



## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ocala Citizens Service Center  
201 SE 3rd Street, Ocala FL 34478

**March 10, 2015**  
**10:00 AM**

### AGENDA

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

#### 2. PROOF OF PUBLICATION

#### 3. ACTION ITEMS

##### A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

*Each year, the Transportation Planning Organization develops a list of priority project for a five year planning horizon. Staff will present the draft FY 2021 Priority Projects. Staff is requesting review, ranking, and approval of the priority projects list.*

##### B. 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.*

#### 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### A. FDOT RAIL SAFETY PROGRAM PRESENTATION

#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

##### A. MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 13, 2015

#### 6. COMMENTS BY FDOT

**7. COMMENTS BY TPO STAFF**

**8. COMMENTS BY TAC 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.

*The next regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee will be held on  
**April 14, 2015.***



**March 4, 2015**

**TO: TAC/CAC Members**

**FROM: Kenneth Odom, Transportation Planner**

**RE: DRAFT FY 2021 Priority Projects**

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The following pages contain a copy of the DRAFT FY 2021 Priority Projects. The overall order of the Priority Projects list has not been altered from FY 2020 to FY 2021 because no projects have been funded through construction in the first three years of the five that are listed, and no additional priorities have been identified. However, there have been additional funding/phase additions to these projects as they progress towards construction. Please review the FY 2021 DRAFT Priority Projects list and be prepared to discuss the staff recommended order and any changes that you would suggest.

If you have any questions regarding the rankings or a specific project please contact me in our office at (629-8297).

FY 2021 OCALA/MARION COUNTY TPO  
DRAFT PRIORITY PROJECTS  
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RANK	ROAD SEGMENT	ROADWAY DATA								Improvement	PRIORITY YEAR PHASE FY 2021
		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 <i>(FDOT FM# 433665-1)</i>	0.16	6	D	50,000	22,000	44%	C	No	Add Dedicated Turn Lanes, Pedestrian Improvements & Enhanced Illumination	CST
	<i>Design underway (Est. Completion 5/6/2015)</i>	PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19				
		ROW				\$3,465,000	\$4,435,000				
2	US 441 Intersection Op. Improvement II										
	at SR 464 <i>(FDOT FM# 433660-1)</i>	NA	6	D	50,000	28,000	56%	C	No	Add Dedicated Turn Lanes and Pedestrian Improvements	CST
	<i>Design underway (Est. Completion 1/25/2016)</i>	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. <i>(FDOT FM# 435208-1)</i>	NA	2	D	14,800	14,300	97%	D	No	Add SB Right-Turn Lanes	ROW/CST
	<i>Design underway (Est. Completion 1/25/2016)</i>	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 <i>(FDOT FM# 431935-1)</i>	0.63	4	D	32,400	31,500	97%	D	No	To Be Determined In Planning Study	CST
	<i>Study Underway</i>	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	1.5	4	D	32,400	16,300	50%	C	No	To Be Determined In Planning Study	PE
	<i>Traffic count has been averaged.</i>										
6	US 441 Corridor Study - Belleview										
	SE 102nd Place to SE 62nd Avenue	2.0	4	D	39,800	28,250	71%	C	No	To Be Determined In Planning Study	PD&E

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		Length	# of Lanes	LOS Standard	LOS Volume (Capacity)	2013 Traffic Count	Volume/ Capacity Ratio	LOS	SIS		
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
		PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19				
		PE			\$500,000						
		ROW	\$11,863,296	\$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
		PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19				
		PE		704,460							
9	SR 40/I-75 Interchange Operational Improvements										
	SW 40 <sup>th</sup> Avenue to SW 27 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (FDOT FM# 433652-1)	-	4	D	32,400	29,500	91%	D	Yes	Operations Improvements at I-75 interchange and at SW 27 <sup>th</sup> Ave intersection.	CST
	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				
10	CR 484/I-75 Interchange Operational Improvements										
	SW 20 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Road to CR 475A (FDOT FM# 433651-1)	-	4	D	32,400	24,500	76%	C	Yes	Operational/Capacity Improvements	ROW
		PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19				
	Design underway (Est. Completion 7/6/2016)	PE	\$72,911								
11	NE 36 <sup>th</sup> Avenue										
	SR 492 to NE 35 <sup>th</sup> Street (FDOT FM# 431798-1)	1.6	2	D	14,040	13,900	99%	D	No	Add 2 Lanes	ROW
		PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19				
	PD&E Underway Project includes grade separation over CSX S line	PE		\$1,375,000							

