



## **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Ocala Citizens Service Center 201  
SE 3rd Street, Ocala FL 34471

**November 8, 2016**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Members Present:**

Gennie Garcia  
Dave Herlihy  
Eddie Esch, Chairman  
Sue Farnsworth  
Winston Schuler  
Kellie Smith  
Kevin Smith, Vice-chairman

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

Masood Mirza  
Mickey Thomason

#### **Others Present:**

Michael Daniels, TPO Director  
John Voges, TPO Staff  
Ken Odom, TPO Staff  
Ann McGaffic, TPO Staff

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Chairman Eddie Esch. Secretary Shakayla Jacobs called the roll. A quorum was present.

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

Secretary Shakayla Jacobs 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. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

In order to ensure that the Ocala/Marion County TIP reflected the most current project information, it was necessary to periodically amend the document. Amendments to the TIP were 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.

Seven project amendments were proposed by the Florida Department of Transportation this month. Six of the proposed amendments were for upgrades to at-grade rail crossings throughout the county. The remaining proposed amendment contains Section 5307 Urban Capital grant funding for the SunTran system.

Specific details regarding the addition of these projects and the associated funding changes would be discussed at the November 8, 2016 meeting.

*Ms. Farnsworth made a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program Amendment. Mr. Schuler seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.*

## **Item 3b. Transit Development Plan (TDP) Consultant Selection**

The TPO sent out invitations to bid for the Transit Development Plan (TDP) Update and the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) Update. Tindale-Oliver was selected as the consultant to perform the work.

The TDP was intended to define public transportation needs; solicit broad input by coordinating with other plans, involve substantial public participation, and explore community goals with decision makers and other stakeholders, define alternative courses of action, and develop a systematic plan and monitoring program. The TDP and TDSP needed to include mobility needs, cost and revenue projections, and community transit goals, objectives, and policies, and had to be adopted by September 1, 2017.

It's anticipated that a kick-off meeting would be held at the beginning of next year.

*Ms. Farnsworth made a motion to approve the TDP Consultant Selection. Mr. Schuler seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.*

**Item 3c. Off-System FY 2022 Priority Projects Amendment**

Marion County Engineering had asked TPO staff to amend the FY 2022 ‘Off-System’ Priority Project List to include a reclaiming and resurfacing project on CR 315. The project is from CR 316 to CR 318, a distance of 9.9 miles. It would include reclamation, resurfacing and widening of the base footprint to include shoulders. Additional guard rail treatments would also be added in select locations as deemed necessary. Projected cost of this project is approximately \$6.7 million.

TPO staff were recommending that this project be added to the ‘Off- System’ list in position #8.

Ms. Farnsworth made a motion to approve the Off-System FY 2022 Priority Projects Amendment. Mr. Schuler seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Item 3d. Legislative Priorities**

A presentation on the Legislative Priorities was given.

**Item 3e. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

Kevin Smith was elected as Chairman and Dave Herlihy was elected Vice-Chairman. Ms. Farnsworth made the motion and Mr. Schuler seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Item 4a. Transit Shelter Locations**

At the September 27th, 2016 TPO Board meeting a decision was made to go with the Hip Roof design for the transit shelters. The City of Ocala Traffic Engineering Department had been working on engineered drawings for selected locations for installation of transit shelters.

There were eleven (11) locations selected for the initial installation phase. The 11 locations, were shown to the committee and did not require additional right-of-way.

The TPO Board directed staff to put out to bid these eleven locations for installation of transit shelters.

**Item 4b. Traffic Counts and Trends Manual**

The 2015 Traffic Counts & Trends Manual was presented for review and discussion at the November 8th committee meeting. Staff provided a brief overview of the document and answered any questions regarding the counts and trends.

**Item 5. Consent Agenda**

Ms. Farnsworth made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Schuler seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Item 6. Comments by FDOT**

The construction report was presented.

**Item 7. Comments by TAC Members**

There were no comments by TAC Members.

**Item 8. Public Comment**

There were no public comments

**Item 9. Adjournment**

The chair adjourned the meeting at 11:15am.