



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Marion County Commission Auditorium
601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471

January 27, 2015

4:00 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. PROOF OF PUBLICATION

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2015 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Each year the Transportation Planning Organization develops a set of legislative priorities on which to focus. Staff will present the 2015 legislative priorities for review and approval.

B. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

To ensure that the Transportation Improvement Program reflects the most current project information, it is periodically necessary to amend the document. Staff will present the Transportation Improvement Program amendments for review and approval.

C. DISCUSSION ON CITY OF OCALA RECYCLING BUS WRAP

Staff will present an update on the current bus wrap advertising program for SunTran. Staff is requesting direction regarding a request to wrap an additional SunTran bus.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FDOT DISTRICT 5 FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Staff from FDOT will provide a presentation on the draft FDOT District 5 Five-Year Work Program Marion County project.

B. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) PROGRAM UPDATE

Staff from City of Ocala and Marion County Traffic Departments will provide an update on their respective efforts in implementing various ITS technologies throughout the area.

C. UPDATE ON QUIET ZONES

Staff will present an overview of the Quiet Zone program and findings from the field diagnostic study of railroad crossings that was performed in December 2014.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES – PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 28, 2014

B. MINUTES – TPO MEETING OCTOBER 28, 2014

6. COMMENTS BY FDOT

7. COMMENTS BY TPO STAFF

8. COMMENTS BY TPO MEMBERS

9. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 5 minutes)

10. ADJOURNMENT

If reasonable accommodations are needed for you to participate in this meeting, please call the TPO Office at (352)629-8297 forty-eight (48) hours in advance so arrangements can be made.

Pursuant to Chapter 286.0105, Florida Statutes, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the TPO with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

The next regular meeting of the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization will be held on **February 24, 2015.**



2015 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

RESTORATION OF FUNDING FOR THE TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) was established to encourage a regional approach to transportation system improvements. This program proved highly successful in the Central Florida area. Funding for the program has declined steadily since 2008 due to the economic downturn and a shift of \$60 million in 2014 to the Florida Rail Enterprise. Restoring the program to its pre-recession levels enable local governments to accelerate a number of transportation projects.

SUPPORT EXPANDED AVAILABILITY OF THE CURRENT CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SURTAX

Section 212.055(1) F.S. authorizes charter counties to levy (by countywide referendum) up to 1¢ for various transportation uses including highway construction and maintenance as well as activities to support a transit system. Expanding eligibility for this surtax to counties that are members of a metropolitan/transportation planning organization would provide another resource for local governments in those counties to address transportation issues as well as provide a source of matching funds for programs such as the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP).

SUPPORT INDEXING OF LOCAL OPTION GAS TAXES

Current market conditions, including more fuel efficient vehicles, are greatly undermining the purchasing power of local option gas taxes. In 1997, the Legislature allowed state gas taxes to be indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) each year. Providing local governments the same opportunity to index local option gas taxes would enable local governments to better address both capacity and maintenance issues. Since 1990, the purchasing power of local option taxes has decreased by approximately 40%.

SUPPORT REDUCTION OF DISTRACTED DRIVING BY DESIGNATING USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES AS A PRIMARY OFFENSE

Traffic crashes caused by drivers using wireless communication devices continues to be a concern. In 2013, the legislation was enacted that prohibited use of such devices while driving as a secondary offense, meaning a driver has to have committed a more serious violation (i.e. speeding, careless driving) to be issued a citation for texting while driving. Designating distracted driving as a primary offense would further deter this dangerous activity.

SUPPORT ALLOCATION OF A PORTION OF FUNDS GENERATED THROUGH AMENDMENT 1 TO RECREATIONAL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

The development of the Coast-to-Coast Connector, Heart of Florida Loop and River-to-Sea Trail and other trails of statewide significance will provide an international attraction for ecotourism. Currently, the maintenance of these facilities falls primarily to local governments. Dedicating a portion of the funds generated from Amendment 1 to trail development and maintenance will allow local agencies to expand and sustain these vital regional assets.



January 7, 2015

TO: TPO Board Members

FROM: Kenneth Odom, Transportation Planner

RE: FY 2014/2015-2018/2019 'Roll-Forward' TIP AMENDMENT

In order to ensure that the Ocala/Marion County TIP reflects the most current project information, it is necessary to periodically amend the document. Amendments to the TIP are typically required:

- To add or delete a project;
- To change the state or federal funding allocation of a project;
- To change the year of anticipated funding of a project phase;
- To change the scope of work of a project;
- To change the source of federal or state funds.

Eight project amendments are proposed by the Florida Department of Transportation this month. Proposed amendments include additional operational capital for the SunTran system, capital improvement funding for Marion Transit Services, design funding for NE 36th Avenue, and design funding for sidewalks near two elementary schools. These projects and additional projects will be discussed in detail. Please see the attached document to preview all of the proposed project amendments to the TIP.

Specific details regarding the addition of these projects and the associated funding changes will be discussed at the January 27, 2015 meeting.

If you have any questions prior to the upcoming meeting, please contact our office at 629-8297.

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Florida Department of Transportation
STIP Amendments Needed for Estimate Increases
MARION COUNTY
Fiscal Years 2015 to 2018

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Item Segment	Last Approved STIP Amendment	Description	Phase Group	Federal Project	PH	Sq	Fund	Year	Original Estimate	Current Estimate	Estimate Increase
427188-2		SUNTRAN/OCALA/MARION URBAN CAPITAL FIXED ROUTE FTA SECTION 5307-2009	GRANTS AND MISCELLANEOUS		94	01	FTA	2015	1,294,144	1,294,144	-
							LF	2015	323,536	323,536	-
						02	FTA	2016	-	2,022,110	2,022,110
							FL	2016	-	505,528	505,528
<i>Project Totals</i>									1,617,680	4,145,318	2,527,638
431797-1		NE 25TH AVENUE FROM SR 492 TO NE 35TH STREET	RAILROAD AND UTILITIES	7777-267-A	37	01	SL	2015	-	15,000	15,000
<i>Project Totals</i>									-	15,000	15,000
431798-1		NE 36TH AVENUE FROM SR 492 (NE 14TH ST) TO NE 35TH STREET	RAILROAD AND UTILITIES		37	01	SL	2015	-	15,000	15,000
<i>Project Totals</i>										15,000	15,000
431798-2		NE 36TH AVENUE FROM SR 492 (NE 14TH ST) TO NE 35TH STREET	PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING		32	01	ACSL	2016	-	485,426	485,426
							CM	2016	-	889,574	889,574
				9339-004-U	31	01	SA	2015	-	10,000	10,000
<i>Project Totals</i>										1,385,000	1,385,000
431798-4		NE 36TH AVENUE FROM NORTH OF NE 25TH STREET TO NE 35TH STREET	PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING		32	01	CM	2016	-	533,131	533,131
							SA	2016	-	106,876	106,876
							SL	2016	-	734,993	734,993
				9339-005-U	31	01	SA	2015	-	10,000	10,000
<i>Project Totals</i>										1,385,000	1,385,000
436186-1		SW 80TH AVENUE FROM SW 90TH STREET TO SW 38TH STREET	CONSTRUCTION	8886-626-A	58	01	ACSL	2015	-	1,440,321	1,440,321
							LF	2015	-	564,679	564,679
					61	01	ACSL	2015	-	5,000	5,000
					68	01	ACSL	2015	-	18,000	18,000
<i>Project Totals</i>										2,028,000	2,028,000
436474-1		COUNTYWIDE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, MARION COUNTY	PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING		31	01	TALL	2015	-	6,000	6,000
					38	01	TALL	2015	-	60,000	60,000
<i>Project Totals</i>										66,000	66,000
437188-1		MARION-MARION COUNTY TRANSIT SEC 5339 SMALL URBAN BUS & BUS FACILITIES CAPITAL	GRANTS AND MISCELLANEOUS		94	01	DU	2015	-	434,778	434,778
							LF	2015	-	108,695	108,695
<i>Project Totals</i>										543,473	543,473



MEMORANDUM

JANUARY 20, 2015

TO: TPO MEMBERS

FROM: GREG SLAY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: BUS WRAP

In February 2012, the TPO approved a bus wrap to promote the City of Ocala's new recycling program. The city was responsible for installation and maintenance of the wrap and SunTran did not incur any costs due to the wrap. Late last year, Ocala staff requested changing the wrap promote other municipal programs. As we were preparing the request for the agenda, we received an unsolicited offer from a law firm to wrap a bus at the same rate (\$1,000 per month) we will be receiving from Steven A. Bagen. As you may recall, we sent out a Request for Opportunity last year and Mr. Bagen's firm was the high bidder for five bus wraps.

Our current wrap program is as follows:

- 2 unwrapped buses (used for various special events by partner agencies i.e. Ocala & Marion County's Citizen Academies, Leadership Ocala events, parades, etc. in addition to daily service)
- 3 buses for community advertisements – CrimeStoppers, City of Ocala Utilities, City of Ocala Recycling Program
- 5 buses for revenue-generating advertisement (Steven A. Bagen)

Staff is requesting direction on how to proceed with the subject bus. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 629-8297.