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12	SR 40 - East											
	NE 60th Court to CR 314 (FDOT FM# 410674-2)	10.0	2	C	12,400	12,500	101%	E	Yes	Add 2 Lanes		
	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>PHASE</b>	<b>FY 14/15</b>	<b>FY 15/16</b>	<b>FY 16/17</b>	<b>FY 17/18</b>	<b>FY 18/19</b>				ROW/CST	
	Design underway (Est. Completion 1/12/2016)	PE	\$52,444									
	CR 314 to CR 314A (FDOT FM# 410674-3)	5.8	2	C	8,400	11,200	133%		Yes	Add 2 Lanes	ROW	
	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>PHASE</b>	<b>FY 14/15</b>	<b>FY 15/16</b>	<b>FY 16/17</b>	<b>FY 17/18</b>	<b>FY 18/19</b>					
	Design underway (Est. Completion 3/15/2016)	ENV	\$551,715									
	CR 314A to Levy Hammock Road	2.6	2	C	8,400	7,100	85%		Yes	Add 2 Lanes	PE	
13	NW 49th Street Interchange											
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	New Interchange	PD&E	
	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>PHASE</b>	<b>FY 14/15</b>	<b>FY 15/16</b>	<b>FY 16/17</b>	<b>FY 17/18</b>	<b>FY 18/19</b>					
	IJR to be funded by Marion County	IJR	\$250,000									
14	SR 40											
	CR 328 to US 41 (FDOT FM# 238720-1)	9.8	2	C	16,400	10,500	64%	C	No	Add 2 Lanes	CST	
	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>PHASE</b>	<b>FY 14/15</b>	<b>FY 15/16</b>	<b>FY 16/17</b>	<b>FY 17/18</b>	<b>FY 18/19</b>					
		ROW	\$104,933	\$460,000								
		CST	\$571,017	\$140,000								
		Traffic count has been averaged										
15	US 27/I-75 Interchange Operational Improvements											
	NW 44 <sup>th</sup> Avenue to NW 35 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	-	4	D	39,800	19,900	50%	C	Yes	Operational/Capacity Improvements	PE	
16	SW 95th Street Interchange											
	(FDOT FM# 429582-1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	New Interchange	PE	
	<b>Funding Status</b>	<b>PHASE</b>	<b>FY 14/15</b>	<b>FY 15/16</b>	<b>FY 16/17</b>	<b>FY 17/18</b>	<b>FY 18/19</b>					
	IJR is under review by FHWA	PD&E	\$5,000	\$1,235,000								

IJR - Interchange Justification Report  
 PD and E - Project Development Enviro Study  
 PE - Preliminary Engineering  
 ROW - Right-of-Way Acquisition  
 CST - Construction

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17	NE 25 <sup>th</sup> Avenue											
	SR 492 to NE 35 <sup>th</sup> Street (FDOT FM# 431797-1)	1.6	2	D	14,040	13,000	93%	D	No	Add 2 Lanes	ROW	
	PD&E Underway	Interpolated Count										
		PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19					
		RRU	\$15,000									
		PD&E	\$15,000									
		PE	\$23,469	\$1,505,000								
	Project includes grade separation over CSX 'S' line											
18	US 27											
	NW 27th Ave. to NW 44th Ave.	1.8	4	D	37,900	19,900	53%	C	Yes	Add 2 Lanes	PE	
	Funding Status	PHASE	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19					
		PD&E				\$1,025,000						
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	
20	CR 484											
	CR 475A to Marion Oaks Course	2.7	4	D	29,160	24,500	84%	D	No	Add 2 Lanes	PE	
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	
22	US 301 - South											
	SE 143rd Place to CR 42	2.00	2	D	24,200	14,100	58%	C	No	Add 2 Lanes	ROW	
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	



**March 4, 2015**

**TO: TAC/CAC Committee Members**

**FROM: Kenneth Odom, Transportation Planner**

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

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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.

Four project amendments are proposed this month by the FDOT, they are as follows:

- SR 200 Widening from Citrus County Line to CR 484 – Add \$220K ENV
- SR 200 at I-75 add turn lanes – Add CST \$750K
- Land Bridge Trail Gap – Add ENV \$600K
- Santos Trail Gap – Add ENV \$600K

Specific details regarding the addition of these projects and the associated funding changes will be discussed at the March 10, 2015 meeting.

