



Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

Marion County Public Library
2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470
Meeting Room B
March 10, 2020
10:30 AM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Steven Neal
Dave Herlihy
Vickie Wyche
Kenneth Odom
Lonnie Smith
Nancy Smith
Eric Smith
Elton Holland

Members Not Present:

Bruce Phillips
Mickey Thomason
Loretta Shaffer

Others Present:

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

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Elton Holland started the meeting started at 10:30am. Secretary Shakayla Irby called the roll there was a quorum 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, Marion County and Dunnellon websites on March 3rd, 2020. The meeting had also been published to the Star Banner news calendar, and the TPOs Facebook and Twitter pages.

Item 3a. Gateway & Pillar Signage

The presentation was postponed due to a meeting conflict.

Item 4a. MPOAC Freight Priority Projects

Mr. Harris presented the MPOAC Freight Priority Projects and said that each year the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) called on each MPO/TPO to submit a list of regional freight priorities. The list of priorities would then be voted upon at one of the MPOAC's quarterly meetings. The approved list would then be transmitted to FDOT for further consideration of funding with a higher priority being placed on the projects as they had been vetted through a collaborative effort among all MPO/TPOs in the state of Florida.

The Ocala Marion TPO suggested to include the following projects in the years regional freight priorities submission to MPOAC for consideration in their regional/statewide list:

- NW 49th Street Interchange
- CR 484 Interchange

In addition, the TPO included informational resources that gave background on the MPOAC's process for submitting freight projects on their regional/statewide list to each committee member.

There was committee discussion on the Freight Priority Projects and there was consensus to add the project East State Road 40 widening to the list.

Mr. Harris said a total of three projects would be submitted.

- NW 49th Street Interchange
- CR 484 Interchange
- E SR 40 Widening

Item 5a. Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Metric Methodology

Mr. Harris presented the LRTP Metric Methodology and said that the TPO was in the process of updating the 2045 LRTP and finalizing the Goals and Objectives portion. The next step for the TPO and most important was the needs plan. With the current update staff was looking to adopt a metric methodology that would be based on the approved Goals and Objectives. The intent of the metrics was to assess and prioritize the needs.

A DRAFT metrics methodology was presented to the committee for discussion before finalization.

Mr. Odom made a motion to approve the LRTP Metric Methodology as presented. Mr. Herlihy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5b. Title VI/Non-Discrimination Plan DRAFT

Mr. Harris presented and said that the Ocala Marion TPO was committed to ensuring that no person was excluded from the transportation planning process, regardless of background, income level or cultural identity.

The TPO complied with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and other nondiscrimination statutes, regulations and authorities.

Therefore, a DRAFT Title VI/ Non-Discrimination Plan was presented to the committee for feedback and approval.

Chairman Holland asked how often the Title VI/Non-Discrimination Plan was updated.

Mr. Harris responded that every couple of years TPO staff would try and update the plan so that all information and policies stay current.

Ms. Smith asked if the TPO had any Title VI complaints.

Mr. Harris responded that there had been no complaints.

Mr. Neal made a motion to approve the Title VI/Non-Discrimination Plan DRAFT as presented. Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 6. Consent Agenda

Mr. Odom made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 7. Comments by FDOT

Ms. Wyche informed that there were two I-75 PD&E studies that were coming up soon and she would send information when meeting were set.

Item 8. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Harris said that there would be an I-75 PD&E presentation given to the committee in April.

Mr. Harris also said that before the committee met again there would be a second round of public involvement regarding the needs plans and asked the committee to share information that is given out regarding meetings.

Item 9. Comments by TAC Members

Mr. Herlihy asked how goal #2 data needs in the LRTP Metric Methodology was gathered.

Mr. Harris said that staff had worked close with the Chamber of Commerce and Loretta Shaffer with Tourist Development to gather employment growth data. There was also trade mobility data that came from the State.

Item 10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Holland at 11:05am.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, TPO Administrative Assistant