



Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

Green Clover Hall
319 SE 26th Terrace, Ocala, FL 34470
3:30 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Ji Li (*Mr. Li had a conflict and had to leave the meeting at 4pm. Mr. Steven Neal alternate attended on behalf of Mr. Li*)

Tyler Burgett

Mickey Thomason

Noel Cooper

Loretta Shaffer (*Jessica Heller attended on behalf of Ms. Shaffer*)

Eric Smith

Elton Holland (*Chris Ziegler attended on behalf of Mr. Holland*)

Members Not Present:

Dave Herlihy

Bob Titterington

Kenneth Odom

Troy Slattery

Others Present:

Rob Balmes

Shakayla Irby

Liz Mitchell

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Mickey Thomason called the meeting to order at 3:31pm 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 June 7, 2022. The meeting had also been published to the TPOs Facebook and Twitter pages.

Item 3a. Fiscal Years 2023 to 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Balmes presented the Fiscal Years 2023 to 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and said the draft Fiscal Years 2023 to 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made available for public and partner agency review on May 3, 2022. As a follow up to the draft TIP presentation at the committee meetings on May 10, Mr. Balmes shared comments received from partner agencies and the public with the committee.

The TPO had received feedback from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and three comments from the public.

- **Public Comments:** The review period was from May 3 to June 24, 2022. *Provided on page #7 of this set of minutes for reference is a summary the 3 comments received to date.*
- **Partner Comments:** FDOT performed a review of the draft TIP document. *Provided on page #8-11 of this set of minutes for reference.*
- **TIP Document Project Update:** FDOT requested the addition of one project to the draft TIP.
 - **FM 449764-1:** I-75 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Communication System
 - TIP Funding: \$954,356 (Total project cost is \$1,140,212)
 - Phase: Construction
 - Year: Fiscal Year 2023
 - Description: The installation of ITS communication on 24.07 miles of I-75 from mile marker 325 to 349

Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve the FY 2023 to 2027 TIP. Mr. Smith seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3b. Draft 2022 List of Priority Projects (LOPP)

Mr. Balmes presented and said that at the TAC meeting on May 10, an initial set of **draft 2022 LOPP** project lists were presented and reviewed.

A key part of the LOPP was to refine the rankings based on local priorities and direct feedback from TAC members at the June 14 meeting.

At the meeting Chairman Mickey Thomason facilitated a discussion on project rankings for the seven lists.

The goal was to move projects based on the group discussion. The TPO would then pass on committee recommendations to the TPO Board in June for approval.

The committee engaged in discussion and ultimately recommended to maintain the original draft scored rankings for all project lists based on the Board adopted LOPP Policies and Procedures Guidance.

The committee also deferred to the TPO Board regarding any project ranking adjustments through the Strategic Refinement process.

Mr. Ziegler made a motion to adopt the TPO Draft 2022 LOPP as the committee recommendation. Mr. Neal seconded, and the motion passed with Mr. Cooper in opposition.

3c. 2022 Regional Priorities

Mr. Balmes presented and said that in collaboration with the Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA), the TPO was annually required to submit a list of regionally significant transportation priority projects by June 30.

The following list summarizes the regional lists that required TPO committee action and recommendations.

Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)

The purpose of TRIP is to encourage partnerships for transportation projects that are regionally significant. TRIP funds are awarded by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and are used to match local or regional funds up to 50% of the total project costs. To be eligible, there must be a 50% local match commitment and endorsement of the project by three contiguous counties to receive consideration (2 in addition to Marion).

In 2021, the TPO submitted two projects for submission to the CFMPOA TRIP Priority List.

- Marion Oaks Manor Extension – Marion Oaks Manor to CR 42 Flyover at I-75
- County Road 484 – SW 49th Avenue to CR 475A

Mr. Cooper made a recommendation to add NW/SW 44th Avenue: SR 200 to US 27 to the TRIP list.

Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Needs

The current SIS Needs list is based on existing unfunded needs to support improvements in Marion County. Currently, four projects are listed in Marion County.