Keep Ocala Clean Bus Wrap Conceptual Design



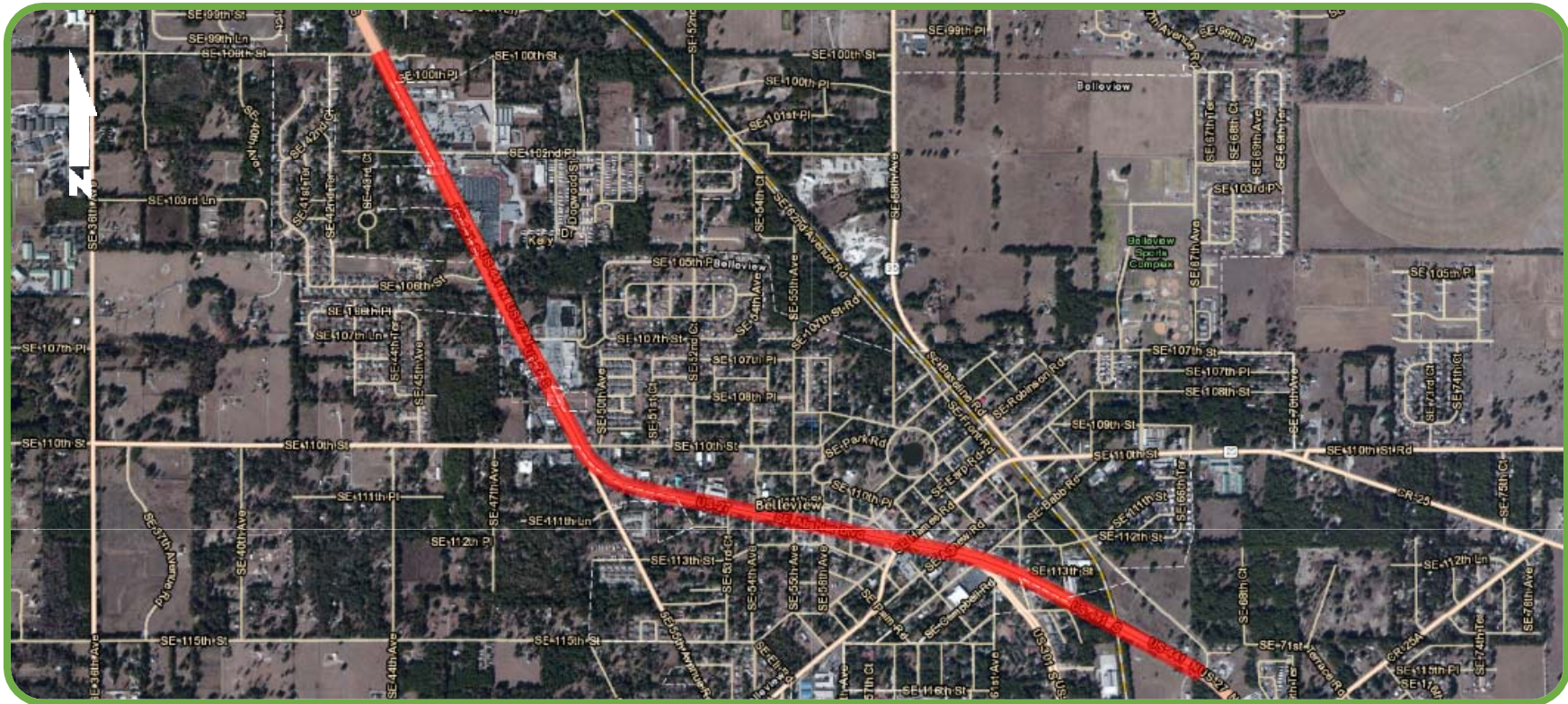
MARION COUNTY

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT FIVE WORK PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARINGS 2014

Priority No. 6

US 441 Corridor Study-Bellevue



- FM No.: 436468-1/417960-1
- Work Mix: Corridor/Subarea Planning
- From: Baseline Road
- To: SE 100th Street
- Phase: Planning
- Year Funded: 2015
- Cost: \$250,000

Priority No. 12 (a)

SR 40



- FM No.: 410674-2
- Work Mix: Widening
- From: End of 4 Lanes
- To: East of CR 314
- Phase: Construction
- Year Funded: 2020
- Cost: \$92 Million

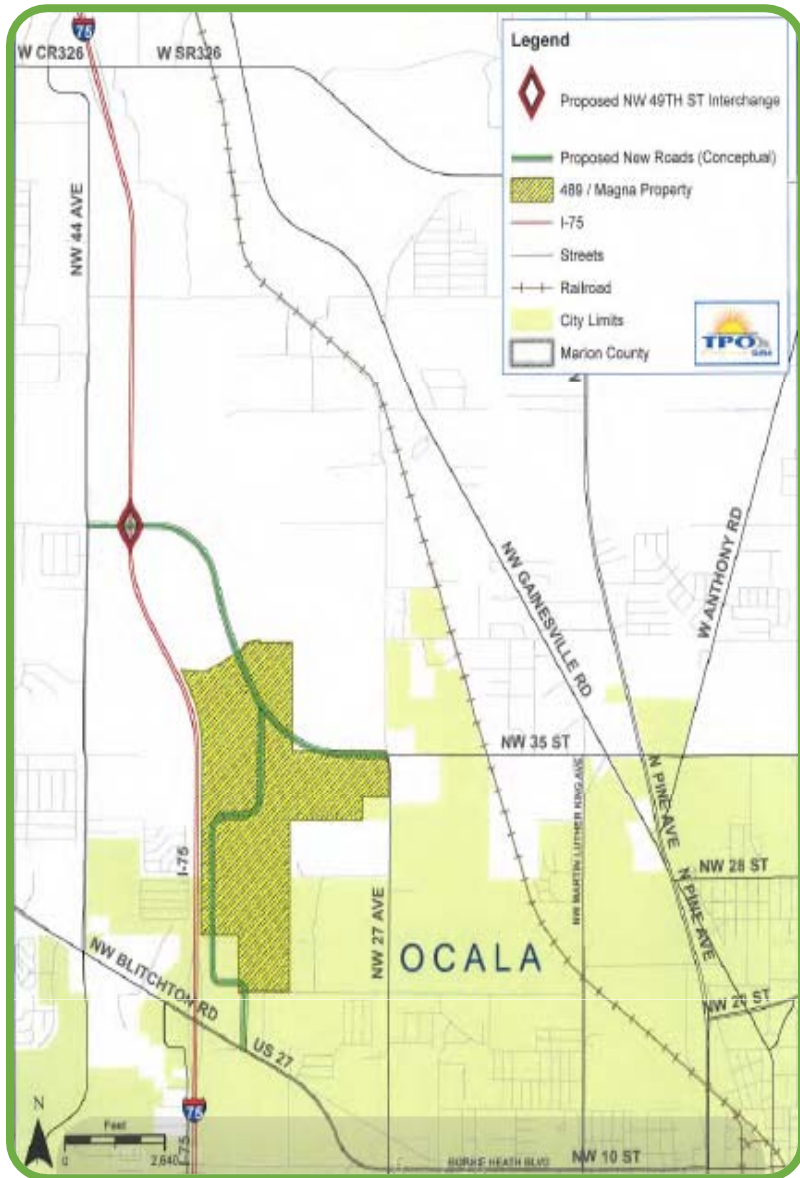
Priority No. 11 NE 36th Ave.



- FM No.: 431798-3
- Work Mix: Grade Separation/
Overpass Project
- From: NE 20th Place
- To: North of E 25th Street
- Phase: ROW/Construction
- Years Funded: 2017-2020/2019
- Cost: \$10.5 Million/
\$10.5 Million

Priority No. 13

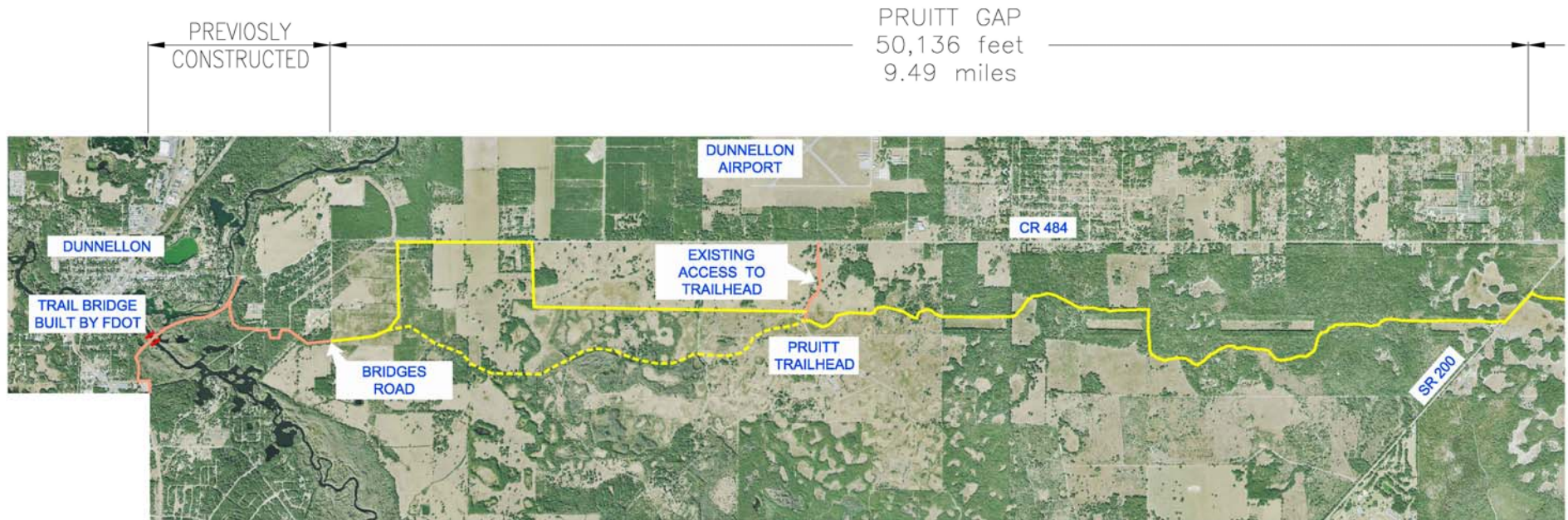
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- FM No.: 435209-1
- Work Mix: New Interchange Project
- At: NW 49th St.
- Phase: PD&E
- Year Funded: 2018
- Cost: \$2 Million

Trail Priority No. 1

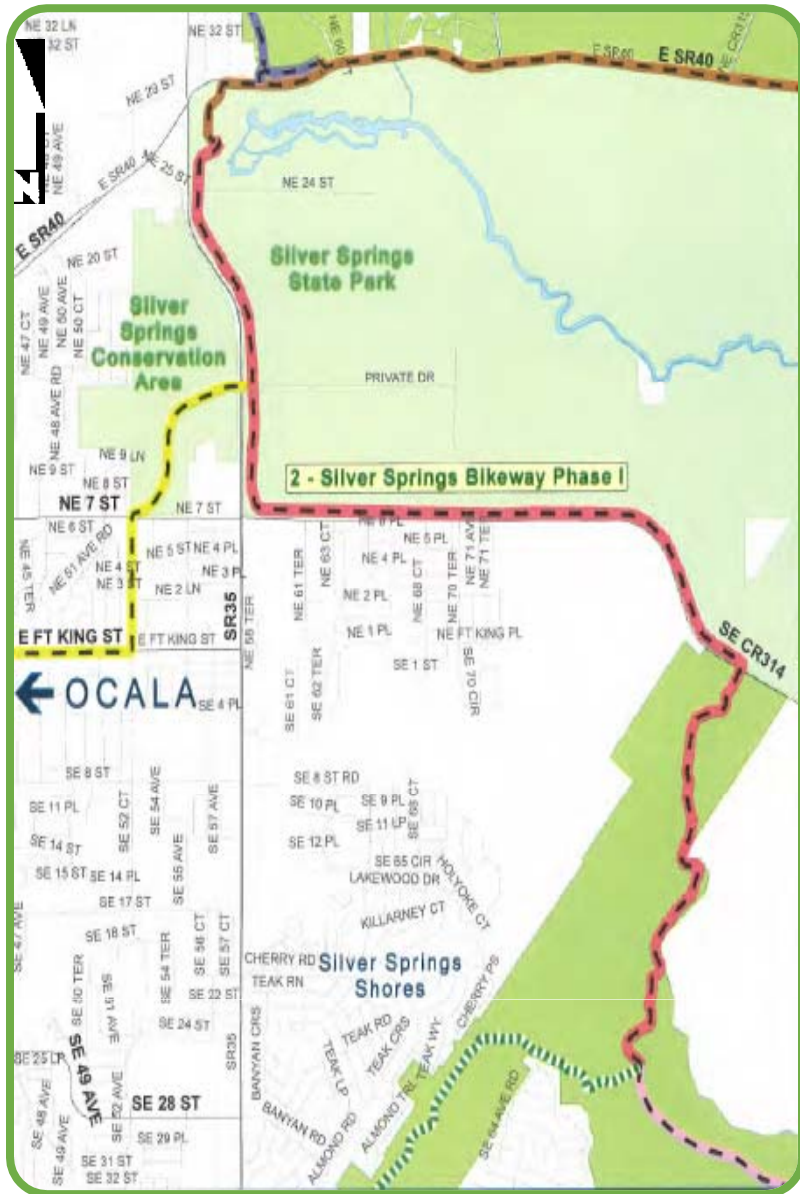
Pruitt Trail



- FM No.: 435484-1
- Work Mix: Bike Path/Trail
- From: Withlacoochee Bridge Trail at South Bridges Road
- To: SR 200
- Phase: Construction
- Year Requested: 2016*
- Funding Requested: \$2.9 Million*
- * Pending funding availability and right of way certification

