



Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

Marion County Public Library
2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470
Meeting Room B
January 14, 2020
1:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Paul Marraffino
Richard McGinley
Suzanne Mangram
Steve Rudnianyn
Michelle Shearer (*arrived at 1:14pm*)

Members Not Present:

Davis Dinkins
Joe London
Travis Magamoll
Clark Yandle

Others Present:

Rob Balmes, TPO
Derrick Harris, TPO
Shakayla Irby, TPO
Anton Schauerte, TPO

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Richard McGinley called the meeting to order at 1:04pm. Secretary Shakayla Irby called the roll there was no quorum present. Michelle Shearer arrived at 1:14pm and a quorum was present.

Item 2. Proof of Publication

Secretary Shakayla Irby stated that the meeting had been published online on the TPO website, the City of Ocala, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites on January 7th, 2020.

Item 3a. Election of Officers

Mr. Harris said we currently have 9 members with a maximum of 15 and for quorum is a majority plus one with the quorum needed currently being 5 members needed. There was a potential new member for the CAC committee that was recommended by previous member Renee Blaney and the new member would have to go before the TPO board for approval.

Mr. McGinley nominated Steve Rudnianyn to be Chair. Mr. Marraffino seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rudnianyn nominated Richard McGinley to be Vice-Chair. Mr. Marraffino seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3b. Fiscal Year 2019/20 – 2023/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Anton Schauerte presented and said per the request of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the following project was being amended to the fiscal year (FY) 2019 to 2023/2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

FM#433651-1 – County Road 484 South West 20th Avenue to County Road 475A – Interchange Improvement

Sponsor: FDOT

- \$1,092,411.00 was being added in FY 19/20, including 300,000.00 for Preliminary Engineering – Utility and \$792,411.00 for Construction – Utility. Previously there was no money allocated for this from ACSN.
- To be used to reimburse utility companies for the relocation of utilities.

Mr. Marraffino made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2019/20 – 2023/24 TIP Amendment. Ms. Shearer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3c. Safety Targets

Transportation Planner, Anton Schauerte presented the statistics and methodology for the Safety Targets. Every year, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) required the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and all Metropolitan Planning Organizations in Florida to adopt Safety Performance Measure (PM) targets. Developed in 2016 as part of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, or MAP-21, the targets provided a way for the MPOs and the State to track performance measures and ultimately improve on the measures. The chart presented to the committee listed and described the five Safety Performance Measures established under MAP-21.

Safety Performance Measures	Description
1. Fatalities	Total number of fatalities in a motor vehicle crash
2. Fatalities (Rate)	Total number of fatalities per 100 Million VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled)*
3. Serious Injuries	Total number of serious injuries in a motor vehicle crash
4. Serious Injuries (Rate)	Total number of serious injuries per 100 Million VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled)*
5. Non-Motorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries	Combined number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries involving a motor vehicle

Performance Measures (PM) #1, #3 and #5 indicated the total number of fatalities and serious injury crashes. PM #2 and #4 evaluated the fatalities and serious injuries based on traffic volumes, allowing for the standardization of data. The rates determined in PM #2 and #4 were per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). The Fatality rate and Serious Injury rate allowed staff to compare crash severity across different geographic areas. Additionally, because crash statistics in any given year were prone to extreme fluctuations, a rolling five-year average of the data is utilized to determine trends.

The Ocala Marion TPO was provided the option to either adopt the targets established by FDOT or develop its own quantifiable safety performance targets. In 2019, FDOT adopted a target of “Zero” for all five (5) safety performance measures. For the past two years, the TPO had adopted its own Safety PM targets. The TPO’s Safety targets would have to be submitted at the end of February 2020.

There was committee discussion and a consensus that the committee liked the TPO setting their own safety targets vs the FDOT vision zero.

Mr. Marraffino asked where the records of the accidents were and who was responsible for doing the analysis to see if there were hotspots.

