



Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

Meeting Held via Cisco WebEx

June 09, 2020

10:30 AM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Vickie Wyche
Nancy Smith
Mickey Thomason
Elton Holland
Lonnie Smith

Members Not Present:

Steven Neal
Eric Smith
Dave Herlihy
Kenneth Odom
Bruce Phillips
Loretta Shaffer

Others Present:

Rob Balmes, TPO
Liz Mitchell, TPO
Derrick Harris, TPO
Anton Schauerte, TPO
Shakayla Irby, TPO
Tony Nause, FDOT

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Elton Holland called the meeting to order at 10:30am and called the roll there was not 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's websites on June 2nd, 2020. The meeting had also been published to the Star Banner news calendar, and the TPOs Facebook and Twitter pages.

Item 3. FY 2020 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Program

Anton Schauerte Transportation Planner for the TPO gave a brief presentation on the FY 2020 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Anton mentioned that the TIP had been noticed on various social media sites (Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter), TPO Website, and the Ocala Star Banner. The TIP had also been shared via e-blast to the following local, state, and federal agencies: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), United States Forest Services (USFS), Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (FCTD), St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Anton mentioned that in addition to the making the TIP available for the mentioned local, state, and federal agencies, it was also presented to the Technical and Citizen Advisory Committees as well as the TPO Board during the month of May. Also, a presentation to Dunnellon and Belleview's City Council meetings during the month of June.

Anton mentioned that the comments received from FHWA were pretty minor. They wanted the TPO to show how public comments would be incorporated and addressed. In addition, they wanted the TPO to ensure that the USFS was contacted about the TIP. Lastly, they wanted TPO staff to have a Transportation Performance Measures Consensus Document approved separately. Anton explained that the TPO did receive a few comments from the City of Ocala regarding the way in which 5307 federal funds and state block grant funds were displayed that directly affect the City of Ocala's fixed transportation system, Suntran. Anton mentioned that these changes had been made.

Chairman Holland inquired about what exactly was TPO staff asking of the committee today. Anton mentioned that since there wasn't a quorum present, if the committee could give an official recommendation that would be presented to the TPO Board at the end of the month.

TPO Assistant Director Derrick Harris mentioned that since the document was still under the public comment period up until the TPO Board Meeting on the 23rd of this month, TPO staff was looking to take a recommendation to the board. Therefore, the official recommendation from the committee would be dependent on whether or not TPO staff received any major comments that would require substantially revising the TIP document.

Lonnie Smith asked a question about the inserting of the List of Priority Projects into the TIP document. He wanted to know if there was still room for the projects to be moved around. Anton explained that the List of Priority Projects were approved at the previous month's TPO Board Meeting and would just be inserted due to the fact that they had already been approved.

Nancy Smith made a motion to recommend the TIP to the TPO Board for approval. The motion was seconded by Lonnie Smith. The motion approved unanimously. There wasn't a quorum present.

Item 4. Consent Agenda

Consent agenda was tabled until the next meeting where a quorum would hopefully be present.

Item 5. Comments by FDOT

Vickie Wyche mentioned that there was a new format for the construction reports and it was included in the agenda packet.

Item 6. Comments by TPO Staff

TPO Assistant Director Derrick Harris mentioned that the List of Priority Projects was approved at the previous TPO Board Meeting in May. Mr. Harris explained that due to the update of the Long-Range Transportation Plan that is ongoing it can get a little confusing about which project list TPO staff is asking for comments on. Mr. Harris asked that committee members reach out if they have any questions about any of the ongoing project lists. Also, he mentioned that on June 18th TPO staff would be kicking off a public involvement period for the upcoming needs project list for the LRTP update.

Item 7. Comments by TAC Members

There was no comments.

Item 8. Public Comment

There was no comments.

Item 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Holland at 10:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Derrick Harris, TPO Assistant Director