Trail Priority No. 2

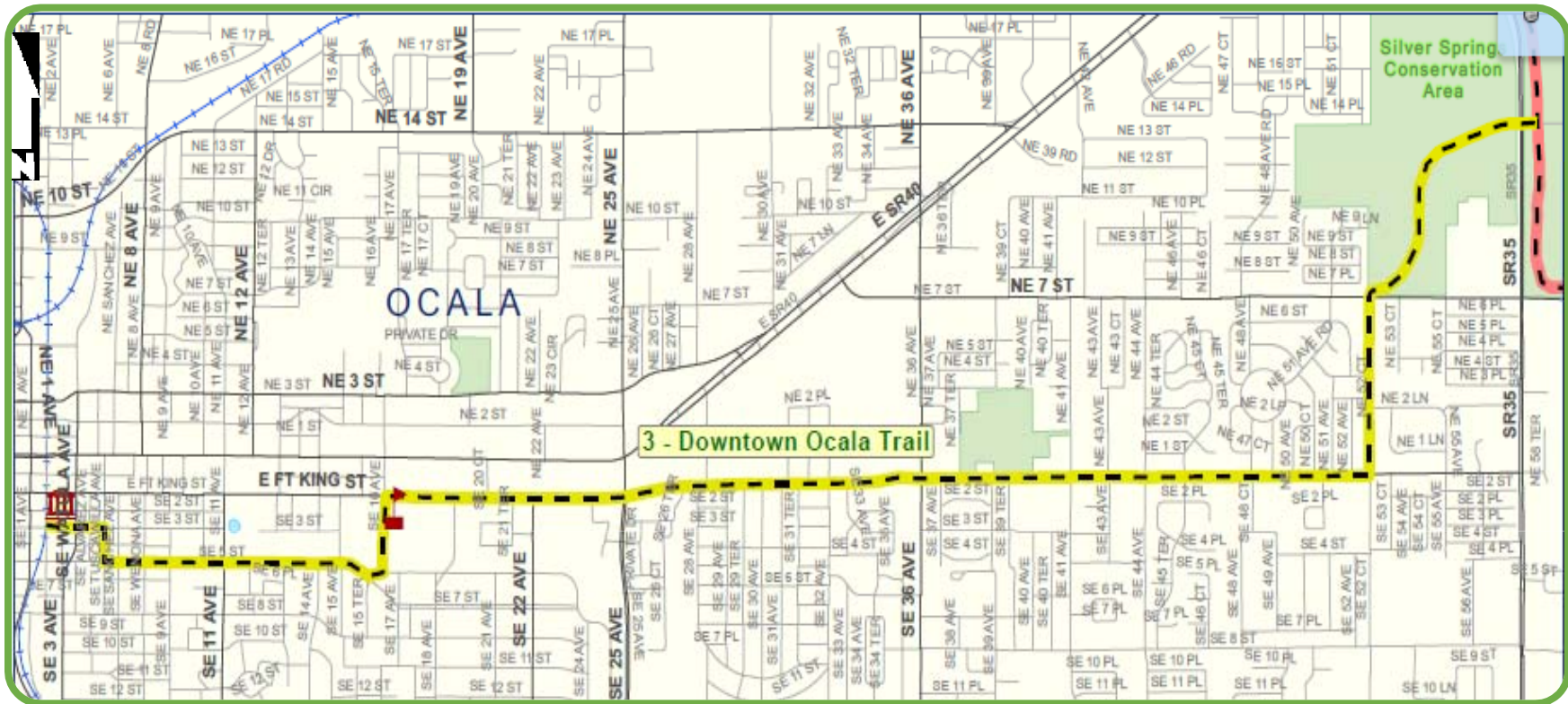
Silver Springs Trail Phase 1



- FM No.: 435486-1
- Work Mix: Trail Project
- From: SE 64th Avenue Rd. Trailhead
- To: Silver Springs State Park
- Phase: Design/Construction
- Years Funded: 2016/2018
- Cost: \$500,000/\$3.4 Million

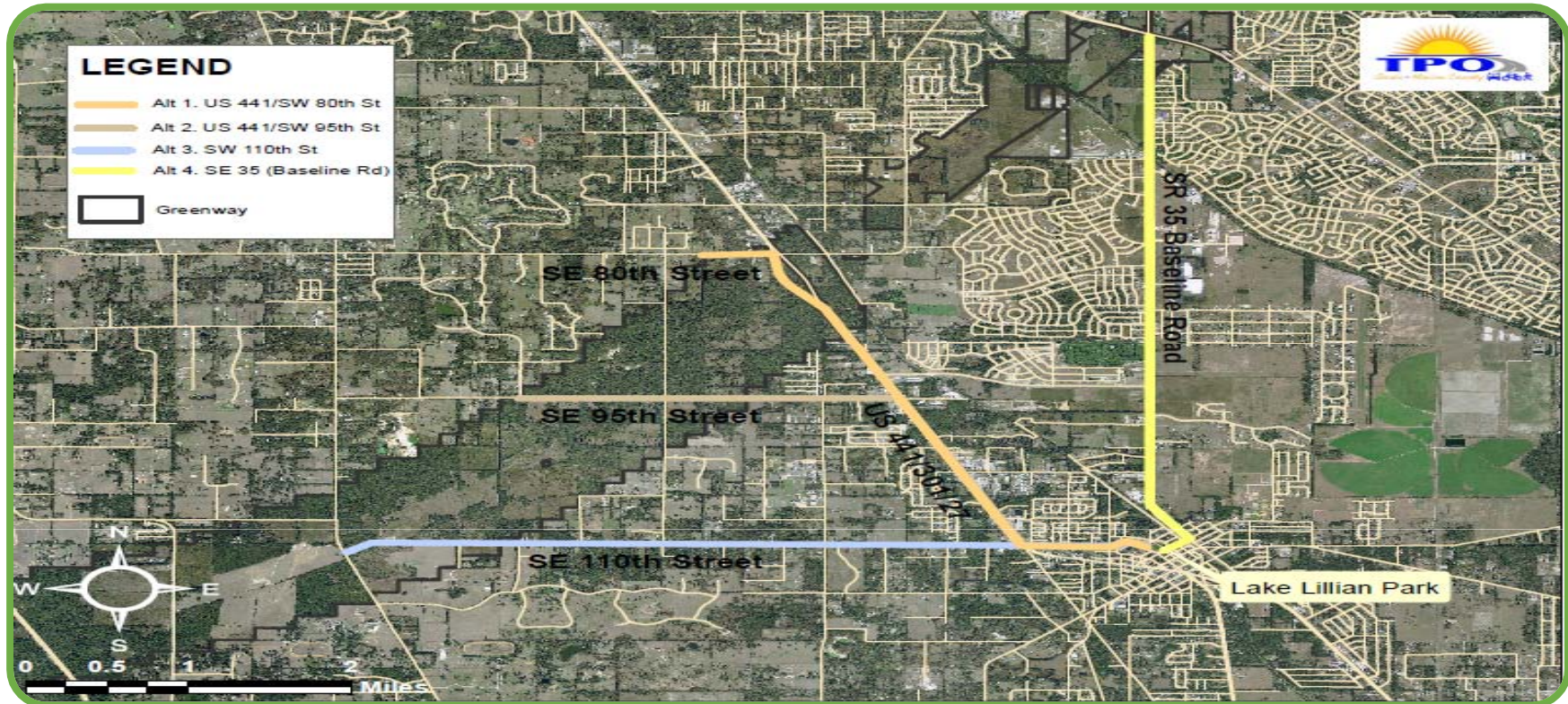
Trail Priority No. 3

Downtown Ocala Trail



- FM No.: 436756-1
- Work Mix: Trail Project
- From: Ocala City Hall
- To: Silver Springs State Park
- Phase: Design
- Year Funded: 2020
- Cost: \$250,000

Trail Priority No. 6 Bellevue Greenway Trail



- FM No.: 437190-1
- Work Mix: Trail Project
- From: Lake Lillian Park
- To: Cross Florida Greenway
- Phase: Feasibility Study
- Year Funded: 2018
- Cost: \$75,000

Trail Priority No. 7

SR 40 Trail (Black Bear Scenic Trail)



- FM No.: 436360-1
- Work Mix: Trail Project
- From: Levy Hammock Rd.
- To: SR 15 (US 17)
- Phase: PD&E
- Year Funded: 2020
- Cost: \$1 Million