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





## **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**January 13, 2015**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Members Present:**

Dave Herlihy, Chairman  
Bart Ciambella  
Mike Daniels  
Eddie Esch  
Sue Farnsworth  
Gennie Garcia  
Winston Schuler  
Kellie Smith  
Kevin Smith

#### **Members Not Present:**

Mickey Thomason

#### **Others Present:**

Greg Slay, TPO Director  
John Voges, TPO Staff  
Ken Odom, TPO Staff  
Ann McGaffic, TPO Staff  
Kayleen Hamilton, TPO Staff  
Mike McCammon, FDOT  
Mary Schoelzel, FDOT  
Ryan Marks, FDOT

#### **Item 1. Call To Order And Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Chairman Dave Herlihy. Secretary Kayleen Hamilton called the roll. A quorum was present.

## **Item 2. Proof Of Publication**

Secretary Kayleen Hamilton stated that the meeting had been published online on the TPO website and Facebook page and on the city of Ocala, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites.

## **Item 3a. Election of Chairman and Vice-chairman**

*Ms. Farnsworth nominated Mr. Ciambella for chairman. Mr. Daniels seconded and the nomination was unanimously approved.*

*Mr. Schuler nominated Mr. Daniels for vice-chairman, and Ms. Farnsworth seconded. The nomination was unanimously approved.*

## **Item 3b. Legislative Priorities**

Mr. Slay presented the five legislative priorities for 2015. The first priority was restoration of Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funding. The TRIP program was established in 2009 or 2010 for corridors of regional significance. Marion County had used TRIP funding for the SW 42<sup>nd</sup> Street flyover. Mr. Slay advised that funding had been shifted away from the TRIP program to other programs in recent years.

The second legislative priority was expansion of the charter county transit surtax. The funds from this tax could be used for any transportation improvement, but only charter counties could currently enact the surtax.

The third priority was indexing of the gas tax. Mr. Slay advised that only the state tax on fuel was currently indexed. Over time, buying power from the fixed tax was eroding as vehicles became more fuel efficient.

The fourth item on the legislative priority list was making use of handheld electronic devices while driving a primary offense. Currently it was a secondary offense, and Mr. Slay noted that the seatbelt law had taken a similar path from secondary to primary offense.

The final legislative priority was support for allocation of funds for trail development and maintenance. Under a recent constitutional amendment, a portion of document stamp funds had been dedicated to land preservation. Mr. Slay stated that this legislative priority supported allocating part of those funds to trail development and particularly to trail maintenance. With the trail projects the TPO was currently working on, the local governments would be responsible for maintenance once the trails were built.

*Ms. Farnsworth made a motion to approve the 2015 Legislative Priorities as presented and Mr. Esch seconded.*

Mr. Schuler asked if funding for trail development and maintenance would include trailhead facilities, and Mr. Slay advised that it was a possibility. Trailheads fell under the responsibility of local governments.

Mr. Herlihy asked about the development of the legislative priority list, and Mr. Slay answered that the items were mainly developed by the regional and statewide MPO groups. Mr. Herlihy asked about the

benefit of expanding the charter county surtax, and Mr. Slay advised that Marion County was not a charter county, so expansion would allow Marion County access to the surtax.

Mr. Herlihy asked if there was data regarding the decline in buying power of the gas tax, and Mr. Slay said that it was difficult to do because of fluctuations in the market. In 2004 and 2005, the market was up and right-of-way was extremely expensive to purchase; then the recession had hit, driving prices down. Now the market was improving again.

Mr. Herlihy asked about uses of funding for the land preservation amendment, and Mr. Slay stated that the legislature had indicated that it was not overly interested in purchasing additional lands. It was more interested in improving access on existing lands and trails. Mr. Slay advised that the county was currently responsible for maintaining trails, as there was no dedicated source of funding to do routine maintenance.

*A vote was called and the motion to approve the 2015 legislative priorities as presented passed by a vote of seven to one. Mr. Herlihy was opposed.*

### **Item 3c. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

Mr. Odom presented eight amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP documented the phasing and funding of all capital improvement projects over a five-year period. The eight amendments included additional operating funds for SunTran, additions for the NE 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue widening projects and railroad overpasses, resurfacing on SW 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue, sidewalk improvements near Saddlewood Elementary and Legacy Elementary, and capital improvements for SunTran.

*Ms. Farnsworth moved for approval of the Transportation Improvement Program amendments. Mr. Daniels seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.*

### **Item 4. FDOT Five Year Work Program Presentation**

Ms. Smith presented the Marion County projects contained in the FDOT Five Year Work Program. The first project was the US 441 corridor study for safety and pedestrian improvements. Mr. Slay reported that the scope was finished with direction from the Belleview city commission and the study would kick off in the next month or so. Mr. Ciambella asked if a reduction in traffic due to the Belleview Beltway had been taken into consideration. Mr. Slay was not sure if the study would get into that aspect; the focus was mainly pedestrian safety. The study section was approximately 1.5 miles long.

