



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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

May 28, 2019

MINUTES

Members Present:

Commissioner Kathy Bryant
Councilman Justin Grabelle
Commissioner Ronald Livsey
Councilman Brent Malever
Councilman Jay Musleh (*arrived at 4:14pm*)
Commissioner Michelle Stone
Commissioner Carl Zalak
Mayor Curtis Burns (*City of Dunnellon appointed alternate for Councilwoman Valerie Hanchar*)

Members Not Present:

Commissioner Jeff Gold
Mayor Kent Guinn
Councilwoman Valerie Hanchar
Commissioner David Moore
Councilwoman Mary Rich

Others Present:

Michael McCammon, FDOT
Tracey Straub, Marion County
Robert Batsel, City of Ocala Attorney's Office

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairwoman Hanchar called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM. Secretary Shakayla Pullings called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

Item 2. Proof of Publication

Secretary Shakayla Pullings stated that the meeting had been published online on the TPO website and on the City of Ocala, Marion County, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites.

Item 3a. List of Priority Projects (LOPP) Ranking

Derrick Harris presented the List of Priority Projects and said that every year TPO staff would bring a List of Priority Projects (LOPP) before the Board for approval. In years past there had been a total of three lists. However, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) had requested that the MPO/TPOs in District 5 compile their various lists and combine them into one overall list. Therefore, TPO staff had worked alongside various partners (Marion County, City of Ocala, City of Belleview, City of Dunnellon, and FDOT) in order to obtain the top priorities and place into one list for the region. TPO staff took the information available, including FDOT's recommendations, and came up with an Interim Ranking Criteria, that could be used to rank projects. The criteria reflected an integration of performance-based planning, project phase, funding availability and local funding revenue/sources. In years past, the TPO had never used a ranking criterion as the lists didn't change much from year to year. However, with the new changes and the FDOT's LOPP request, TPO staff believed it was prudent to present two potential options, as many changes were likely to occur due to combining three lists into one.

Mr. Harris presented the board with a couple of ranking options:

- Option One: To use the ranking criteria concept presented on an INTERIM period, while an official ranking criterion would be developed as a part of the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The more permanent tool would be available in two years (2021). The INTERIM ranking criteria would be further vetted by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) in June, prior to board approval.
- Option Two: To use the committees and professionals in place, which would include the TAC and CAC, and allow them to rank the projects and make a recommendation to the board based on their expertise.

Mr. Harris said that ultimately the decision was the TPO Board's to make, and that staff looked forward to board feedback and an ultimate recommendation.

Ms. Bryant said she was in favor of utilizing staff to bring back recommendations to the board kept things a lot cleaner.

Mr. Zalak said that staff could make the recommendations, take the recommendations to the committees, and then bring the lists back to the board to be vetted.

Item 4a. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment

Derrick Harris presented the UPWP Amendment and said the TPO would like to utilize close-out funds from FY 16/18 to cover a portion of the moving expenses and fees associated with the new office, such as space construction, layout, furniture, and equipment. Therefore, a resolution was enclosed to the board to amend the UPWP budget

Ms. Bryant made a motion to approve the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment. Mr. Grabelle seconded, a roll-call vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4b. 5305d Settlement Agreement

Derrick Harris presented the 5305d Settlement Agreement and said that due to a lack of overlap between 5305d grants, there was a period from March 1, 2018 and May 14, 2018 when the TPO didn't have an active 5305d grant. This was due in part by FDOT and TPO staff confusion regarding an extension on the grant that expired on February 28, 2018.

Mr. Harris said due to the confusion between staffs there were active charges in the interim period for a total of \$1, 201.12. Therefore, after various meetings and correspondence between FDOT and the TPO, a settlement agreement had been reached to allow FDOT to reimburse the TPO for those expenses. Approval of the board was sought in order for the TPO to be reimbursed.

Ms. Bryant made a motion to approve the 5305d Settlement Agreement. Mr. Malever seconded, a roll-call vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4c. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

Derrick Harris presented the TIP Amendments and per the request of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) the following projects were being amended to the FY 2018/19 -2022/23 TIP:

FM#426179-1 – Silver Springs State Park Pedestrian Bridge – Pedestrian Overpass

• \$50,000.00 is being added for wetland mitigation in FY 2020. Previously there was no money allocated for this phase.

FM#443170-1 – State Road 93 (I-75), from Sumter County Line to State Road 200 – Resurfacing project

• \$1,310,000.00 is being added for Design in FY 2019 & 2020 due to funding availability. Previously there was no money allocated for this phase.

FM#444382-1 – County Road 484/Pennsylvania Avenue at Crossing #622599-D – Rail

Safety Project

- \$400,058.00 is being added for Construction in FY 2020 due to availability of funding. Previously there was no money allocated for this phase.

