Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
Marion County – Library Headquarters, Meeting Room B
2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470
1:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:
Matt Fabian (arrived at 1:02pm)
Brandon Cave
Michelle Shearer
Richard Howard
Richard McGinley
Steve Rudnianyn
Travis Magamoll (arrived at 1:13pm)

Members Not Present:
Davis Dinkins
Suzanne Mangram

Others Present:
Rob Balmes
Elizabeth Mitchell
Shakayla Irby
Anna Taylor, FDOT
Jonathan (Jon) Scarfe, FDOT
Doug Shearer
Other member of public not signed in.
Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairwoman Michelle Shearer called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and Secretary Shakayla Irby called the roll. There was a quorum present.

Item 2. Proof of Publication

Secretary Shakayla Irby stated the meeting had been published online to the TPO’s website, as well as the City of Ocala, Belleview, Marion County, and Dunnellon’s websites on February 7, 2023. The meeting had also been published to the TPOs Facebook and Twitter pages.

Item 3. Consent Agenda

Mr. McGinley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Howard seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4a. Fiscal Years (FY) 2023 to 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4

Mr. Balmes presented to the committee and said that per the request of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), one project had been proposed to be amended in the Fiscal Years (FY) 2023 to 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The project (FM#452364-2) would be receiving federal funding to implement the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program (NEVI). The project would consist of deployment of direct current fast charges (DCFCS) along the I-75 corridor in Marion County.

FM# 452364-2: I-75 (SR 93) “GAP” 12 – EV DCFCS (Phase 1)
- Funding: $1,100,000
- Federal: $1,100,000
- FY 23 Capital (CAP) phase
- Total TIP Funding: $1,100,000

Mr. McGinley made a motion to approve the FY 2023 to 2027 TIP Amendment #4. Mr. Cave seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4b. Performance Management 2023 Safety Targets

Mr. Balmes presented and said that federal law required State DOTs and TPOs/MPOs to conduct performance-based planning by tracking performance measures and setting data-driven targets to improve those measures. The first of the performance measures that became effective in 2016 was assessing the conditions of roadway safety (PM1). In May 2018, all TPO/MPOs were required to establish safety targets and approve or update on an annual basis.
Specifically, the TPO was required to update and adopt Targets for five required Safety Performance Measures:

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

Annually, the TPO may select one of two options regarding updating and submission of safety targets.

1. Adopt the state targets established by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); or
2. Develop separate quantifiable safety performance targets.

If the TPO chose to adopt the FDOT safety targets, the requirement would be to annually adopt the same targets until changes were made by the state. Presently, the FDOT has annually adopted 0 for each of the five safety targets.

Mr. Balmes said that there were no direct implications to the TPO for not reaching adopted targets.

In 2018, when the process became a federal requirement, the TPO Board adopted its own safety performance targets to better track progress and reflect more accountability to the public. Over the past five years, the TPO Board has opted to follow the same approach of reviewing prior year target results and adopting revised targets tied to a specific methodology involving five-year rolling averages and projected vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

### Safety Performance Measure 2022 Targets and Results

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The proposed targets for 2023 were as follows:

1. Fatalities- **101**
2. Fatalities per 100 Million VMT- **2.14**
3. Serious Injuries- **417**
4. Serious Injuries per 100 Million VMT- **8.87**
5. Number of Non-Motorized (bicycle, pedestrian) Fatalities and Serious Injuries- **56**

Mr. Balmes provided two options to the committee.
Option A. Recommend to the TPO Board adoption of specific and measurable safety targets for 2023 based on the five-year rolling average methodology or Option B. Adopt 0 for all five 2023 safety targets.

Mr. Rudnianyn made a motion to accept Option A for the Performance Management 2023 Safety Targets. Mr. McGinley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cave said the longer it takes to look at a problem it only compounds the problem even more. He asked if there was a way that the board could look at crashes before annually to look at way to help decrease the number of crashes.

Mr. Balmes said aside from looking at areas that were known to need attention, part of the planning effort on the Commitment to Zero was to have a more of a system wide approach to identify the issues that cause crashes. There were a lot of tools like roadway safety audits to assess corridors to see where improvements needed to be made.

Mr. Balmes also said that the numbers show that over 90% of all crashes were caused by human behavior and decision making. The TPO had been looking into partnering with the community and schools to help improve driving decision making.

Public Comment: Mr. Doug Shearer said unless there was more involvement with enforcement none of the expensive structural changes would make any difference when there is so many aggressive drivers on the roadways.

Chairwoman Shearer said that if places were identified where crashes were happening to map increases it could help.

Mr. Shearer reiterated that it was the public behavior of aggressive driving and if it was not enforced the problem would persist. Even with the shortage in law enforcement staff writing enough tickets would pay for itself. Structural changes were not the answer.