Mr. Harris responded, the TPO historically would publish a traffic counts and trends manual which Anton Schauerte was working on and a DRAFT version would come out within the next month or two. Signal Four Analytics did a lot of the crash analysis based out of the University of Florida and the TPO collected their data.

Ms. Mangram asked what were considered “serious injuries”.

Mr. Harris responded, an accident that required ambulatory transportation and hospitalization.

Ms. Shearer asked what “VMT” stood for.

Mr. Schauerte responded, VMT stood for vehicles miles traveled throughout the entire county and was a very large number.

Mr. McGinley said on the traffic counts I-75 south of 484 should be included and was not previously on the traffic counts report and that the counts may have to come from Sumter County.

Ms. Shearer asked about decreasing taking a road and decreasing the speed and wanted to know if Tampa saw a significant change.

Mr. Balmes, said he would have to follow-up with staff.

Ms. Shearer said that usually when she talks about decreasing the speed it is said that drivers will still go the speed they want to go. However, Ms. Shearer said “you are more conscious when the speed limit maybe 25mph you wouldn’t want to go 75mph”.

Mr. Rudnianyn made a motion to approve the Safety Targets formula that the TPO presented.

Ms. Shearer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3d. Goals and Objectives Update

Assistant TPO Director, Derrick Harris gave a brief Goals and Objectives update and said the TPO was in the process of updating the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The TPO was currently finalizing the Goals and Objectives portion of the LRTP. The next step and very important one was the needs plan. With the current update staff was looking at adopting a metric methodology that was based on the approved Goals and Objectives. The Goals and Objectives would be taken to the TPO board.

No action was taken.

Item 3e. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Metric Methodology

Mr. Harris spoke briefly about the LRTP Metric Methodology and said the intent of the metrics was to assess and prioritize the needs. There are several ways to approach and presented a DRAFT metrics methodology for the committee to view. The plan was to discuss with the TPO’s various committees over the next few months in order to further refine and hopefully come out with a good assessment tool that everyone could agree upon. Then, after approval staff would use the tool as a way to prioritize projects for the 2045 LRTP.

No action was taken.

Item 4. Consent Agenda

Ms. Shearer had a correction to the October 8th, 2019 minutes under the Trails Safety Connectivity and Facilities Plan the minutes stated the motion “passed unanimously” and she had opposed because of identifying the horse crossings on the paved trails and having wording on the trails.

The minutes would be corrected to identify Ms. Shearer’s opposition and comments.

Mr. Marraffino made a motion to approve the minutes with the modification requested by Michelle Shearer. Mr. Rudnianyn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. Comments by FDOT

There were no comments by FDOT.

Item 6. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Harris said staff was able to recruit one member for the CAC and will continue to recruit for the remaining 5 seats.

Ms. Shearer asked if there was an application to join the CAC committee.

Mr. Harris responded, there was an application on the TPO website which would be changing to the new revamped website soon.

Mr. Harris said the TPO would also be kicking-off a new social media campaign also.

Anton Schauerte had been working on the traffic counts and trends and were hoping to have a DRAFT by February or March.

Mr. Harris said he would be sending out a follow-up email on the metrics and methodology and would be accepting comments to be addressed at the next meeting.

Mr. Balmes said that the TPO would be rolling out the new TPO website in February and social media platform as well and that the TPO would do a press release to notify the public.

Item 7. Comments by CAC Members

Ms. Shearer said the County used to put out final traffic counts in June and wondered if that had changed.

Mr. Harris responded, he remembered previous TPO staff saying the counts were getting delayed due to staff turnover and said the County may have started during the summer and would get finalized counts by November.

Mr. Marraffino said that he and his wife had been attending the Task Force meetings for the northern turnpike extension and said being from Dunnellon there was a certain level of anxiety that Dunnellon is in the target zone and he and his wife wrote emails to the task force to say not to go across the Rainbow River. There would be another task force meeting mid-February.

Item 8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 9. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 2:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, TPO Administrative Assistant