

**SUNCOAST PARKWAY SCENIC HIGHWAY
CORRIDOR ADVOCACY GROUP MEETING
NOTES –December 16, 2005**

**6638 Suncoast Parkway
Land O'Lakes, FL 34639**

Present: Steve Diez, Tina A. Russo, Diane Jones, Joanne Hurley, Douglas Uden, Martha Campbell, Evelyn Klopp, Sue Rupe, Kathryn Starkey, David Tilki, Kathy Dunkley, Don Pace

Meeting was called to order by Steve Diez.

Old Business:

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Steve and Joanne gave an overview of the progress in obtaining signatures for the Designation Application and CME Agreements. It is anticipated that the signature-gathering process and final document submittal will be complete in January 2006

New Business:

The purpose of today's meeting was to review and approve changes to the Draft Designation Application (binder) as requested by the State Scenic Highway Coordinator and Pasco County.

1. Corridor Map

Pasco County Government requested that the Planned Ridge Road extension be included in the Corridor Map. Pasco County provided the route location. The CAG approved the change and then noted two other corrections to be made: First, in Hernando County, the location of Mariner Blvd. and Northcliffe Blvd. should be reversed. The spelling of Pinellas Co. should be corrected.

2. Pasco County Request

The County Attorney's Office and the County Administrator reviewed the entire Designation Application, in preparation for submittal of the CME Agreement to the BOCC, and submittal of the Designation Application to the MPO. Joanne distributed a copy of the requested edits and discussion ensued. The CAG voted unanimously to accept all requested changes and to include all requested changes in the Final Designation Application.

3. Action Plan – Corridor Enhancements

A copy of the Corridor Enhancements section of the Action Plan was distributed to the CAG. Pasco County requested that this page be amended to withdraw the County's participation and responsibilities for Item #3 and Item #9. The CAG voted to make these requested changes to the Final Designation Application.

4. Review of the Suncoast Scenic Parkway Designation Application: State Scenic Highway Coordinator's Comments

A copy of the November 10, 2005 Memorandum from Mariano Berrios, State Scenic Highway Coordinator, was distributed to the CAG. Each item was discussed individually and it was agreed that all requested changes would be addressed in the Final Application.

5. Kathryn Starkey told the group that a new legislative effort is underway by the Billboard Industry in Florida. A bill has passed out of the Transportation Committee that would direct line-of-sight clearances in medians and along Right-of-Ways where billboards exist. Kathryn asked that CAG members research this issue and contact legislators to object to this legislation.

6. Kathryn announced that she has been appointed by Gov. Bush to the Board of Office of Greenways and Trails. Congratulations Kathryn.

7. Joanne Hurley discussed the Traffic Summary for Suncoast Parkway, covering the period from FY2002 to FY 2005.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Next Meeting: The next CAG meeting is will decided after the comments are returned from FDOT Central Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.