FM#444383-1 – Southeast 36th Avenue at Crossing #627220-F – Rail Safety Project

- \$320,189.00 is being added for Construction in FY 2020 due to availability of funding. Previously there was no money allocated for this phase.

FM#443623-1 – I-75 (State Road 93), from Turnpike (State Road 91) to State Road 200- PD&E Study

- \$6,310,000.00 is being added for a PD&E in FY 2019 & 2020, due to the availability of Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funding.

FM#443624-1 – I-75 (State Road 93), from State Road 200 to County Road 234 PD&E Study

- \$7,600,000.00 is being added for a PD&E in FY 2019 & 2020, due to the availability of Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funding.

FM#445377-1 – Marion-Ocala Section 5339 Small Urban Capital – Capital Transit Project

- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is awarding Marion County with \$351,793.00 in FY 2019 for the purchase of a bus and bus facility projects.

Ms. Stone asked if the board would be taking motion on the I-75 Relief projects.

Mr. Harris said that it was to amend the TIP for PD&E studies.

Ms. Wyche with the FDOT addressed the board and said that it was only a study to see what can be done.

Ms. Bryant asked if the I-75 lanes would be expanded or an extension of the turnpike.

Mr. McCammon with the FDOT said that the projects would be evaluating options of widening I-75 and had nothing to do with the Coastal Connector or the Turnpike Extension.

Mr. Zalak made a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments. Mr. Musleh seconded, a roll-call vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4d. FY 2019/20 – 2023/24 DRAFT Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Kristen Woodruff presented the FY 2019/20 – 2023/24 Draft TIP and said the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization's (TPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) documented the anticipated timing and cost of regional transportation improvements for a period of five years. It was a program that served as the budget for carrying out the adopted Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. The key components to the TIP were the executive summary, priority projects, and scheduled projects by category.

Ms. Woodruff said language in the TIP was changed to show the Ocala City Council as the policy holder of the SunTran and RATP Dev as the contractor that operated and maintained the fixed route buses.

Amendments to the TIP included the deletion of SR 35 at Foss Road, Robinson Road & SR 25 (added lanes and reconstruction) due to issues with CSX Transportation. Also, CR 484 Interchange Improvements project #4336512 and 4336513 were folded into project #4336511.

The TPO was in the process of working on a finalized TIP to submit to the FDOT July 1, 2019 and would bring draft before board with any edits and priority projects at the next meeting in June 2019.

Mr. Zalak asked why had the Bikeway been removed.
Tracey Straub, Marion County Engineer replied and said that negotiations were still going and by removing the project it kept the County eligible to enter the project at a later date once the issues were resolved.

Ms. Bryant requested 2016, 2017, and 2018 ridership numbers.
Ms. Woodruff said she would send that information to Ms. Bryant.

Mayor Burns asked about the Pruitt Trail.
Ms. Bryant said there was no funding for the trail.

Walk-on Agenda Item: TPO Staff Positions to Marion County Classification

Mr. Balmes said that he had worked with Marion County on the TPO staff positions moving from the City of Ocala to Marion County. A supplemental packet was provided for the TPO board to view.

Mr. Zalak made a motion to consider the walk on agenda item. Ms. Bryant seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Stone asked for any public comment. There was none.

Mr. Zalak made a motion to approve the walk on agenda item. Ms. Bryant seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Musleh made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Bryant seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 6. Comments by FDOT

Vickie Wyche with the FDOT said the construction report had been provided in the meeting packet and did not have additional updates for the TPO board.

Mr. Zalak asked about pavement patching and negotiations and warranties by FDOT.

Mr. McCammon responded that there is usually a three-year warranty.

Item 7. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Balmes gave the TPO board an update on the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and said that the LRTP served as the vision and planning framework for the multimodal transportation system of Marion County. The Ocala Marion County LRTP had to be updated every five years to meet federal and state regulations, which included a minimum 20-year planning horizon. The previous LRTP (2040) was adopted in December 2015. The plan update process was underway with the first Steering Committee scheduled for May 30. Kittelson and Associates was serving as the consultant supporting the update. TPO Board adoption of the 2045 LRTP was required by November 2020. At the June TPO Board meeting, staff would provide further updates of the plan update process, including a detailed schedule, website information and the public involvement plan.

Mr. Balmes also said that at the CFMPOA meeting a request would be made to receive a letter of support from the TPO/MPO directors to FDOT District 5 for consideration of TRIP funding regarding the NW 49th Street / I-75 interchange.

Mr. Harris presented the monthly financial report.

Item 8. Comments by TPO Members

There were no TPO member comments.

Item 9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 10. Adjournment

Interim Chairwoman Stone adjourned the meeting at 5:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Pullings, TPO Administrative Assistant