Mr. Balmes said that part of the discussion in Commitment to Zero took a comprehensive approach talking to enforcement with a focus on preventive measure and identifying problem areas currently and ones that could be problem areas in the future. Everyone in the community needed to work together and do their part. The TPO was doing its part by putting a safety action plan in place, providing education, and being a resource. It would be up to the broader community as well to step things up. We were heading in a negative direction of fatalities.

**Item 4c. 2022 List of Priority Projects (LOPP) Amendment**

Mr. Balmes presented and said that it had been per the request of the TPO Board Chair, Commissioner Craig Curry, the 2022 List of Priority Projects (LOPP) Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) project list was proposed to be amended.

The amendment was proposed to ensure the six I-75 interchanges in Marion County are listed on the current 2022 LOPP SIS list including general project improvement descriptions. The six interchanges are part of the ongoing I-75 Master Plan Study being conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).
All proposed changes had been reflected in tracked changes mode and red font for ease of review and can be viewed on pages 10-11 of this set of minutes for reference.

The amended 2022 LOPP would support the development of the 2023 LOPP process and lists, which was underway.

Mr. Rudnianyn inquired about #9 on the project priority list I-75 at SW 20th Street- construction of a new interchange at SW 20th. He mentioned we did not know the effects of 44th Ave connecting all the traffic between 326 going south to 95th street traffic. Was there a need for an interchange at SW 20th Street?

Mr. Balmes said that the project #9 was added at the request of the City of Ocala when the 2045 plans were being developed. The project would need to go through project justification by FDOT. The project was part of a long-term planning unfunded needs interchange project.

Public Comment: Mr. Doug Shearer said that 484 was already being done and asked if it would be considered in the new master plan.

Mr. Balmes said that it was an improvement requested by the County and it was only a future next phase.

**Mr. McGinley made a motion to approve the 2022 List of Priority Projects (LOPP) Amendment. Mr. Magamoll seconded, and the motion passed with Chairwoman Shearer opposed.**

**Item 5. 2020 U.S. Census Update**

As a follow up to the presentation on the 2020 Census Urban Area populations in Marion County in January Mr. Balmes provided an update.

The urban area map files had been made available by the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) on January 19, 2023.

A presentation of the maps was delivered to the TPO Board at the regularly scheduled January 24, 2023 meeting. Based strictly on the results of the Census, the TPO would not be designated as a TMA in 2023 by the U.S. DOT Secretary. The Ocala Urban Area population (182,657) fell short of the necessary threshold of over 200,000 persons.

In addition to a presentation on the maps, the TPO Board engaged in a general discussion about current and future Transportation Management Area (TMA) designation opportunities. Federal law (49 U.S.C. 5303(k)) permits an MPO/TPO and Governor to request TMA designation to the U.S. DOT Secretary. Therefore, the TPO Board asked for additional background information to be presented at the February 28, 2023 meeting regarding the roles, responsibilities and opportunities associated with TMA status. Action may be considered to pursue this opportunity at the meeting.

The TPO was also awaiting further insights from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Central Office and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Florida Division that may help support further insights into the implications of the Census Urban areas,
federal funding and TMA status.

Additionally, over the next two years several Census activities would involve the TPO and FDOT, including Urban Area Boundaries and Functional Classification.

The committee engaged in discussion on the classified urban areas and census results.

**Item 6. Comments by FDOT**

Ms. Anna Taylor provided a brief presentation on Moving Florida Forward.

Governor Ron DeSantis announced January 30 the *Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative*. The proposal would invest an additional $7 billion to prioritize and accelerate the completion of 20 critical transportation infrastructure projects across the state.

The proposal combines $4 billion of General Revenue funding with innovative transportation project financing strategies that will allow FDOT to leverage an additional $3 billion over the next four years.

*The presentation which includes the Congestion Relief Projects and funding is attached to pages 12-16 for reference.*

Ms. Taylor mentioned that Moving Florida Forward was a proposal and still had to be approved by the legislator.

Mr. McGinley asked if U.S. 301 would be four-laned.

Ms. Taylor said that the road would be reconstructed and state increased capacity but did not mention how many lanes.

Public Comment: Mr. Shearer asked if the funds were coming from the feds or would it be state funds.

Ms. Taylor responded that it was all state funds that were being strategized and that there was surplus money and that was being used to address current funding.

Public Comment: Mr. Shearer also asked if the projects listed were funded would there be enough workers for construction with so many companies behind schedule.

Ms. Taylor did not have an answer at the time but said there had been some discussion about the challenges.

Ms. Taylor also provided the committee an updated construction report in the meeting agenda packet.
 Item 7. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Balmes said the Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Element had been updated to include a clarifying footnote to ensure the six I-75 interchanges in Marion County are identified. The six interchanges are part of the ongoing I-75 PD&E/Master Plan Study being conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and listed in the Cost Feasible Element.