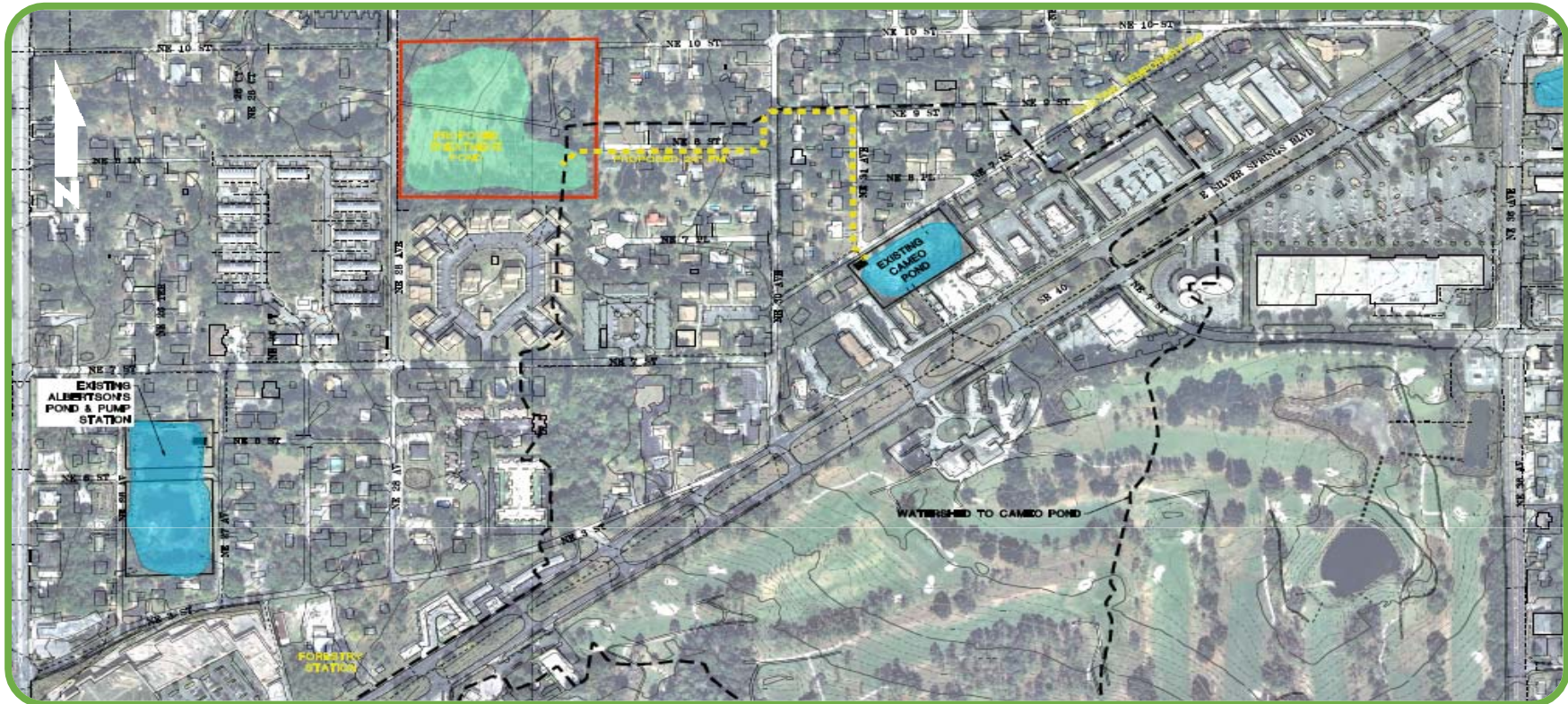
Off System Priority No. 6
**City of Ocala and Marion County
ITS Operations & Maintenance**



- FM No.: 436361-1
- Work Mix: Operations & Maintenance
- Phase: N/A
- Year Funded: 2020
- Cost: \$2.6 Million

Off System Priority No. 7

SR 40 Flood Mitigation



- FM No.: 436368-1
- Work Mix: Storm Water
- From: North of SR 40
- To: East of NE 25th Ave
- Phase: Construction
- Year Funded: 2015
- Cost: \$3.2 Million
(LF= \$845,548, FDOT=\$2,379,452)

Off System Priority No. 9

SW 80th Avenue



- FM No.: 436186-1
- Work Mix: Resurfacing
- From: SW 80th St.
- To: SW 38th Ave.
- Phase: Construction
- Year Funded: 2015
- Cost: \$2.02 Million
(FDOT= \$1,463,321, LF=\$564,679)

Off System Priority No. 12

Marion County Sidewalks



- FM No.: 436474-1
- Work Mix: Multi-modal
- Phase: Design
- Year Funded: 2015
- Cost: \$60,000

Off System Priority No. 13

US 441



- FM No.: 436407-1
- Work Mix: Intersection Improvement
- At: Sunset Harbor Rd.
- Phase: Design
- Year Funded: 2015
- Cost: \$20,230

FY 2020 OCALA/MARION COUNTY TPO
DRAFT PRIORITY PROJECTS
AUGUST 4, 2014

RANK	ROAD SEGMENT	ROADWAY DATA							Improvement	PRIORITY YEAR PHASE FY 2020	Comments	
		Length	# of Lanes	LOS Standard	LOS Volume (Capacity)	2013 Traffic Count	Volume/ Capacity Ratio	LOS				SIS
1	SR 40/US 441 Intersection Op. Improvement I											
	NW 2nd St to SW Broadway Street (FDOT FM# 433661-1)	0.16	6	D	50,000	22,000	44%	C	No	Add Dedicated Turn Lanes, Pedestrian Improvements & Enhanced Illumination	CST	No action this gaming cycle. Right of way previously programmed FY 2019-2023.
	Design underway (Est. Completion 5/6/2015)	PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19					
		CST		\$197,306								
2	US 441 Intersection Op. Improvement II											
	at SR 464 (FDOT FM# 433660-1)	NA	6	D	50,000	28,000	56%	C	No	Add Dedicated Turn Lanes and Pedestrian Improvements	CST	No action this gaming cycle. Right of way previously programmed FY 2019-2023.
	Design underway (Est. Completion 1/25/2016)	PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19					
		ROW					\$4,000,000					
3	SR 35 Intersection Op. Improvement											
	at SR 25, Foss Rd., & Robinson Rd. (FDOT FM# 435208-1)	NA	2	D	14,800	14,300	97%	D	No	Add SB Right-Turn Lanes	ROW/CST	No action this gaming cycle. Design programmed FY 2019.
		PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19					
		PE					\$1,005,000					
4	SR 40 Downtown Multi-Modal Improvement											
	US 441 to NE 8th Avenue (FDOT FM# 431935-1)	0.63	4	D	32,400	31,500	97%	D	No	To Be Determined In Planning Study	CST	Design deferred to FY 2017. Deferred to allow adequate time for study to finalize, design scope development and consultant acquisition.
	Study Underway	PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19					
		PE		\$1,000,000								
5	SR 40 East Multi-Modal Improvement											
	NE 49th Terrace to NE 60th Court (FDOT FM# 435490-1)	1.5	4	D	32,400	16,300	50%	C	No	To Be Determined In Planning Study	PE	No action this gaming cycle. Study programmed in FY 2015. Corridor planning study just kicking off.
		Traffic count has been averaged.										
6	US 441 Corridor Study - Belleview											
	SE 102nd Place to SE 62nd Avenue (FDOT FM# 436468-1)	2.0	4	D	39,800	28,250	71%	C	No	To Be Determined In Planning Study	PD&E	Study programmed with TPO's UPWP FM No. 417960-1 in FY 2015.
7	US 41											
	SW 111TH PL LN to SR 40 (FDOT FM# 238648-1)	3.6	2	D	18,600	17,900	96%	D	No	Add 2 Lanes	CST	No action this gaming cycle. Right of way programmed FY 2014-2018. Construction programmed FY 2019.
		PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19					
		PE			200,000							
		ROW	\$11,755,000	\$5,960,100	\$3,913,100	\$2,180,040						
		CST					\$29,453,103					
8	SR 200											
	CR 484 to Citrus County Line (FDOT FM# 238651-1)	3.2	2	C	8,400	12,800	152%	C	No	Add 2 Lanes	CST	No action this gaming cycle. Design plans complete 4/2016.
	ROW acquired											
9	SR 40/I-75 Interchange Operational Improvements											
	SW 40th Avenue to SW 27th Avenue (FDOT FM# 433652-1)	-	4	D	32,400	29,500	91%	D	Yes	Operations Improvements at I-75 interchange and at SW 27th Ave intersection.	CST	No action this gaming cycle. Design Plans complete 11/2015. Right of way programmed 2018-2022.
	Funding Status	PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19					
	Design underway (Est. Completion 1/25/2016)	ROW				\$3,465,000	\$4,435,000					

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		Length	# of Lanes	LOS Standard	LOS Volume (Capacity)	2013 Traffic Count	Volume/ Capacity Ratio	LOS				SIS
10	CR 484/I-75 Interchange Operational Improvements											
	SW 20 th Avenue Road to CR 475A (FDOT FM# 433651-1) Design underway (Est. Completion 7/6/2016)	-	4	D	32,400	24,500	76%	C	Yes	Operational/Capacity Improvements	ROW	No action this gaming cycle. Design plans complete 7/2016.
11	NE 36 th Avenue											
	SR 492 to NE 35 th Street (FDOT FM# 431798-1) PD&E Underway Project includes grade separation over CSX S line	1.6	2	D	14,040	13,900	99%	D	No	Add 2 Lanes	ROW	Design segmented (431798-2,-3,-4) ROW and CST programmed 431798-3 (grade separation).
	Funding Status	PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19					
		PE		\$1,505,000								
12	SR 40 - East											
	NE 60 th Court to CR 314 (FDOT FM# 410674-2) Funding Status Design underway (Est. Completion 1/12/2016)	10.0	2	C	12,400	12,500	101%	E	Yes	Add 2 Lanes	ROW/CST	Construction programmed FY 2020.
	Funding Status	PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19					
		PE	\$50,000									
		ROW	\$2,650,000	\$3,155,000	\$1,102,880	\$664,670						
	CR 314 to CR 314A (FDOT FM# 410674-3) Design underway (Est. Completion 3/15/2016)	5.8	2	C	8,400	\$11,200			Yes	Add 2 Lanes	ROW	No action this gaming cycle. Design plans complete 11/2016.
	CR 314A to Levy Hammock Road	2.6	2	C	8,400	7,100	85%		Yes	Add 2 Lanes	PE	No action this gaming cycle. New project.
13	NW 49 th Street Interchange											
	Funding Status IJR to be funded by Marion County (FDOT FM# 435209-1)	PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19		Yes	New Interchange	PD&E	PD&E programmed 2018.
		IJR	\$250,000									
14	SR 40											
	CR 328 to US 41 (FDOT FM# 238720-1) Traffic count has been averaged	9.8	2	C	16,400	10,500	64%	C	No	Add 2 Lanes	ROW	No action this gaming cycle. Plans complete.
15	US 27/I-75 Interchange Operational Improvements											
	NW 44 th Avenue to NW 35 th Avenue (FDOT FM# 433680-1)	-	4	D	39,800	19,900	50%	C	Yes	Operational/Capacity Improvements	PE	No action this gaming cycle. PD&E programmed FY 2018.
16	SW 95 th Street Interchange (FDOT FM# 429582-1)											
	Funding Status IJR is under review by FHWA	PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19		Yes	New Interchange	PE	PD&E deferred to FY 2017. Interchange Justification Report has not been approved by FHWA.
		PD&E	\$5,000	\$1,235,000								
17	NE 25 th Avenue											
	SR 492 to NE 35 th Street (FDOT FM# 431797-1) PD&E Underway Project includes grade separation over CSX 'S' line	1.6	2	D	14,040	13,000	93%	D	No	Add 2 Lanes	ROW	No action this gaming cycle. Design programmed FY 2015.
	Funding Status	PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19					
		PE		\$1,505,000								
18	US 27											
	NW 27 th Ave. to NW 44 th Ave. (FDOT FM# 433633-1)	1.8	4	D	37,900	19,900	53%	C	Yes	Add 2 Lanes	PE	Project dropped, same limits as 433680-1.
	Funding Status	PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19					
		PD&E				\$1,025,000						

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		Length	# of Lanes	LOS Standard	LOS Volume (Capacity)	2013 Traffic Count	Volume/ Capacity Ratio	LOS	SIS			
19	SR 40											
	SW 60th Ave. to SW 27th Ave.	3.0	4	D	39,800	29,500	74%	C	No	Add 2 Lanes	PD&E	No action this gaming cycle.
20	CR 484											
	CR 475A to Marion Oaks Course	2.7	4	D	29,160	24,500	84%	D	No	Add 2 Lanes	PE	No action this gaming cycle.
21	US 441											
	CR 42 to Sumter County Line (FDOT FM# 238395-8)	2.0	4	D	39,800	29,100	73%	C	No	Add 2 Lanes	ROW	No action this gaming cycle.
22	US 301 - South											
	SE 143rd Place to CR 42 (FDOT FM# 411264-4)	2.00	2	D	24,200	14,100	58%	C	No	Add 2 Lanes	ROW	No action this gaming cycle.
23	SR 326											
	US 441 to CR 200A (FIHS Facility)	2.3	2	D	16,800	9,900	59%	C	Yes	Add 2 Lanes	PE	No action this gaming cycle.

