continue to have their homes and neighborhoods protected from destruction, as opposed to engaging in expensive and time consuming administrative challenges and litigation. I thank you for your service and look forward to working with you to preserve the interests of Seminole County and propose more reasonable alternatives for achieving multi regional and statewide transportation goals.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Feeney, III

Brinson, Sheralyn

From: Gary Johnson
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2002 4:57 PM
Subject: A Press Release from Seminole County, FL
Attachments: Wekiva-Beltway Resolution.pdf

SEMINOLE COUNTY COMMISSION RECEIVES BRIEFING ON WEKIVA TASK FORCE/WESTERN BELTWAY

On December 10, 2002, the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners received a briefing on preliminary recommendations recently developed by the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force. Chairman Daryl McLain identified that these recommendations would be a topic of further discussion, public input and potential action at the upcoming December 16 and 17 meetings of the Task Force. Based upon significant concerns of detrimental impacts for the citizens of Seminole County, the Board adopted a resolution opposing any toll route or expressway facility that crosses the Wekiva River into Seminole County. The Commission further requested that the Task Force remove from consideration any such proposed corridor in Seminole County and urged partner agencies in central Florida's transportation planning to consider other alternatives to address the Governor's Executive Order which created the Task Force.

The resolution further identifies that the Seminole County Expressway Authority should be recognized and included as the legislatively established decision-making authority if further consideration of an extension of the western beltway into Seminole County were to occur. This resolution, background and a report of the County Commission's discussions will be delivered to the Task Force by County Commissioner Randy Morris, Chairman of the Seminole County Expressway Authority during the upcoming two-day Task Force meeting.

For further information, please contact the Seminole County Expressway Authority, Gary Johnson, Executive Director/Seminole County Public Works Director, at 407-665-5601.

For further information, please contact:

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MARYANNE HORSE
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY J. McClellan
DEPUTY CLERK

RESOLUTION

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON THE 10th DAY OF December, A.D., 2002.

WHEREAS, Seminole County has been an active participant and collaborative partner in addressing regional transportation issues; and

WHEREAS, the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners has been a part of the ongoing effort by the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force to find the most appropriate location for a highway route that connects State Road 429 to Interstate 4 and which causes the least disruption and provides the greatest protection to the citizens of the region and the Wekiva Basin ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have previously stated that State Road 46 west of Orange Boulevard in Seminole County can only be upgraded to a 4-lane non-limited (controlled) access facility and that a Western Beltway should begin at a point north of Seminole County and not cross the Wekiva River; and

WHEREAS, a preliminary recommendation currently under consideration by the Task Force would be inconsistent with prior Seminole County Expressway Authority actions as well as the approved Comprehensive Plan in Seminole County and the Long Range Plan of MetroPlan Orlando; and

WHEREAS, the MetroPlan Orlando Long Range Plan and the Comprehensive Plan of Seminole County are of extreme importance to Central Florida's citizenry; and

WHEREAS, both these plans were based on regional decisions to properly plan for future generations and provide transportation facilities to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed corridor in Northwest Seminole County between the Wekiva River and Interstate 4 under consideration by the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force would negatively impact these approved and important plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, in open meeting duly assembled this 10th day of December, A.D., 2002, that:

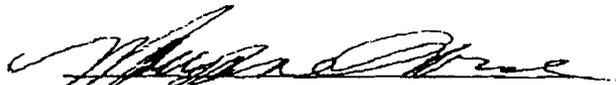
- The Seminole County Commission opposes any toll route or expressway facility that crosses the Wekiva River into Seminole County;
- The County Commission further requests that the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force remove from consideration any such proposed toll or expressway corridor in Seminole County;

- The Seminole County Commission urges the Department of Community Affairs, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force to consider recommending the acceleration of the Apopka Bypass as a toll facility and that funding be provided to construct the Volusia/Seminole Connector between State Road 417 (Seminole County) and Interstate 95 (Volusia County);
- The Seminole County Commission requests that if the Task Force considers recommending an extension of the Western Beltway into Seminole County, the Seminole County Expressway Authority be recognized and included as the legislatively established decision-making authority in any process for selecting such route;
- The Chair of the County Commission or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to transmit this resolution to the following:
 - (a) The Governor of the State of Florida;
 - (b) The Secretary of the State Department of Community Affairs;
 - (c) The Florida Department of Transportation;
 - (d) The Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority;
 - (e) The Seminole County Expressway Authority;
 - (f) The Members of the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida.

ADOPTED THIS 10th day of December, A.D., 2002.

