



Citizens (CAC) and Technical (TAC) Advisory Committee Joint Meeting

Marion County – Library Headquarters
2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470
1:00 PM

MINUTES

CAC Members Present:

Matt Fabian
Travis Magamoll
Richard McGinley
Nick Mora
Steve Rudnianyn
Michelle Shearer (*arrived at 1:22pm*)

CAC Members Not Present:

Richard Howard
Suzanne Mangram

TAC Members Present:

Noel Cooper
Ji Li (*alternate Tom Duncan arrived at 1:09pm*)
Kia Powell
Jeff Shrum
Tracy Straub (*alternate Chris Zeigler*)
Bob Titterington

TAC Members Not Present:

Dave Herlihy
Loretta Shaffer
Chuck Varadin
Chad Ward

Others Present:

Rob Balmes
Shakayla Irby
Liz Mitchell
Amy O'Brien, HCA Florida
Daniel DaGraca, Kimley-Horn
Steven Cohoon, Marion County

Item 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Travis Magamoll called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

Item 2. CAC Roll Call

Chairman Magamoll asked for a roll call. Secretary Shakayla Irby called the roll and a quorum was present.

Item 3. TAC Roll Call

Chairman Jeff Shrum asked for a roll call. Secretary Shakayla Irby called the roll and a quorum was present.

Item 4. Proof of Publication

Secretary Shakayla Irby stated the meeting had been published online to the TPO's website, as well as the City of Ocala, Belleview, Marion County, and Dunnellon's websites on June 4, 2024. The meeting had also been published to the TPOs Facebook and Twitter pages.

Item 5. CAC Consent Agenda

Mr. McGinley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Rudnianyn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 6. TAC Consent Agenda

Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Titterington seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 7a. Draft Fiscal Years (FY) 2025 to 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Transportation Planner, Sara Brown presented the draft Fiscal Years 2025 to 2029 Transportation Improvement Program which was made available for public and partner agency review on May 7, 2024. As a follow-up to the draft presentation at the committee meeting on May 14, 2024, comments that were received from partner agencies and the public at the meeting were presented. To date, the TPO had received feedback from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) which was included in the meeting packet.

There was also one comment received from the public.

- **Public Comment:** “In the draft TIP map online, project FM 436756-1 does not include further detail about the project. I own a few properties along that route and would like to know more about the project and if any designs have been made.”
 - **TPO Response:** Noted for public record. The citizen was thanked for the comment and was told that the project in the TIP is funded for preliminary engineering in FY 25. The TPO also gave the citizen contact information for the city to ask if they have any further design information for the project.

Both committees were asked to recommend to the TPO Board adoption of the TIP on June 25.

CAC Action:

Mr. McGinley made a motion to recommend approval the Draft FY 2025 to 2029 TIP.

Mr. Rudnianyn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

TAC Action:

Mr. Cooper made a motion to recommend approval the Draft FY 2025 to 2029 TIP.

Mr. Zeigler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 7b. Draft Fiscal Years (FY) 2026 to 2030 List of Priority Projects (LOPP)

Mr. Balmes presented and said that the draft FY 2026 to 2030 LOPP had been shared with the committees in May, including a recommendation from the TAC to move the Marion Oaks Extension and Flyover into the top tier of the Planning List. He had made this adjustment and presented it to the TPO board at the May meeting, where the board had no objections to the recommendation.

At the joint CAC-TAC meeting, both committees were asked for final comments and a recommendation to the TPO Board for adoption on June 25.

Mr. Zeigler from Marion County presented a list of recommended changes that Marion County wished to see in the LOPP. Mr. Zeigler’s recommendations resulted in extensive dialogue by both the TAC and CAC members and also involved the TPO Director providing information. The end result included specific recommendations by each respective committee.