- I-75 Interchange from SW 40th to SW 27th
- SR 40 from end of Four Lanes to CR 314
- SR 40 from CR 314 to CR 314A
- SR 40 from CR 314A to Levy Hammock Road
- I-75 at NW 49th Street Interchange
- I-75 at US 27 Interchange (new)
- I-75 Interchange from SW 40th to SW 27th

- I-75 from SR 200 to CR 234 Alachua County (new)
- I-75 from SR 91 (Turnpike) to SR 200 (new)
- I-75 at SR 326 Interchange Operations (new)
- I-75 at SW 20th Street Interchange (new)
- SR 40 from end of Four Lanes to CR 314
- SR 40 from CR 314 to CR 314A
- SR 40 from CR 314A to Levy Hammock Road
- SR 326 from US 301 to old US 301 (new)
- SR 326 from CR 200A to NE 36th (new)

Tier 3 SunTrail Projects

The current Tier 3 SunTrail regional projects list contains four projects in Marion County.

- Silver Springs to Mount Dora – Part of Heart of Florida Trail
- Santos to Baseline Trail – Santos Trailhead – Part of Heart of Florida Trail
- Pruitt Trail – Pruitt Trailhead to Bridges Road Trailhead – Part of Heart of Florida Trail
- Nature Coast Connector – Dunnellon to Chiefland – Part of the Nature Coast Trail

Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve the 2022 Regional Priorities with the addition of NW/SW 44th Avenue: SR 200 to US 27 to the TRIP list. Mr. Neal seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. Consent Agenda

Mr. Ziegler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Neal seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. Comments by FDOT

Mr. Burgett provided the committee with an updated construction report.

Mr. Burgett mentioned that FDOT was wrapping up the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

Mr. Smith inquired about the crosswalk construction progress at US 301/441 outside Belleview City Hall. The concrete had been poured for the midblock and then construction just stopped with the road left rugged where the stripping and parallel parking was obliterated.

Mr. Burgett said that he would reach out and find out what the future plans were.

Item 7. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Balmes gave comments and updates to the committee.

- **Commitment to Zero Safety Action Plan Update:** The Commitment to Zero Stakeholder Workshop was held on May 12, 2022, and included participation from 20 members of partner agencies and jurisdictions in Ocala/Marion County. Some of the next steps include a Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB)

Workshop on June 16; Working Group meeting on July 14 and release of a draft Action Plan by end of July. The TPO continues to solicit feedback to develop safety improvement strategies through conversations and meetings. The public survey and interactive comment map will remain open through **July 1**. This information be may be accessed via the project website: <https://ocalamariontpo.org/safety-plan>

- **2020 Census Schedule of Activities Update:** The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Florida Division, recently provided an update regarding the estimated timeframe for activities involving the 2020 Census. Some of the major activities of notable interest to Ocala/Marion County included:
 - By the fall of 2022, the Census Bureau is expected to publish a Federal Registrar notice announcing the official urbanized areas tied to the new methodology.
 - By winter/spring 2023, FHWA/FTA are expected to publish a notice regarding the designation of Transportation Management Areas (TMA) for urban areas over 200,000.
 - Prior to October 2023, states are expected to revisit distribution formula funds for MPOs (CPG-PL) tied to the 2020 census population.

At the August TAC meeting, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) had requested to deliver a presentation regarding their process to update roadway Functional Classifications and Urban Boundary adjustments and the I-75 Master Plan. Further information would be provided in the TAC packet for the August 9 meeting.

- **2022 Traffic Counts Report and Map:** On June 1, 2022, the TPO published the 2022 Traffic Counts Report and Online Map to serve as a resource to citizens, elected leaders and professionals in Marion County. This report is a compilation of traffic counts taken and administered by professionals at Marion County, City of Ocala and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Included with the meeting packet is the 2022 Traffic Counts report. Please also find below a web-link to the companion Online Map and Story Map. The information may also be accessed at the TPO's Website Transportation Statistics Page:

<https://ocalamariontpo.org/transportation-statistics>

<https://marioncountyfl.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=684f763711d742f893a1271ab346c28c>

Traffic Counts Online Map

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/6190ad2ad11c4e99a0d149c9dff71488>

Traffic Counts Story Map.

Item 8. Comments by TAC Members

Mr. Cooper said the City of Ocala was notified that the Governor signed \$8 million additional dollars for the 44th project and were expecting FDOT to reach out and begin conversations. Also, there was an upcoming sidewalk project that the City of Ocala had received concurrence from FDOT to move forward and would be moving forward with awarding the project soon.

