



## **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Ocala Citizens Service Center  
201 SE 3rd Street, Ocala FL 34471

**June 11, 2019**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Members Present:**

Nicholas Blizzard  
Dave Herlihy  
Joel Graff (*for Vickie Wyche*)  
Bruce Phillips  
Kenneth Odom  
Lonnie Smith  
Mickey Thomason

#### **Members Not Present:**

Oliver Cromwell  
Nancy Smith

#### **Others Present:**

Derrick Harris  
Elizabeth Mitchell  
Kristen Woodruff

### **Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairman Dave Herlihy called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Secretary Shakayla Pullings called the roll. A quorum was present.

### **Item 2. Proof of Publication**

Secretary Shakayla Pullings stated that the meeting had been published online on the TPO website, the City of Ocala, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites on June 5, 2019.

### **Item 3a. List of Priority Projects (LOPP) Ranking**

Mr. Harris presented the LOPP Ranking and said that at the May TPO Board Meeting, staff received feedback regarding how to formally proceed with the ranking of the 2019 LOPP. It was determined that an internal interim ranking criteria developed by TPO staff would be used. The ranking criteria developed was grouped into six categories.

First, the ranking criteria looked at whether a project incorporated different modes of transportation into the project or was multimodal. Therefore, if a project incorporated bike lanes, sidewalks, transit options, or offered a new alternative, such as a trail, it received one point for being multimodal.

Second, the ranking criteria looked at Performance Measures. Based on the latest major transportation legislation, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act was signed into law on December 4, 2015, which required MPO/TPOs to measure the performance of projects. This was done by measuring projects on safety, system performance, pavement/bridge condition, and transit asset management. Therefore, the LOPP gave weight to any project that met one of the performance measures, and an additional point if the project met two.

Next the ranking criteria looked at where the projects were in their development. For example, if a project was in the Project Development & Environmental (PD&E) stage it received one point, and it received an additional point for each stage the project was in until construction, which would have been four points.

Mr. Harris noted that projects could only qualify for one of the phases, with one to four points possible. Another factor in the ranking criteria was funding availability. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) had mentioned on several occasions, funding was limited.

Therefore, if a project had a lower cost associated with it, or a lower cost was still needed, the project could have received one additional point.

There was committee discussion regarding the ranking of projects and it was ultimately decided by the committee to take additional time to review the priority projects and provide Mr. Harris with any progress updates on the listed projects to ensure all project received correct ranking.

Mr. Odom made a motion that TPO staff make the changes recommended by the TAC committee members as far as the restructuring of the scoring with the projects that were discussed. In the event there were additional TPO staff comments outside of the room the representatives of the TAC would have to reconvene within one week in order to approve the action item. Mr. Phillips seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 3b. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Kristen Woodruff presented the committee members with a draft of the FY 2019/20 – 2023/24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for members to review. The listing of scheduled projects in this document are pulled from the Florida Department of Transportation's Tentative Work Program.

Notable additions to this year's update include:

- 433652-1: SR 40 intersections at SW 40th Avenue and SW 27th Avenue – Add turn lanes (additional \$1.3 million)
- 4261791-1: Silver Springs State Park Pedestrian Bridges – Pedestrian/Wildlife Overpass (additional \$2.6 million)
- 433651-1: CR 484 from SW 20th Avenue to CR 475A – Interchange Improvement (Construction phases and additional ROW funding, \$6.8 million)
- Updated SunTran and Congestion Management Process language in Executive Summary

### **Item 5. Comments by TPO Staff**

Mr. Harris said that the TPO Board voted for the TPO to be moved from being hosted by the City of Ocala to being hosted by Marion County starting July 1<sup>st</sup> and in August the TAC committee would be meeting at a new location more than likely at the County.

Mr. Harris also mentioned that at the last TPO Board meeting it seemed to be consensus with the board to let the City of Ocala run the day to day operations of the SunTran and the attorneys were cleaning up agreements.

Also, a new TPO Director was hired and within the next two months he would be on board.

### **Item 6. Comments by TAC Members**

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Harris what his role was with the TPO.

Mr. Harris responded that he was the Interim Director and prior the Interim title he title was the Fiscal Manager/ Transportation Planner.

**Item 7. Public Comment**

*There was no public comment.*

**Item 8. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by Ms. Smith at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Shakayla Pullings, TPO Administrative Assistant