TAC Recommendations

Ranking Changes (Top 20 List)

- #6 US 41 Capacity to #11
- #11 SR 200 Capacity to #6
- #9 SR 40 at SR 35 Roundabout to #18
- #17 SR 35 at SR 464 Intersection to #9
- #20 Belleview Trail to #17

Project Deletion (Top 20 List)

- #16 SW 80th Capacity (redundant with #2)

Project Deletion (Top 20 List)

- I-75 at CR 484 Bridge Replacement (new) #1 Ranking
- Marion Oaks Extension and Flyover – Rank at bottom of TPO 20
- CR 475A from SW 66th to SW 42nd - Rank at bottom of Top 20

CAC Recommendations

Ranking Changes (Top 20 List)

- #20 Belleview Trail to #17

Project Additions to Top 20 List (2)

- I-75 at CR 484 Bridge Replacement (new) #1 Ranking
- CR 475A from SW 66th to SW 42nd - Rank at bottom of Top 20

TAC Action:

Mr. Titterington made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed recommendations and rankings by the TAC for the FY 2026 to 2030 LOPP. Mr. Zeigler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CAC Action:

Ms. Shearer made a motion to move project #20 Belleview Trail to #17 on the FY 2026 to 2030 LOPP. Mr. McGinley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rudnianyn made a motion to add I-75 at CR 484 Bridge Replacement on the FY 2026 to 2030 LOPP. Ms. Shearer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rudnianyn made a motion to add the four laning of CR 475A from SW 66th to SW 42nd on the FY 2026 to 2030 LOPP. Mr. Fabian seconded, and the motion passed with Ms. Shearer opposing.

Item 7c. Draft 2024 List of Regional Priority Projects

Mr. Balmes presented and said TPO staff presented in May the draft 2024 List of Regional Priority Projects to the CAC and TAC. He reminded the committees that the TPO worked in collaboration annually with the Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA) to approve a set of regionally significant transportation priority projects.

Both committees were asked for any final comments and feedback in preparation for seeking TPO Board approval on June 25.

Mr. Rudnianyn asked if there was still a request for an interchange at SW 20th Street.

Mr. Balmes clarified that the City of Ocala had requested the interchange project be added to the list about three years ago and that the project was included in the Draft Department of Transportation (DOT) Strategic Intermodal System (SIS).

Mr. Shrum said that he had not heard that the City of Ocala did not want the interchange at SW 20th Street.

CAC Action:

Ms. Shearer made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft 2024 List of Regional Priority Projects. Mr. Fabian seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Cooper commented that the 44th Corridor project was on the last regional list and inquired why it was not included in the list for 2024.

Mr. Balmes explained that he proposed not including the project on the list because the Central Florida MPO Alliance would not vote on it until sometime in October, by which time the DOT Work Program Development Cycle would already be underway. He added that TRIP funding would likely be for 2027 to 2030 and would require support from two other counties. He also mentioned that a recommendation could be made to add the project back to the list if the committee decided to do so.

Mr. Shrum suggested mentioning to the TPO board the potential of considering Marion Oaks Manor as just a flyover.

TAC Action:

Mr. Zeigler made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft 2024 List of Regional Priority Projects. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Item 7d. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment #3

Mr. Balmes presented and said as announced on June 4, 2024, the TPO would hold a public hearing on June 25, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Marion County Commission Auditorium, 601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471. The public hearing would be for an amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

The amendment was proposed to ensure appropriate consistency between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), TPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 LRTP. The proposed amendment included funding and phase updates to the following project in the Cost Feasible Element of Chapter 7: Funding the Plan.

I-75 at NW 49th Street Interchange, from End of NW 49th Street to End of NW 35th Street (FY 2021 to 2025) (FM 435209-1). Updated LRTP project cost estimates.