Mr. Balmes requested that the County and City take a look at the funding requested column on the LOPP and see if any numbers needed to be updated.

Item 9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 10. Adjournment

Chairman Mickey Thomason adjourned the meeting at 4:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, TPO Administrative Assistant



Draft FY 2023 to 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Public Comments

Summary

The draft Fiscal Years 2023 to 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made available for public and partner agency review on May 3, 2022. The following public comments were received by the TPO.

- **Comment:** “Please expand I-75 and existing roads before destroying farms, nature, and the springs to build new ones. Once these resources are gone they can never be replaced.”
 - **TPO Response:** Noted for public record. The citizen requested to not receive follow up from the TPO. The comment is part of public record and included in the TIP document for future planning considerations.
- **Comment:** “As a member of the TPO Board who works at Central Florida Community Action Agency and live in Alachua County, one of the things that I've noticed for some of the clients that we serve in Marion County, they have transportation needs to get back and forth to clinical sites that are often located in Belleview, Orlando, etc. I'm not sure if there is some sort of shuttle services that can assist students who are residents and need to travel outside of Marion County for clinicals, work, etc.”
 - **TPO Response:** Noted for public record. The citizen was thanked for the comment and informed it will become part of public record, and included in the TIP document for future planning considerations.
- **Comment:** “The back and forth regarding opening Ocala Int'l Airport to commercial airlines needs to be resolved in two ways: The designation "International Airport" is misleading. That needs to be changed to something else to reflect the actual air traffic and constituent travel: Regional Airport? Regional Business Airpark? Dump the word "International". Second, a lot of frustration of air travelers having to drive to Orlando or Gainesville could be reduced by a highspeed railway system.”
 - **TPO Response:** Noted for public record. The citizen was thanked for the comment and informed it will become part of public record, and included in the TIP document for future planning considerations.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Review Checklist

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) REVIEW CHECKLIST

The following TIP Review Checklist is provided to assist in the review of the TIP. This Review Checklist is to be completed and included in the MPO's final TIP Document.

Comments should be categorized as:

Editorial: Comments may be addressed by MPO, but would not affect approval of the document, i.e., grammatical, spelling and other related errors.

Enhancement: Comments may be addressed by MPO, but would not affect approval of the document, i.e., improve the quality of the document and the understanding for the public (improving graphics, re-packaging of the document, use of plain language, reformatting for clarity, removing redundant language).

Critical: Comment MUST be addressed to meet minimum state and federal requirements to obtain approval. The reviewer must clearly identify the applicable state or federal policies, regulations, guidance, procedures or statutes that the document does not conform with.

If a question is categorized, a comment must be included. In addition, if a question is answered with "no", a comment must also be included. Once the checklist is finalized, please share as a PDF.

MPO: **Ocala Marion TPO**

Fiscal Years
included: **FY 2023-2027**

Review #: **1 (Draft)**

Date of Review: **5/10/22**

Reviewed by: **LLH**

TIP Format & Content

Does the cover page include the MPO name, address correct fiscal years, and provide a location to add the date of adoption?

Yes ☒ No ☐

[No comment](#)

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Does the Table of Contents show the title of each section with correct page number?

Yes ☒ No ☐

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Does TIP include an endorsement that it was developed following state and federal requirements and include date of official MPO approval? This would be an MPO resolution or signed signature block on cover.

Yes ☒ No ☐

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Does TIP include a list of definitions, abbreviations, funding and phase codes and acronyms?

Yes ☒ No ☐

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and 138

[List of fund codes starts on page 21. Glossary of Terms and Acronyms begins on page 138.](#)

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TIP Narrative

Does the TIP begin with a statement of purpose (provide a prioritization of projects covering a five-year period that is consistent with LRTP, contains all transportation projects MPA funded with FHWA & FTA funds and regionally significant projects regardless of funding source)? [23 C.F.R. 450.326(a)]; [49 U.S.C. Chapter 53]

Yes ☒ No ☐

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Was the TIP developed by MPO in cooperation with the state and public transit operator, who provided the MPO with estimates of available Federal and State funds for the MPO to develop the financial plan? [s. 339.175(8) F.S.]; [23 C.F.R. 450.326(a)]

Yes ☒ No ☐

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Does the TIP demonstrate that there are sufficient funds (federal, state, local and private) to implement proposed transportation system improvements, identifies any innovative financing techniques through comparison of revenues and costs for each year? It is recommended that the TIP include a table(s) that compares the funding sources and amounts, by year to the total project costs. [23 C.F.R. 450.326(k)]; [23 C.F.R. 450.326(j)]; [s. 339.175(8)(c)(3) F.S.].