Ocala/Marion County TPO

Regional Trail Priorities

FY 2015

Priority	Project	From	To	Length (mi)	Regional Trail	Phase	Phase Estimate	Notes	FDOT Comments
1	Pruitt Trail	Bridges Road	SR 200	9.5	HOF	CST	\$ 3,325,000	Design funded in FY 2015. DEP acquiring remaining necessary ROW.	435484-1 Requested funding in FY 16. Gaming reopens in July. Programming pending on right of way and availability.
2	Silver Springs Bikeway - Phase I	Baseline Paved Trail - North Trailhead	Silver Springs State Park	7.5	HOF	DES	\$ 225,000	Cross Florida Greenway. All ROW under DEP ownership.	435486-1 Changed PD&E phase to Design FY 2016. Programmed CST FY 2018.
3	Downtown Ocala Trail	Ocala City Hall	Silver Springs State Park	6	-	DES	\$ 180,000		436756-1 Programmed Design FY 2020.
4	Indian Lake Trail	Silver Springs State Park	Indian Lake Trailhead	5	-	DES	\$ 150,000	All ROW under County/DEP ownership.	436755-1 No action this gaming cycle. Waiting on right of way.
5	Silver Springs Bikeway Phase II	Baseline Paved Trail - North Trailhead	CR 42	18.5	HOF	DES	\$ 555,000	Funded in FY 2016 - \$500K for PD&E. FDOT reviewing need for PD&E. May move directly into design. Majority of ROW owned by DEP and STJWMD. Potential to construct trail completely on public lands.	No action this gaming cycle. Need application.
6	Bellevue Greenway Trail	Lake Lillian Park	Cross Florida Greenway	5.3	-	DES	\$ 159,000		437190-1 Planning phase programmed FY 2018.
7	Ocala National Forest Trail	Park	Ramp (1 mi. east of SR 19)	27	HOF	PD&E	\$ 750,000	FDOT reviewing need for PD&E.	436360-1 PD&E programmed FY 2020.
Funded Projects									
	Land Bridge Gap	SR 200	SW 49th Avenue	8.25	HOF	DES/CST	\$ 3,300,000	Cross Florida Greenway. All ROW under DEP ownership. Includes underpass on CR 484.	
	Santos West Gap	SW 49th Avenue	Santos Trail Head	7.4	HOF	DES/CST	\$ 2,200,000	Cross Florida Greenway. All ROW under DEP ownership.	

Off-System Priorities

Priority	Project	From	To	Length (mi)	Agency	Project Type	Phase	Phase Estimate	Notes	FDOT Comments
1	SW 44 th Avenue	SR 200	SW 20th Street	1.7	Ocala	Capacity	CST	\$ 4,600,000	New 4-lane. On hold due to ROW acquisition issues	435547-1 No action this gaming cycle. Wait on right of way.
2	SunTran Replacement Buses	-	-	-	SunTran	Transit	-	\$ 3,600,000	<u>Funded in FY 2019.</u> Replacement of 7 transit buses.	435517-1 Previously funded.
3	US 441 @ NW 100 th Street	-	-	-	MC	Safety	DES/CST	\$ 2,875,000	<u>Funded in FY 2019.</u> Elimination of sight distance issues.	435540-1 No action this gaming cycle.
4	SW 49 th Avenue	SW 95th Street	Osceola Boulevard	4.1	MC	Capacity	CST	\$ 16,200,000	<u>Funded in FY 2019.</u> \$8.9M local funds, \$7.3 FDOT funds.	435549-1 Added \$38,972 CIGP
5	East Pennsylvania Avenue (CR 484)	Rainbow River Bridge	US 41	0.8	City of Dunnellon	Multi-Modal	DES	\$75,000	Project to add multi-use facilities and enhance safety through access management.	436475-1 No action this gaming cycle. Reviewing possible RR impacts. Finalizing scope, schedule and cost estimate for local concurrence.
6	Countywide ITS Operations & Maintenance	-	-	-	Ocala & MC	O/M	-	\$ 500,000	Annual allocation (\$250K each agency) for ITS Ops & Maintenance.	436361-1 Programmed \$2.6 million FY 2020.
7	SR 40 Stormwater Mitigation	NE 30 th Avenue	NE 7 th Street	0.25	Ocala	Stormwater	CST	\$ 1,700,000	Project to eliminate periodic flooding on SR 40 near golf course and reduce nutrient load into Silver Springs. Limits are not exact. Design plan are at 60%	436368-1 Programmed FY 2015.
8	CR 200A	NE 35th Street	SR 326	2.7	MC	Resurfacing	CST	\$ 1,875,000	Design to be completed July 31, 2014	436188-1 No action this gaming cycle.
9	SW 80th Avenue	SW 80th Street	SW 38th Avenue	3.1	MC	Resurfacing	CST	\$ 2,050,000	Design to be completed July 31, 2014	436186-1 Programmed FY 2015.
10	SW 20th Street	I-75	SR 200	1.1	Ocala	Capacity	DES	\$ 790,000	Expand existing 3-lane section to 4 lanes	436367-1 No action this gaming cycle.
11	City of Ocala Sidewalks	Various locations			Ocala	Multi-modal	CST		NE 21 st , SE 24 th , SW 32 nd , Downtown,	436375-1 No action this gaming cycle.
12	Marion County Sidewalks	Various locations			MC	Multi-modal	CST		Legacy, Saddlewood, Marion Oaks	436474-1 Programmed FY 2015.
13	Sunset Harbor Road	@ US 301/441	-	-	MC	Traffic Ops	DES	\$ 20,230		436407-1 Programmed FY 2015.
14	DRA F-14-B Expansion	NE 14th Street	-	-	Ocala	Stormwater	CST	\$ 480,000	Expand existing DRA area to mitigate flooding in the 1200 & 1300 blocks during heavy rainfall events. Design plans are at 90%.	436369-1 No action this gaming cycle.



MEMORANDUM

JANUARY 20, 2015

TO: TPO MEMBERS

FROM: GREG SLAY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: QUIET ZONE OVERVIEW

Staff was directed to review the potential to implement rail crossing quiet zones throughout Marion County. On December 2 and 3, local staff along with representatives from the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) and FDOT conducted a field review of 29 crossings to determine the improvements necessary to meet the quiet zone requirements. Twenty-six crossings were on the CSX 'S' line and three were on the Florida Northern line running through Dunnellon. The crossings in the existing quiet zone established the City of Ocala were not included.

A quick overview of the program is as follows:

- Quiet Zone must be at least ½ mile in length along the railroad tracks.
- Quiet Zone must have, at a minimum, flashing lights and gates in place at each public crossing. These must be equipped with constant warning time devices where reasonably practical, and power out indicators. Any necessary upgrades must be completed before calculating risk for the Quiet Zone.
- Update the USDOT Grade Crossing Inventory Form to reflect conditions at each public and private crossing; this update should be complete, accurate, and dated within 6 months prior to the Quiet Zone implementation.
- If any private crossings allow access to the public or provide access to active industrial or commercial sites, the public authority must conduct a diagnostic team review of those crossings. Following the diagnostic review, the public authority must comply with the diagnostic team's recommendations concerning those crossings.

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Attached you will find the results of the field diagnostic. Overall, 9 zones have been identified at a cost of \$2.1 million. Staff has included a suggested priority list based on the amount of residential population affected by each potential zone. In the past, there has been no federal or state funding available to implement quiet zones. Last year the Legislature set aside \$10 million to establish a 50/50 match program to fund quiet zone improvements. The deadline for applications was October 1, 2014. It is unknown if the program will be funded again this year.

Staff is requesting direction on how to proceed. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 629-8297.

Quiet Zone
Improvement Overview
January 2015

Crossing	Jurisdiction	Constant Warning Time [CWT] ¹	Option 1	Option 2	Preferred Option	Quiet Zone Improvements			Total
						CWT	Median	Quad Gate	
Citra									
CR 318	MC	Installed	Install Median	-	1	-	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 7,500
NE 175th St.	MC	No	Install Median	-	1	\$ 70,000	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 77,500
									<i>Total:</i> \$ 85,000
Sparr									
CR 316	MC	No	Install Median	-	1	\$ 70,000	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 77,500
CR 329	MC	No	Install Median	-	1	\$ 70,000	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 77,500
									<i>Total:</i> \$ 155,000
Anthony									
NE 97th St. Rd.	MC	No	Quad-gates	Install median	2	\$ 280,000	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 287,500
NE 95th St.	MC	No	Install Median	-	1	\$ 70,000	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 77,500
									<i>Total:</i> \$ 365,000
Marion North									
NE 86th Lane	MC	No	Quad-gates	Install medians, restrict	2	-	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 7,500
SR 326	FDOT	No	Quad-gates	-	1	\$ 70,000	-	\$ 400,000	\$ 470,000
									<i>Total:</i> \$ 477,500
Ocala - NE									
NE 40th Ave. Rd	MC	No	Install Median	-	1	\$ 70,000	\$ -	-	\$ 70,000
NE 35th Street	MC	No	Install Median	-	1	\$ 70,000	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 77,500
NE 36th Ave	Ocala	Installed	Grade-separated by 2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
NE 25th Ave.	Ocala	Installed	Install Median	-	1	-	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 7,500
NE 19th Ave.	Ocala	Installed	Install Median	-	1	-	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 7,500
NE 8th Avenue	Ocala	Installed	Install Median	-	1	-	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 7,500
NE 9th St.	Ocala	No	Install Median	-	1	\$ 70,000	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 77,500
									<i>Total:</i> \$ 247,500
Ocala South									
SE 52nd St.	MC	No	Install Median	-	-	\$ 70,000	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 77,500
SE 62nd St.	MC	No	Install Median	-	-	\$ 70,000	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 77,500
SE 73rd St.	MC	Installed	Install Median	-	-	-	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 7,500
SE 80th St.	MC	Installed	Install Median	-	-	-	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 7,500
									<i>Total:</i> \$ 170,000
Bellevue									
SE Foss Rd.	Bellevue	Installed	Install Median	One-way Foss	1	-	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 7,500
SE Robinson Rd	Bellevue	Installed	Install Median	One-way Robinson	1	-	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 7,500
SE Hames Road	FDOT	Installed	Quad-gates	-	1	-	-	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
SE Babb Rd.	Bellevue	Installed	Close Crossing	Install Median	2	-	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 7,500
									<i>Total:</i> \$ 422,500
Marion South									
SE 135th St.	MC	Installed	Install Median	Install Median	2	-	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 7,500
SE 147th St.	MC	Installed	Quad-gates	Install Median	2	-	\$ 7,500	-	\$ 7,500
CR 42	MC	Installed	-	No Improvement Needed	2	-	-	-	\$ -
									<i>Total:</i> \$ 15,000

