



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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

July 7, 2016

MINUTES

Members Present:

Commissioner Earl Arnett
Councilman Rick Hancock
Commissioner Gary Ernst
Mayor Kent Guinn
Councilman Brent Malever, Chairman
Commissioner Stan McClain
Councilman Matthew Wardell
Commissioner Carl Zalak
Councilman James Hilty, Sr.

Members Not Present:

Commissioner Kathy Bryant
Councilman Jay Musleh
Commissioner David Moore
Councilwoman Mary Rich
Commissioner Ron Livsey
Mayor Nathn Whitt

Others Present:

Kevin Smith, Marion County Growth
Dan Atwell, Marion County OCI
Darren Park, City of Ocala Public Works
Sean Lanier, Ocala Public Works
Gennie Garcia, SunTran
Don Darby, Marion County
Tony Chau, City of Ocala Traffic Engineering

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Malever called the meeting to order at 1:39 PM. Secretary Shakayla Jacobs called the roll of members. 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. Draft FY 2022 Priority Projects

There are twenty three projects on the list this year. One project did drop out, the Planning Study for the City of Belleview that has since been completed that was Project #7 which is now out. There have been significant changes as far as funding, Priority Project #1 which is NW 49th St. interchange, \$3.5 million has been added for design in the 5th year. Also, #2 State Road 40 – Operational Improvements at SW 2nd to Broadway \$1.5 million has been added to that project. Project #11 County Road 44 I-75 interchange improvements approximately \$8 million has been added to that project for right of way acquisition.

A motion was made and seconded for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

All Systems Priority List - This list was put together several years back as a way to try and explore ways to get additional funding for projects that were significant but not on the State or Federal System. There are approximately seven items on this list.

A motion was made and seconded for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

Regional Trail Priorities List – This list came into existence a few years ago. Additional projects now on this list are Indian Lake State Trail, Silver Springs State Park to Indian Lake Trail Head; this project was added by the request of the County. Silver Springs to Hawthorne Trail this is in cooperation with the DEP.

A motion was made and seconded for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

Transportation and Regional Center Program – There is only one project on this list. The reason why this list was put together because of the type of funding the project is. There is a 50% match to local funds in order to accelerate the timeline of this project which is the NW 49th St. interchange at I-75.

A motion was made and seconded for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

Trails Priority List presented to the Board for their information.

A motion was made and seconded for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

Strategic and Multi-Modal Project List presented to the Board for their information.

A motion was made and seconded for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3b. FY 2015/2016 – 2019/2020 ‘Roll-Forward’ TIP Amendment

There are three TIP Amendments requested by the Department. When the agenda was put together, there were originally only two. One is County Road 42 at SE 182nd Ct. that is to add an eastbound turn lane. This project is in the vicinity of the Sunny Hill Restoration Area. This is about \$440,000 in construction that has been added. Recently there has been a resurfacing project on County Road 42 this is a split project. This will be just over four miles in resurfacing at \$2.5 million.

A motion was made and seconded for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3c. Draft FY 2016/2017 – 2020/2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Requesting approval of the current Transportation Improvement Plan.

A motion was made and seconded for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

Requesting approval of the New Transportation Improvement Plan.

A breakdown of the New Improvement Plan was presented to the Board.

A motion was made and seconded for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3d. SunTran Contract Rate for 16/17

An updated contract rate was presented to the Board. A comparison rate table was presented also. The majority of the increase is due to the fact that the buses are getting older, fuel, salary increases for drivers. The Board is being asked to approve this new rate.

A motion was made and seconded for approval of the new SunTran contract rate. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3e. Request for Bus Passes from United Way

Received a request from United Way requesting bus passes for a program they have entitled the Strong Family Initiative which helps families that are struggling financially and help them transition out of financial dependability and into financial stability. They will be offering classes that must be attended and at least half of the families do not have their own transportation. They are requesting 120 monthly passes. Staff is recommending approval of the request.

A motion was made and seconded for approval of 120 monthly bus passes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3f. Citizens Advisory Committee Appointment

Requesting approval of appointment of Paul Marfina to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

A motion was made and seconded for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 4. Consent Agenda

A motion was made and seconded for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 5. Comments by FDOT

Kelly Smith, FDOT presented the Board with a packet which contains the Construction Report. Also a reminder of the I-75 Relief Meetings. The next one is here in Ocala at the Southeastern Live Stock Pavilion on August 12th from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. There is also an Agency Coordination Meeting at the Hilton Ocala, time TBD. Discussion about public attendance at the Task Force Meetings.

Item 6. Comments by TPO Staff

Update on triennial review with the Federal Transit Administration in early June. SunTran had a two meeting with their auditor. There were a few minor findings on some language regarding our ADA Policy. All of our financial procurements came back clean, so it was a very good review. We should be receiving the report in the next few days. A transit development plan is due for SunTran in September 2017 so staff has put together an RFP to go out to select consultants to assist with that. Typically, there is usually one volunteer to serve on the selection committee.

Item 7. Comments by TPO Members

Update requested on the bus shelters. John responded that most of the survey work has been done. Finalized designs on the shelters. For the first phase we are looking to do 10 shelters; which will come to about \$104,000.

Item 8. Public Comment

No Public Comments.

Item 9. Adjournment

Chairman Malever adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Jacobs, TPO Administrative Assistant