New Interchange

- Right-of-Way (ROW): \$21,500,000
- Construction (Design-Build, DSB): \$93,500,000

- Total Funding: \$115,000,000

TAC Action:

Mr. Cooper made a motion to recommend approval of the 2045 LRTP Amendment #3. Mr. Titterington seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CAC Action:

Mr. Mora made a motion to recommend approval of the 2045 LRTP Amendment #3. Mr. McGinley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Item 8a. Fiscal Years (FY) 2024 to 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4 Update

Ms. Brown presented and said that on May 16, 2024, FDOT reached out to the TPO to process a TIP Amendment for the I-75 at NW 49th Street Interchange project. At the May 28, 2024 TPO Board Meeting TPO staff presented the TIP amendment to the Board and the TPO Board approved the TIP Amendment. The project information was as follows:

FM# 435209-1: I-75 at NW 49th Street from end of NW 49th Street to end of NW 35th Street

- New Interchange on I-75
- Funds to be amended to FY 2025
- Total: \$114,803,862
 - ACNP: \$56,903,700 (DSB)
 - ACSL: \$2,516,655 (DSB)
 - CIGP: \$2,620,216 (ROW)
 - DDR: 7,807,576 (ROW: \$3,948,826; DSB: \$3,858,750)
 - DIH: \$50,000
 - LF: \$20,612,138 (ROW: \$5,768,850; RRU: \$1,760,000; DSB: \$13,083,288)
 - SA: \$ 3,873,030 (ROW)
 - SL: \$5,633,813 (ROW: \$1,000,000; DSB: \$4,633,813)
 - TRIP: \$10,569,054 (ROW: \$3,740,934; DSB: 6,828,120)
 - TRWR: \$4,207,680 (ROW: \$418,360; DSB: \$3,789,320)

Item 8b. Interactive 2050 LRTP Group Survey and Discussion

Mr. Balmes conducted an interactive Mentimeter survey with the committees, based on the already published online survey of the 2050 LRTP.

Item 9. Comments by FDOT

Ms. Kia Powell gave the following updates:

- The Construction Report was provided in the committee packet and there was at the time 8 intermittent lane closures. She shared with the committees that more detailed information could be found on cflroads.com.
- U.S. 301 (S.R. 35) Resurfacing from north of C.R. 42 to north of SE 144th Place Road was expected to start in the summer of 2024.
- There would be a public meeting on State Road 40 held at the Mary Sue Rich Community Center from 5:30pm to 7:30pm and there would also be a virtual option.
- FDOT Safety Office would be participating in the June 27 Marion County PTSD awareness event.

Item 10. Comments by TPO Staff

There were no comments by TPO Staff.

Item 11. Comments by CAC Members

Ms. Shearer inquired about the Marion Oaks Manor Extension – Marion Oaks Manor to CR 42 Flyover at I-75 project, asking if it would be two or four lanes and whether there were homes near it.

Mr. Zeigler responded yes, explaining that Marion Oaks Blvd was partially four-laned with two lanes before approaching Summer Glen.

Ms. Shearer specifically asked about the west side where Marion Oaks was located.

Mr. Zeigler said he could gather more information on the project.

Mr. Steve Cohoon (inaudible on the recording) expounded on the project and addressed Ms. Shearer's question.

Item 12. Comments by TAC Members

There were no comments by TAC Members.

Item 13. Public Comments

Mr. Steve Cohoon, Marion County Engineer, addressed the committees and asked them not to fault Mr. Zeigler for the sudden changes proposed for the LOPP, as he had instructed him to do so on his behalf. He explained that he did not have a favorable situation when he joined the County and was behind schedule, assuring that such issues would not recur. He also discussed the suggestion of removing the first project on the LOPP (I-75 at NW 49th Street Interchange), noting that since the project was design-build, the deadline for responses was May 6. The department was holding oral presentations with the final selection meeting for the design-build on June 24. He said that because design-build projects differ when it comes to

implementation, with selections happening in June, actual construction could start in the next two to three months. There were no objections to leaving the project on the Top 20 list as that is what the committee decided on; he just wanted to provide some background. He apologized to the committees again for the sudden changes.

Item 14. Adjournment

Chairman Magamoll adjourned the meeting at 2:37pm and reminded both committees that they would resume meeting on August 13 at regular times.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, TPO Administrative Assistant