Quiet Zone
Improvement Overview
January 2015

Crossing	Jurisdiction	Constant Warning Time (CWT) ¹	Option 1	Option 2	Preferred Option	Quiet Zone Improvements			Total
						CWT	Median	Quad Gate	
Dunnellon CR 484 E. McKinney Ave. SW 99th Pl.	MC Dunnellon MC	Installed No No	Install Median Install Median Install Median	- - -	1 1 1	- 70,000 \$ 70,000 \$	7,500 7,500 7,500	- - -	7,500 77,500 77,500
						<i>Total:</i>	\$		\$ 162,500
						<i>Grand Total:</i>	\$		\$ 2,100,000

¹Minimum requirement for Quiet Zone - CWT devices provide relatively uniform advance warning time between the activation of warning devices and train arrival based on speed of the train

Suggested Priority*	
1	Ocala - NE
2	Bellevue
3	Ocala - South
4	Marion South
5	Dunnellon
6	Anthony
7	Citra
8	Sparr
9	Marion North

*Based on impacted population

Proposed Quiet Zones Along CSXT S-Line

Marion County, FL

Legend

- CSXT S-Line
- FNOR & CSXT
- Existing Quiet Zone

Proposed Quiet Zones:

- Anthony
- Marion North
- Ocala-NE

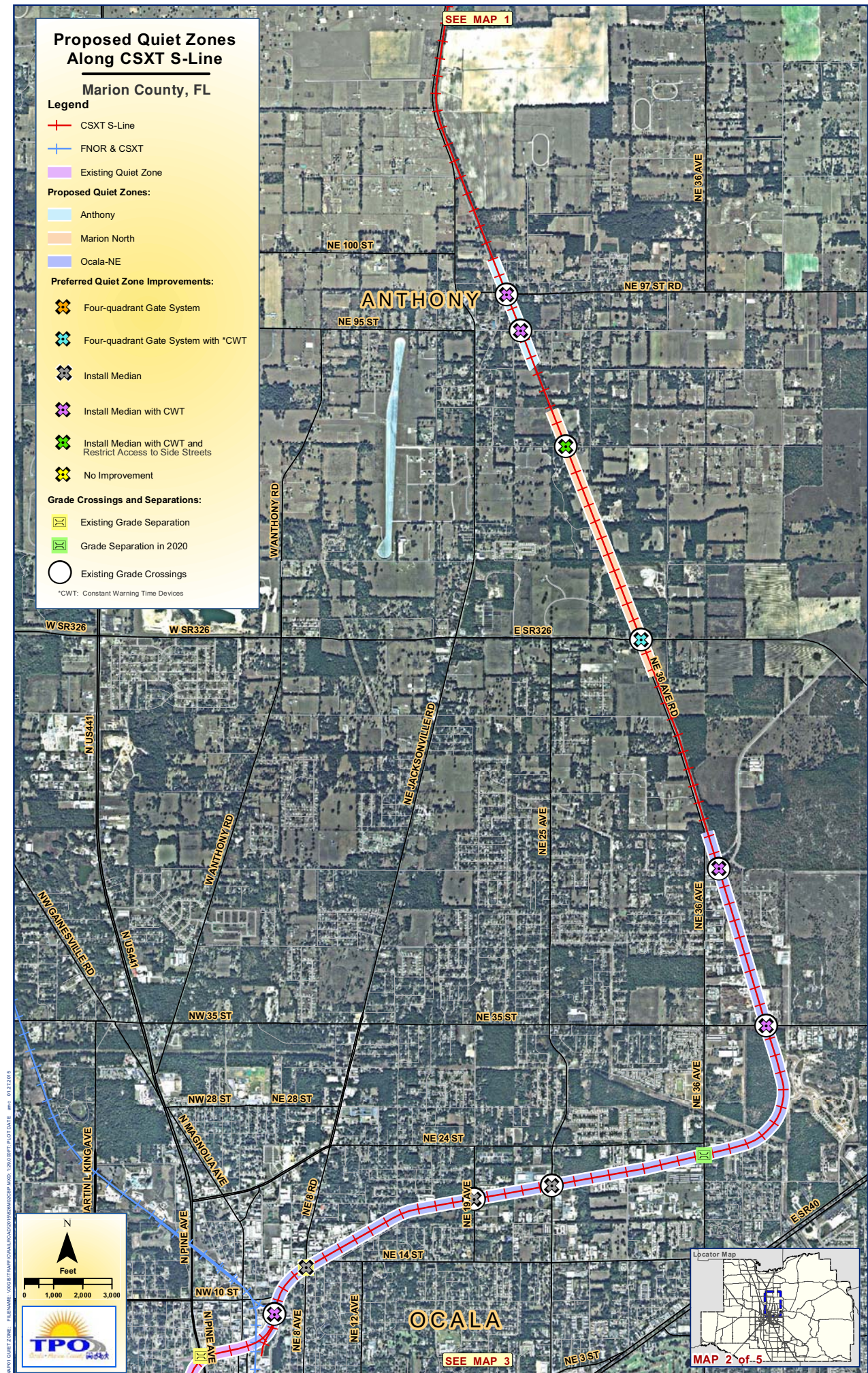
Preferred Quiet Zone Improvements:

- Four-quadrant Gate System
- Four-quadrant Gate System with *CWT
- Install Median
- Install Median with CWT
- Install Median with CWT and Restrict Access to Side Streets
- No Improvement

Grade Crossings and Separations:

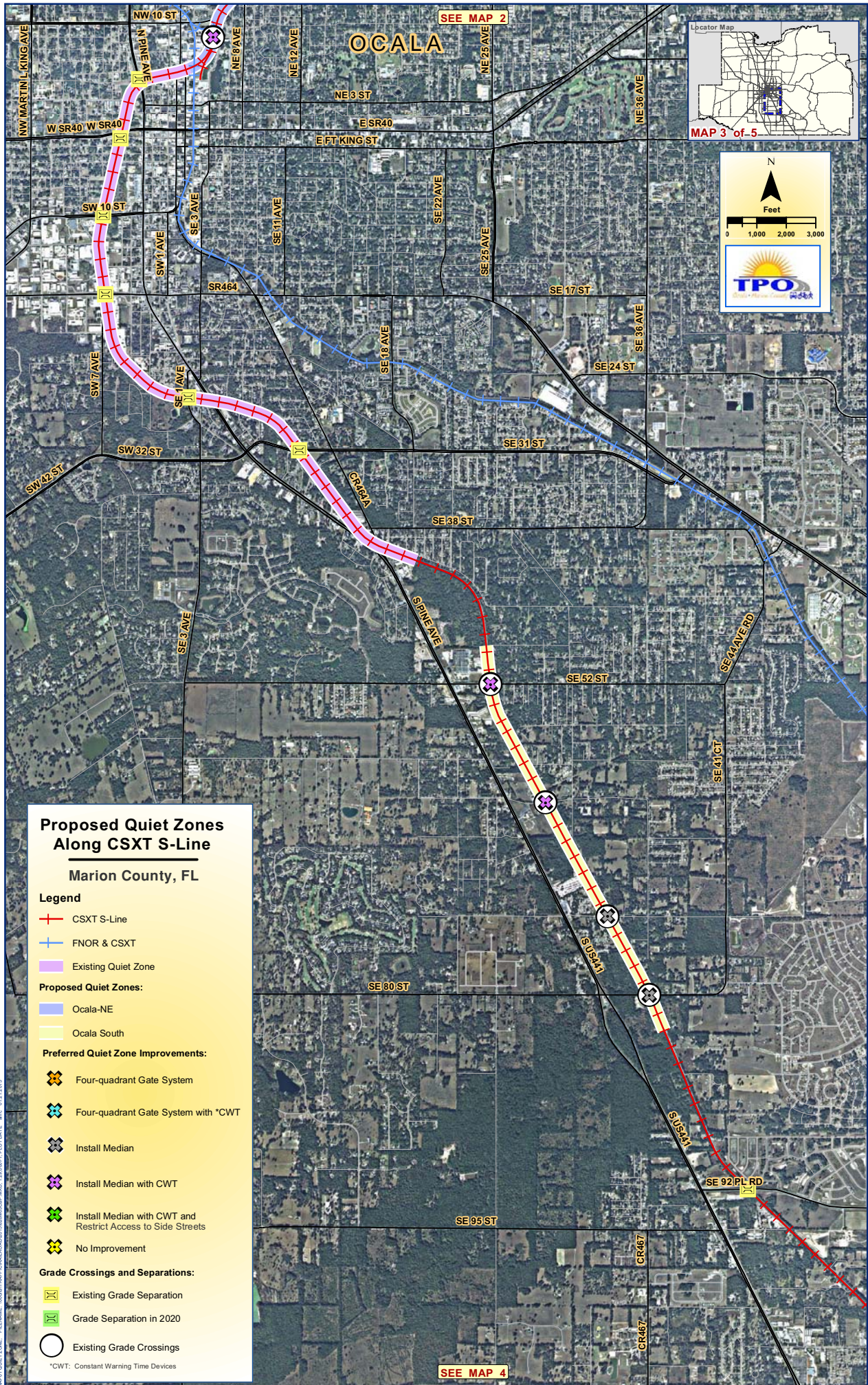
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- Existing Grade Crossings

*CWT: Constant Warning Time Devices

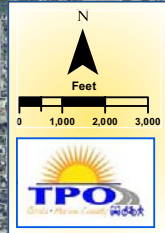
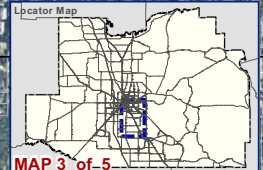


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SEE MAP 3



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Proposed Quiet Zones Along CSXT S-Line
Marion County, FL

Legend

- CSXT S-Line
- FNOR & CSXT
- Existing Quiet Zone

Proposed Quiet Zones:

- Ocala-NE
- Ocala South

Preferred Quiet Zone Improvements:

- Four-quadrant Gate System
- Four-quadrant Gate System with *CWT
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- No Improvement

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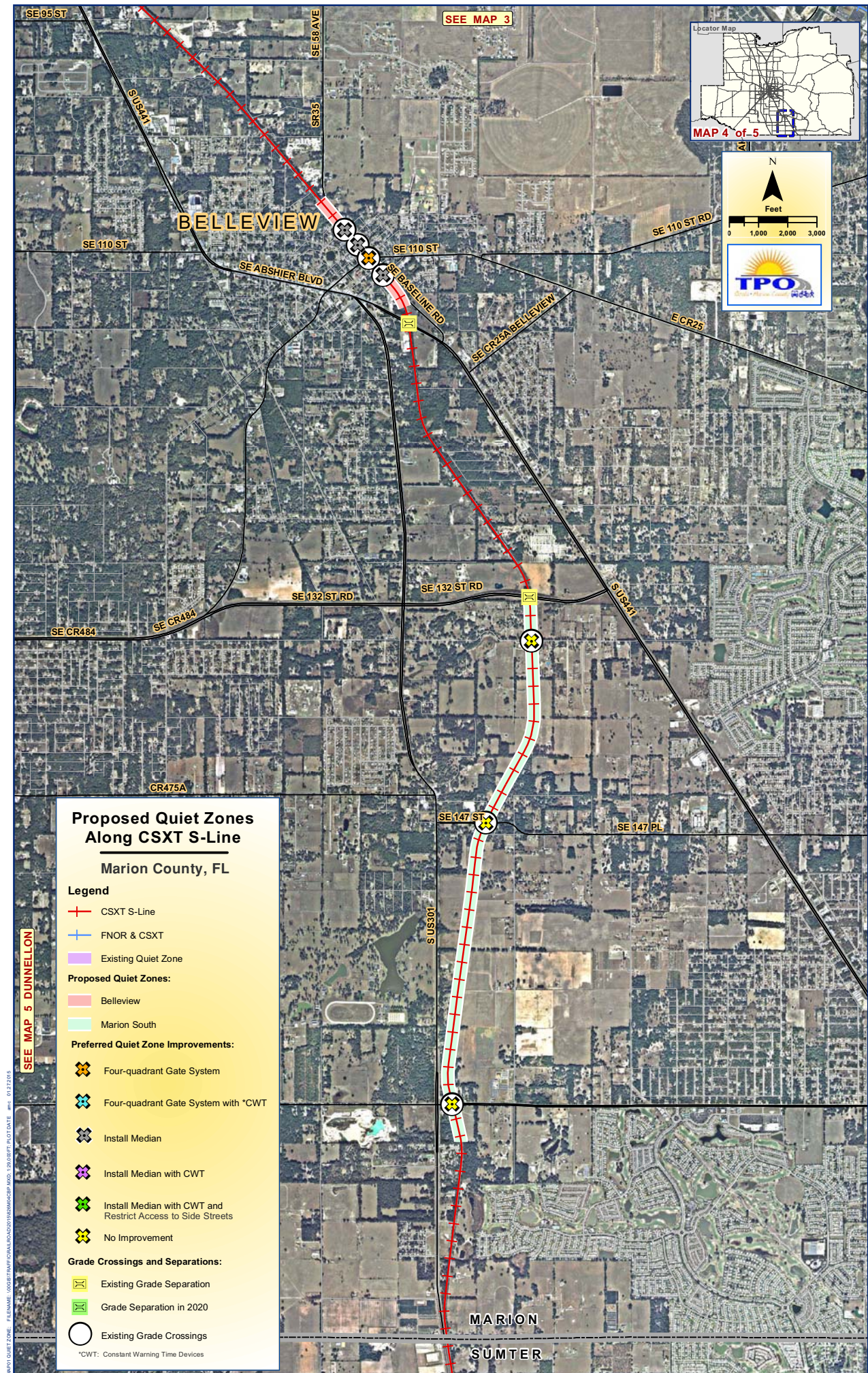
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- Grade Separation in 2020
- Existing Grade Crossings

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**Proposed Quiet Zones
Along CSXT S-Line
Marion County, FL**

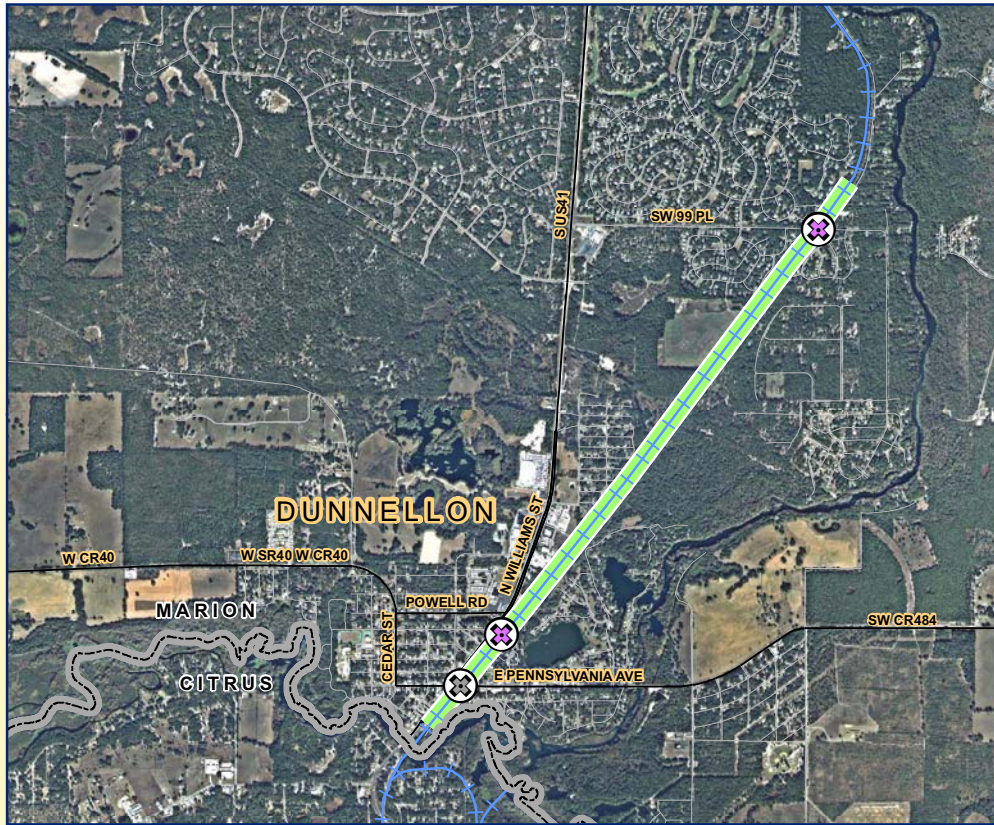
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- + CSXT S-Line
- + FNOR & CSXT
- Existing Quiet Zone
- Proposed Quiet Zones:**
- Belleview
- Marion South
- Preferred Quiet Zone Improvements:**
- + Four-quadrant Gate System
- + Four-quadrant Gate System with *CWT
- + Install Median
- + Install Median with CWT
- + Install Median with CWT and Restrict Access to Side Streets
- + No Improvement
- Grade Crossings and Separations:**
- + Existing Grade Separation
- + Grade Separation in 2020
- + Existing Grade Crossings

*CWT: Constant Warning Time Devices

SEE MAP 5 DUNNELLON

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**Proposed Quiet Zone
Dunnellon**
Marion County, FL

Legend

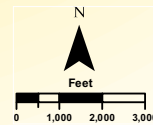
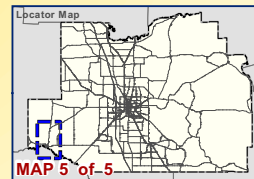
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- Existing Grade Crossings

Proposed Quiet Zone:

- Dunnellon

Preferred Quiet Zone Improvements:

- Install Median
 - Install Median with CWT
- *CWT: Constant Warning Time Devices



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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Marion County Commission Auditorium
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October 28, 2014

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Members Present:

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Commissioner Gary Ernst (*for Commissioner Michael Goldman*)
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Councilman John McLeod
Commissioner David Moore
Councilwoman Mary Sue Rich

Others Present:

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John Voges, TPO Staff
Ken Odom, TPO Staff
Ann McGaffic, TPO Staff
Kayleen Hamilton, TPO Staff
Kellie Smith, FDOT
Mike McCammon, FDOT
Mounir Bouyounes, Marion County Engineer
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Oscar Tovar, City of Ocala Traffic Engineering
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Mike Daniels, City of Ocala Development Services
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Martha Moore, Ghyabi & Associates
Connie Mullis, Office of Senator Dorothy Hukill
Approximately (6) members of the public

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Musleh called the public hearing to order at 4:08 PM. Secretary Kayleen Hamilton called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

Item 2. Proof of Publication

Secretary Kayleen Hamilton stated the public hearing was advertised in the October 14 and October 21 editions of the Ocala Star Banner.

Item 3a. 2035 Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Update

Mr. Slay reported that the 2035 Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan update had kicked off the previous year. The focus had been on regional trails, sidewalk connectivity, and bicycle facilities. Stakeholder meetings and several presentations had happened during the course of the update. Mr. Slay introduced Mr. John Sewell from Kimley-Horn and Associates to present the draft 2035 Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan update.

Mr. Sewell reported that top level accomplishments achieved during the update included consensus on trail corridors, successful securing of state funding for the Cross Florida Greenway Bike Trail, development of recommended sidewalk priorities, and development of bicycle and pedestrian recommendations and policy changes.

Public involvement had been part of the update in order to hear from the community. Information was disseminated via newsletters and a project website. Users were able to provide comments and feedback on the website. Mr. Sewell reported that stakeholder coordination had been productive, and that meetings with specific groups like the water management district, local bicycle shops, and the municipalities, had been held to make sure input was comprehensive. Mr. Sewell said that there had also been a booth at the Fat Tire Festival to provide information and take comments.

Mr. Sewell said that for purposes of the update, a multi-use trail was defined as a twelve foot wide asphalt path. The trails were paved because that's where the largest market was for the type of ecotourism Marion County was likely to attract.

Mr. Sewell provided a network map showing the Coast-to-Coast Trail, which was partially funded, and discussed how Marion County fit into the big picture of regional trail. Mr. Sewell said that with the Withlacoochee Trail, the Cross-Florida Greenway Bike Trail, and the Heart of Florida Loop all connected, the area would be an international draw.

Mr. Sewell reported that trail and sidewalks were rated the highest desirable neighborhood amenity by realtors. Based on existing studies regarding the economic benefit of trails, Mr. Sewell said that the Cross Florida Greenway Bike Trail was anticipated to have a potential economic impact of \$20 million annually. Maintenance was projects to cost approximately \$165,000 per year.