ATTEST:



MARYANNE MORSE, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners in and for Seminole County, Florida.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEMINOLE COUNTY**



Daryl G. McLain, Chairman

Approved as to Legality, Form and Sufficiency for Seminole County, Florida.



County Attorney

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November 10, 2009

Mr. Michael Snyder, P.E., Executive Director
 Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority
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 Orlando, FL 32801

Subject: Interlocal Agreement Between The Orlando-Orange County
 Expressway Authority and Seminole County – Wekiva Parkway

Dear Mr. Snyder:

As discussed at our Seminole County Expressway Authority meeting today, staff has reviewed the proposed draft Interlocal Agreement Between The Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (OOCEA) and Seminole County to enable development and construction of the Wekiva Parkway by OOCEA in Seminole County. Based on today's discussion, please accept this correspondence as our response to the draft.

Earlier this year, Seminole County, through its Expressway Authority, expressed its support of a regional expressway authority for Central Florida. In informal briefings regarding implementation of the Wekiva Parkway in Seminole County, you were advised of this interest and also of the Board of County Commissioners' desire to have an elected official from Seminole County as a voting member of OOCEA.

The draft interlocal agreement does not appear to address either of the above referenced issues. As a condition of considering this agreement and authorizing OOCEA to develop and construct the Wekiva Parkway in Seminole County, the SCEA respectfully requests the agreement be amended to include language regarding these items. Recognizing legislative action will be required to implement either concept, a commitment of intent by the parties and acknowledgement of the process in the agreement would be a constructive starting point.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Gary Johnson, Executive Director of the Seminole County Expressway Authority, at 407-665-5601.

Sincerely,

Michael J. McLean
 Chairman

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November 12, 2009

Legislative Delegation

Subject: Seminole Way

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Please accept this correspondence as our official request for a local bill authorizing designation of SR-417 (Seminole Expressway) as Seminole Way in Seminole County. This designation is sought under the provisions of Florida Statute 334.071, and has the support of local governments, which will be confirmed by resolutions from affected jurisdictions.

Seminole County and its business community have developed a partnership to enhance economic development and smart growth along the Seminole Way (SR-417) corridor. Designation as requested will help promote these objectives and identify the corridor for businesses and developers. By managing sustainable development of Seminole Way along SR-417, impacts to the transportation system can be minimized, resulting in maximum performance and extending the life of this infrastructure.

We appreciate your support of this important local economic development initiative. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Gary Johnson, Executive Director of the Seminole County Expressway Authority, at 407-66505691.

Sincerely,

Michael J. McLean
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Subject: Roadway Designation - SR-417 in Seminole County
Attachments: MUTCD Ch2E.08 Memorial Hwy Signing.pdf; TEM 2.35r7_06.pdf; Memorial_Rdwy_Desig.bmp

Good afternoon Mr. Johnson,

I receive a call from Ms. Brinson yesterday in understanding that Seminole County is currently investigating the process that must be followed in order to designate roadways in the state of Florida.

First, let me point out Florida Statute 334.071 that describes designation of transportation facilities by the Florida Legislature:

334.071 Legislative designation of transportation facilities.--

(1) Designation of a transportation facility contained in an act of the Legislature is for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility, and unless specifically provided for, shall not be construed to require any action by a local government or private party regarding the changing of any street signs, mailing address, or 911 emergency telephone number system listing.

(2) The effect of such designations shall only be construed to require the placement of markers by the department at the termini or intersections specified for each highway segment or bridge designated, and as authority for the department to place other markers as appropriate for the transportation facility being designated.

(3) Erection of markers shall be contingent on the appropriate city or county commission passing a resolution in support of the particular honorary designation. If the bridge or road segment being designated is located in more than one city or county, resolutions supporting the designation must be passed by each affected local government prior to the erection of the markers.

Second, I wanted to take the opportunity to let you know that the name "Seminole Expressway" is currently used to describe State Road 417 in Seminole County. This name has been utilized by the Florida Department of Transportation (the Department) since 1994 when Florida's Turnpike Enterprise built the stretch of roadway from Aloma Avenue to US 17/92. In addition, the name "GreeneWay" has also been associated as a roadway designation for sections of State Road 417.

Third, the Department uses the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) Chapter 2E.08 and the Traffic Engineering Manual (TEM) 2.35 to install appropriate designation signs upon approval by the Florida Legislature. The TEM 2.35 does the best job of describing the Department's role in placing signs that are approved by the legislature. A copy of both documents is attached. In addition, I have attached an example of the sign panel that is utilized for the signs (Memorial_Rdwy_Desig.bmp).

I hope this information has been helpful – please let me know if you have any questions about what is attached. Thank you.

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