The SR 40 widening and replacement of the Ocklawaha River Bridge were next on the list. The bridge span would remain the same length while the height of the new bridge would be lower than the original.

The NE 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue widening and railroad overpass had been segmented into three sections. One of the sections, the railroad crossing grade separation, was being advanced with funding from Central Office. The PD&E phase of an I-75 interchange at NW 49<sup>th</sup> Street was funded in 2018.

The Pruitt Trail project was pending right-of-way certification. Mr. Slay reported that the Department of Environmental Protection was working with a land owner to do a land swap. Mr. Herlihy asked about the Sabal Natural Gas line, and Mr. Esch gave a brief update on discussions about the gas line's route.

The Silver Springs Trail from SE 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Silver Springs State Park was programmed for design in 2016 and construction in 2018. The Downtown Ocala Trail was programmed for design in FY 2020. Mr. Herlihy asked about the design of the Downtown Ocala Trail on Fort King Street, and Mr. Slay said that there were some concepts but that the Marion Technical Institute site posed challenges that needed to be discussed with the school board.

The Belleview-Greenway Trail was programmed for a feasibility study in 2018. The SR 40/Black Bear Scenic Trail from Levy Hammock Road to Us 17 was programmed for PD&E in 2020. Ms. Farnsworth asked how the trail was related to the widening of SR 40, and Mr. Slay said that the trail was being incorporated into the first construction segment. The bridge was being designed to include a twelve-foot multipurpose trail on the south side. In the Ocala National Forest, the trail would deviate from the road.

Funds for Intelligent Transportation System operations and maintenance for the Ocala and Marion County were included in the Work Program, as were SR 40 flood mitigation, SW 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue resurfacing, and Marion County sidewalks. Mr. Ciambella asked about widening SW 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue and reported that the county wanted to connect for an industrial park. Mr. Slay said that current traffic volumes were nowhere near four-laning volumes but that plans to four-lane could be accelerated in need be. There were no funds currently programmed for widening.

Ms. Smith reported that SR 40 downtown multimodal improvements had been deferred a year. The SW 95<sup>th</sup> Street interchange had also been deferred because the interchange justification report had not yet been approved by the Federal Highway Administration.

## **5. Consent Agenda**

*Ms. Farnsworth made a motion for approval of the October 14, 2014, meeting minutes. Mr. Schuler seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.*

## **Item 6. Comments by FDOT**

Mr. McCammon reported that SR 40 widening was on track to move traffic to the new road in March. The county had worked with retiming the signal at SW 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue. FDOT was also working with some home owners to restore some trees.

## **Item 7. Comments by TPO Staff**

Mr. Slay reported that the Long Range Transportation Plan would kick off soon. Staff would be bringing it to the committee to get direction on what they would like to see. Mr. Slay commented that with the fiscal situation, he anticipated more of an update to the 2035 LRTP rather than a whole new plan. Staff did not plan to conduct Strings and Ribbons sessions. Mr. Slay said that population projections were unchanged from the 2035 LRTP, so there would be nothing new in terms of needs.

## **Item 8. Comments by TAC Members**

Mr. Daniels asked about the FDOT Complete Streets policy, and Mr. Slay said that staff would schedule a presentation.

**Item 9. Public Comment**

*There were no comments from the public.*

**Item 10. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Herlihy at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Kayleen Hamilton, TPO Administrative Assistant

**March 2015 Construction Report**

<u>Finproj</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Original Contract Days</u>	<u>Work Begin</u>	<u>Work Mix Description</u>	<u>Contractor Name</u>
238719-1-52-01	SR 40 Widening from CR 328 to SW 80th Ave (CR 225A)	\$12,324,444.44	490	05/28/14	ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT	D.A.B. CONSTRUCTORS, INC.
429053-1-52-01	Mill and Resurface SR 500 (US 27) from CR 326 to CR 225A	\$13,950,000.00	352	02/05/15	RESURFACING	ANDERSON COLUMBIA CO., INC.
238678-2-52-01	Pond reconstruction on SR 500 at Plumley and Mayberry Farms	\$544,771.05	118		DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL CORP.

**March 2015 Pushbutton Projects**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
US 441 at NW 42nd Place	Design is complete for a NB left turn lane. The project is waiting for a contract to put it on. We have a contract that is being let this month. If all goes well, we should have an idea of who will get the contractor in the next couple of weeks. The project will be one of the first work orders to go out on the new contract.
SR 200 at SW 60th Avenue	Design is being sent out to consultant for design.