The master plan update included feasibility studies for three potential corridors. The Florida Northern Railroad corridor was currently in use and CSX policy and limited right-of-way made it infeasible to add a multi-use trail on the route. The Cross Florida Greenway Trail and the Silver Springs Bikeway were both determined to be feasible corridors for trails. The studies took into account factors such as right-of-way and costs.

The Cross-Florida Greenway Trail was broken into four phases, three of which were funded for design/build and one that was funded through design. Mr. Sewell noted that the project was a great partnership between the TPO, FDOT, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Office of Greenways and Trails. When finished, the project would provide twenty-two continuous miles of paved trail.

The Silver Springs Bikeway was broken into two separate studies – downtown to Silver Springs, and Silver Springs to CR 42. Mr. Sewell said there was a future phase to connect the trail from CR 42 into the Lake County trail system. The downtown to Silver Springs section was approximately six miles almost entirely on-street. Because of right-of-way challenges, the study proposed to use shared lane markings and signage where bicycle traffic could not be separated from automobile traffic. Mr. Sewell reviewed three options for configuring the Fort King Street section of the trail and said that a separated multi-use trail on one side of the road was the preferred configuration because it would serve more users.

The trail from Silver Springs State Park to CR 42 was two phases, one from the park through Marshall Swamp to the Baseline Trailhead and the second from the Baseline Trailhead to CR 42. Much of the route was on public land, including the water management district's levee system. The project from Silver Springs to Lake County would provide approximately 30.5 miles of paved trail. Mr. Sewell commented that the Cross Florida Greenway Trail would give the local municipalities the opportunity to start a track record for the county, leading up to completion of the Silver Springs Bikeway.

Outcomes of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan update included a bike suitability map. The map could be downloaded to mobile devices and was connected to Map My Ride.

Features of the map included ride information and levels of suitability based on things like traffic volumes. The map could also be printed.

There were other bicycle projects identified, and those were a bicycle beltway around Ocala, a Lake Weir connection, bicycle facilities on SR 40, and connections to Alachua, The Villages, and other regional destinations.

The study looked at sidewalk methodology and emphasized looking at where sidewalks would be most effective. A list of sidewalk recommendations had been developed, including the identification of over 225 sidewalk gaps.

Next steps were to finalize the plan, continue work on a conceptual plan for the downtown Ocala to Silver Springs trail, and take a more detailed look at urban bicycle facilities for improvements like adding lanes.

Item 4. Public Comment

Mr. Rob Ern of 217 SE 1st Avenue, Ocala, said that he represented the board of the Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation, was a member of the Ocala Mountain Biking Association (OMBA), and was a partner in Brick City Bicycles. Mr. Ern said that the plan was very exciting and commended the board for foresight in the projects. Mr. Ern said that the Foundation was excited about the Coast-to-Coast Trail and that he, as a business owner and Lake County resident, was also excited about the Heart of Florida Loop. Mr. Ern offered the assistance of the Foundation and said he believed that the TPO, working with the OMBA and the Office of Greenways and Trails, had found the trail alignments that worked best for all user groups. Mr. Ern stated that connecting paved trails to the Florida trail system would bring further economic benefit to the community.

Ms. Michelle Shearer of 2301 SE 85th Street, Ocala, representing the Shady Greenway Conservation Alliance, stated that she was thrilled with the project. Ms. Shearer commented that even though the trails might incur some costs such as maintenance, they would create jobs. Ms. Shearer said that the project was great for Marion County.

Mr. McClain made a motion to approve the 2035 Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan update as presented. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion.

Mr. Zalak asked about the trail alignment along Fort King Street, and Mr. Slay said that alternatives would be addressed during the concept plans process. This process would get into more detail and generate more options. Mr. Zalak asked about estimated bicycle traffic, and Mr. Sewell said that it was difficult to determine. Mr. Sewell commented that the more important thing was to anticipate types of users when looking at alternatives. Mr. Sewell added that they would not want to do anything unless Engineering approved of the operations and safety of a chosen alternative. The eastern section of Fort King Street had an existing multi-use sidewalk with sharrow markings. The four-lane section near downtown that was being studied for trail alternatives was approximately three quarters of a mile long, and Mr. Sewell stated that alternatives were mostly methods such as restriping or separating traffic with vertical vinyl. No major construction was planned.

A vote was called and the 2035 Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan update was unanimously approved.

Item 5. Adjournment

Chairman Musleh adjourned the public hearing at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kayleen Hamilton, TPO Administrative Assistant

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Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Musleh called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM. Secretary Kayleen Hamilton called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

Item 2. Proof of Publication

Secretary Kayleen Hamilton stated the meeting was posted on the TPO, Marion County, Ocala, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites and on the TPO Facebook page.

Item 3a. Election of Chairman and Vice-chairman

Mr. McClain nominated Mr. Arnett for Chairman and Mr. Hilty for Vice-chairman. Mr. Zalak seconded and the nominations were approved unanimously.

Item 3b. Appointment of Members to the Central Florida MPO Alliance and the MPO Advisory Council

Mr. Slay mentioned that Mr. McClain was scheduled to be chairman of the Central Florida MPO Alliance for the next year.

Mr. Zalak made a motion to retain Ms. Bryant, Mr. McClain, and Mr. Guinn as delegate members to the Central Florida MPO Alliance. Mr. Arnett seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Bryant made a motion to appoint Mr. Zalak as the alternate delegate to the Central Florida MPO Alliance, and Mr. Arnett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bryant made a motion to retain Mr. McLeod as the TPO's delegate member to the MPO Advisory Council and Mr. Zalak as an alternate. Mr. Hilty seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3c. Roll-Forward Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Odom presented the Roll-Forward Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The roll-forward version of the plan was necessary because of the difference in state and municipal fiscal year cycles. Mr. Odom advised that major construction projects were forthcoming.

Four projects were being amended into the program. These projects were resurfacing on I-75, design-build funding for the Land Bridge Trail, freight-related projects on SR 326, and a SunTran capital expenditure project.

Mr. Odom noted that the Belleview Beltway project was no longer on the Priority Projects list because it was funded for construction in the current fiscal year.

Ms. Bryant commented that the inside lane of the SW 42nd Street flyover at SR 200 needed work. Mr. Slay said that staff would discuss the issue with FDOT. Mr. McCammon said that the current condition would not damage vehicles or their tires and that the Department would look at addressing the road.

Ms. Bryant made a motion to approve the Roll-Forward TIP. Mr. Zalak seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Item 4a. Downtown SR 40 Plan

Ms. Martha Moore of Ghyabi and Associates gave a presentation on the SR 40 conceptual development planning study. The study area was a section from US 441 east to NE 8th Street. Ms. Moore stated that the study looked at the street as it related to its environment and took a complete streets approach.

Ms. Moore reviewed existing conditions within the study area and reported that the study was working in conjunction with other planned projects on the corridor. The study also looked at accident data for the last five years. A goal of the study was to provide better connectivity between the north and south sides of the road.

Ms. Moore provided examples of best practices for pedestrian safety and reviewed existing conditions on SR 40. Ms. Moore also presented concepts for reconfiguring the roadway, including installation of raised medians, widening of sidewalks, and reducing lane widths. There was also a concept to reduce lanes in order to add a buffered bike lane and parallel parking. Ms. Moore reported that there had been discussion regarding converting two of the one-way streets to two-way streets.

Next steps included a joint public meeting and a corridor development plan. Mr. Guinn asked about funding for the project, and Mr. Slay said that there was one million dollars in design funds in FY 2016/2017. Mr. Hilty mentioned that the City was looking at relocating public parking.

There was discussion regarding lane reductions. Mr. Slay explained that a reduction would force traffic to divert. Mr. Musleh commented that SW 17th Street, a potential alternative route for drivers, was already congested. Mr. Zalak asked about other options. Ms. Moore noted that SR 40 did not have excessive traffic volumes and was low speed, so most pedestrians could cross safely without a pedestrian overpass or other expensive features. Mr. Slay advised that narrowing the lanes would slow traffic closer to the posted speed limit. Ms. Moore added that enhanced crosswalks would give drivers visual cues regarding the presence of pedestrians.

Item 4b. Quiet Zones

Mr. Slay reported that the city of Ocala had just implemented a quiet zone at one of its railroad crossings. In 2007, when discussions regarding SunRail and diverting freight traffic to the S Line had begun, potential quiet zones had been identified. Mr. Slay advised that quiet zones required upgrades to the crossing. Mr. Slay reported that the legislature had set aside funding for a fifty-fifty match program for improvements needed in order to apply for quiet zones designation. CSX was performing field diagnostics on crossings, and Mr. Slay said that there was potential for funding some of the needed improvements at identified locations.

Mr. Zalak asked what improvements had to be made at crossings, and Mr. Slay answered that it depended on traffic and what was present at the crossing. Generally, the crossing needed to be secure so that vehicles could not drive around the gates when lowered; however, the crossing at Lake Weir Avenue had not had any improvements made for its designation as a quiet zone. Mr. Slay added that just because a crossing was designated as a quiet zone did not mean that the train had to stop blowing its horn. Mr. Slay said that staff could look at the crossings and provide cost estimates for improvements needed for quiet zones.

Item 5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Zalak made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2014, meeting. Mr. Hilty seconded and the motion passed by unanimous approval.

Item 6. Comments by FDOT

Ms. Smith reported that a public hearing for the FDOT District 5 Work Program would be held in December at the district office. The hearing was scheduled to be broadcast as a live webinar, as well. Public comment would be accepted at the meeting and for two weeks.

Construction on SR 40 was continuing with earthwork, pond construction, and ditch blocks. Resurfacing was ongoing on US 441, CR 492, and SR 200.

Mr. Zalak asked about the line of sight issue just north of Belleview on US 441, and Ms. Smith advised that the traffic study had been completed and submitted to the TPO

Director. Ms. Smith said that a letter notifying the TPO regarding improvements would be sent shortly.

Item 7. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Slay reported that FDOT Central Office in Tallahassee was looking at funding the grade separation and four-laning on NE 25th Avenue. Mr. Slay said that NE 36th Avenue was a higher priority because it carried more traffic and had more level of service issues. The TPO board directed staff to discuss with FDOT moving the funding identified for NE 25th Avenue to NE 36th Avenue instead.

Item 8. Comments by TPO Members

There were no further comments from TPO members.

Item 9. Public Comment

Mr. Slay drew the board's attention to a letter from Mr. Paul Marraffino of Dunnellon. Mr. Marraffino had contacted staff regarding a new pedestrian crossing structure on CR 484 to Blue Run Park. Mr. Slay advised that he had responded to Mr. Marraffino with information regarding work in progress to get design funding for Pennsylvania Avenue. Mr. Slay said that making changes to the existing bridge would be studied. Ms. Fleeger commented that the problem had been discussed over the years, noting that if something could be done to separate pedestrians and cyclists, it would be safer.

Item 10. Adjournment

Chairman Musleh adjourned the meeting at 5:34 PM.

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