Yes ☒ No ☐

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Does the TIP describe project selection process and state that it is consistent with the federal requirements in 23 C.F.R 450.332(b) and for non-TMA MPOs 23 C.F.R. 450.332(c)?

Yes ☒ No ☐

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Does the TIP identify the MPO's criteria and process for prioritizing implementation of the transportation plan elements (including multimodal tradeoffs) for inclusion in the TIP and explain any changes in priorities from the previous TIP? The MPO's TIP project priorities must be consistent with the LRTP. [23 C.F.R 450.326(n)(1)]

Yes ☒ No ☐

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Does the TIP describe how projects are consistent with MPO's LRTP and to the extent feasible, with port and aviation masterplans, public transit development plans, and approved local government comprehensive plans for those local governments located within the MPO area? [s. 339.175(8)(a) F.S.] **For consistency guidance, see Section 1. Florida LRTP Amendment Thresholds.**

Yes ☒ No ☐

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Does the TIP cross reference projects with corresponding LRTP projects, when appropriate? [s. 339.175(8)(c)(7) F.S.]

Yes ☒ No ☐

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Does the TIP include the FDOT Annual List of Obligated Projects or a link? The annual listing is located for download **HERE**. [23 C.F.R. 450.334]; [s.339.175(8)(h), F.S.]

Yes ☒ No ☐

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Was the TIP developed with input from the public? [23 C.F.R. 450.316]; [23 C.F.R. 450.326(b)]; The document should outline techniques used to reach citizens (flyers, websites, meeting notices, billboards, etc.)

Yes ☒ No ☐

No comment

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If applicable, does the TIP discuss the MPO's current FDOT annual certification and past FHWA/FTA quadrennial certification? MPO should include anticipated date of next FHWA/FTA quadrennial certification.

Yes ☒ No ☐

N/A ☐

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Does the TIP discuss of the congestion management process? All MPOs are required to have a congestion management process that provides for the effective management process that provides for the effective management and operation of new and existing facilities using travel demand reduction and operational management strategies. S 339.175(6)(c)(1), F.S.

Yes ☒ No ☐

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Does the TIP discuss Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) services developed and a description of costs and revenues from TD services, as well as a list of improvements funded with TD funds? [s.427.015(1) F.S. AND 41-2.009(2) F.A.C.

Yes ☒ No ☐

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Does the TIP discuss how, once implemented, the MPO will make progress toward achieving the performance targets for:

- ✓ Safety performance measures
- ✓ System performance measures
- ✓ Bridge performance measures
- ✓ Pavement performance measures
- ✓ State asset management plan
 - Including risk to off-system facilities during emergency events (if applicable)
- ✓ State freight plan

Yes ☒ No ☐

If the MPO incorporated the Performance Measures Template directly or adapted it to suit their need, they will have met requirements. [23.C.F.R 450.326(c)]

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Does the TIP discuss anticipated effect of achieving the performance targets identified in the LRTP, linking investment priorities to those performance targets for:

- ✓ Safety performance measures
- ✓ System performance measures
- ✓ Bridge performance measures

Yes ☒ No ☐

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- ✓ Pavement performance measures
- ✓ State asset management plan
- ✓ State freight plan

If the MPO incorporated the Performance Measures Template directly or adapted it to suit their need, they will have met requirements. [23.C.F.R 450.326(d)]

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Detail Project Listing for Five Fiscal Years

Does each project in the TIP document shall include the following information?

- ✓ Sufficient description of project (type of work, termini, and length)
- ✓ Financial Project Number (FPN)
- ✓ Estimated total project cost and year anticipated funding
- ✓ **Page number or identification number where project can be found in LRTP (spot check)**
- ✓ Category of Federal Funds and source(s) of non-Federal Funds
- ✓ FTA section number included in project title or description

Yes ☒ No ☐

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TIP Review

Did the MPO upload the document into the MPO Document Portal for review by District staff, Office of Policy Planning, Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, **Department of Economic Opportunity**, FTA, & FHWA?

Yes ☒ No ☐

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