Based on the status of the PD&E/Master Plan, development of the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Plans and Moving Florida Forward, this was the only change necessary at the time. As the plans and proposals progressed in 2023, an amendment to the LRTP would be necessary in the near future.

The footnote had been highlighted for ease of reference. The FDOT District 5 and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Florida Division had been consulted on the update.

2022 TPO Annual Report

Mr. Balmes said that the 2022 TPO Annual Report had been published and the Annual Report highlighted the TPO program accomplishments in Ocala/Marion County over the past year. The report had been developed with a new template, which the TPO had plans to use for future versions.

The 2022 Annual Report was included in the committee packet and could also be found on the TPO’s website: https://ocalamariontpo.org/about-us/annual-report.

2023 Commitment to Zero Activities

Mr. Balmes said the Board adoption of Commitment to Zero was a major milestone and that long-term success would require ongoing work to keep building momentum in the community. Some of the next steps and activities specific to the TPO in 2023 would involve the following:

- Commitment to Zero fact sheets
- Coordination with local partners for safety projects in the 2023 List of Priority Projects (LOPP)
- Commitment to Zero online public crash dashboard
- Social Media for community safety events, public awareness of safety
- Continued partnering for community safety events
- Exploration of public information and public relations opportunities
- Annual Commitment to Zero Workshop (Fall 2023, date to be determined)

Samples of the Commitment to Zero fact sheets were provided. The TPO had developed an initial listing of fact sheets to be release in 2023.

Mr. Balmes mentioned that the TPO was looking for feedback on topics and opportunities to develop additional fact sheets for relevant topics in the community.
**Item 8. Comments by CAC Members**

Mr. McGinley made a comment that he liked the safety action plan fact sheets.

Mr. McGinley also asked if the number of people moving to the community was taken into consideration when creating the safety targets.

Mr. Balmes said that the rates try to do that because it was tied to VMT and obviously more people moving to the community and visiting. With more traffic it causes more crashes. The fatalities are the most disturbing because they continue to go up regardless of the amount of people moving to the community.

The committee engaged in discussion on ways more ways to promote safety and awareness in the community. Some of the suggestions included: safety billboards that list crash statistics, crash statistics posted similar to the information Florida Highway Patrol once had posted outside of their building, phone alerts notifying the public of crash statistics, safety campaigns, and running crash statistics counts on social media pages.

Mr. Balmes mentioned to the committees that spreading the safety message through safety campaigns, billboards, text alerts, etc., would require the involvement of local government and partners in the community.

**Item 9. Public Comment**

Mr. Shearer made a comment on Project: SR 25/U.S. 441/SR 500 from SR 35/SE Baseline Road to SR 200/SW 10th Street- addition of bike lanes and sidewalks to the resurfacing project on US 441/301. He said that a trail was being developed from Belleview to 80th off the road, 12ft wide paved trail. He asked if it would cut over and communicate with the trail or were they going to develop another lane.

Mr. Balmes said that the project was a shared use path west of 441 all the way up and would connect with existing sidewalks in Ocala on to SR 200.

Mr. Shearer asked if funds were received for Moving Florida Forward would FDOT not do the resurfacing projects planned for the interstate.

Ms. Taylor said that the FDOT was good about looking at the overlapping projects and mitigate to the best of their ability.

**Item 10. Adjournment**

Chairwoman Michelle Shearer adjourned the meeting at 2:15pm.
CAC Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2023
Approved – May 9, 2023

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, TPO Administrative Assistant
2022 List of Priority Projects (LOPP)

Fiscal Years 2024 to 2028

TPO Board Adoption - June 28, 2022

Amended February 28, 2023

Project Lists
Top Priority Projects
- Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)
- Non-Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Capacity
- Safety and Operations
- Trails
- Bicycle and Pedestrian
- Planning

Project Phases
CST  Construction
DES  Design
PE   Preliminary Engineering
PD&E Project Development and Environment
ROW  Right-of-Way

Ire Bethea Sr., TPO Chair

Rob Balnes, TPO Director
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REGION
Central Florida

PROJECT LIMITS
Interstate 75 (I-75) from State Road (S.R.) 44 to S.R. 326

FUNDING
$479 Million

CONSTRUCTION YEAR
2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
This project involves adding auxiliary lanes to I-75 in each direction between S.R. 44 and S.R. 326. It will include interchange modifications and right-of-way acquisition for future widening.
REGION
Central Florida

PROJECT LIMITS
U.S. 301 from County Road (C.R.)
470 to Florida’s Turnpike

FUNDING
$26 Million

CONSTRUCTION YEAR
2025-26

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
The project will reconstruct U.S. 301 from C.R. 470 to Florida’s Turnpike between the cities of Sumterville and Wildwood to increase the roadway capacity, respond to future travel demand, improve overall safety, and accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. The project includes realigning the roadway around the City of Coleman to avoid impacts to the City’s downtown businesses. For additional project details, please visit https://www.cfrroads.com/project/430132-1.