



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ocala Citizens Service Center
201 SE 3rd Street, Ocala FL 34478

June 9, 2015

MINUTES

Members Present:

Mike Daniels, Chairman
Eddie Esch
Winston Schuler
Kellie Smith
Kevin Smith
Brian Snyder

Members Not Present:

Sue Farnsworth
Gennie Garcia
Dave Herlihy
Mickey Thomason

Others Present:

Greg Slay, TPO Director
John Voges, TPO Staff
Ken Odom, TPO Staff
Ann McGaffic, TPO Staff
Kayleen Hamilton, TPO Staff
Masood Mirza, Marion County Traffic Engineering

Item 1. Call To Order And Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Mike Daniels. Secretary Kayleen Hamilton called the roll. A quorum was present.

Item 2. Proof Of Publication

Secretary Kayleen Hamilton 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. FY 2014/2015 – 2019/2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Mr. Odom presented the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment. This was an amendment to the Pruitt Trail project that was needed in the current fiscal year's TIP to add mitigation reserve funding for environmental assessments. This would cover potentially necessary surveys and permitting. Mr. Slay mentioned that there were a number of endangered species in the project area.

Mr. Schuler made a motion to approve the TIP amendment and Mr. Esch seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3b. FY 2015/2016 – 2020/2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Odom reviewed that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) documented the funding and phases of state and federal funding on project in Marion County. It was the budget that carried out the Long Range Transportation Plan and was require to be financially feasible. There were a number of significant changes to the TIP since the roll-forward version had been approved.

The first change was an additional \$2,600,000 for county and city intelligent transportation system operational support. The funds were programmed over a five-year period. Other changes included splitting the NE 36th Avenue railroad crossing grade separation project out from the NE 36th Avenue road widening; funds for resurfacing SR 200 from SW 60th Avenue to CR 484; adding design and construction for additional turn lanes at the I-75 off ramps on SR 200; and funds for the SR 40 East widening. Mr. Slay mentioned that the biggest cost on the SR 40 widening was the bridge replacement. The current bridge had a seventy-two foot clearance; the new one would be lower and include a multiuse path. Mr. Smith asked about parking areas for the path, and Mr. Slay said that Ray Wayside Park and Silver Springs State Park would probably be where most people would park. There was also parking at the county's stormwater area.

Funds had been added for resurfacing of SR 492 and for construction of SW 49th Avenue. Mr. Daniels asked about the alignment for SW 49th Avenue, and Mr. Odom said that there were still some modifications to be done. Mr. Slay mentioned that there would be a regular intersection on SW 49th Avenue at SW 66th Street. The county was handling the right-of-way for the road, which would terminate at SW 42nd Street. Mr. Schuler asked about signalization costs included, and Mr. Slay said it would probably include SW 42nd Street, SW 66th Street, and SW 95th Street. Mr. Slay reported that FDOT was funding half the cost of construction using CIGP funds.

Other changes to the TIP included resurfacing on US 441 and two additional trail projects – one from Belleview to the Greenway and one from downtown Ocala to Silver Springs. Mr. Daniels asked about the design for the downtown to Silver Springs trail, and Mr. Slay said that the design was not final. On Fort King Street, the existing infrastructure was planned to be used by creating sharrows and installing signage.

Mr. Schuler asked about US 27 PD&E, and Mr. Slay said that funds were being transferred from US 27 to the SW 49th Avenue PD&E.

Mr. Schuler noted that pages 1-31 and 1-32 were duplicate projects.

Mr. Daniels mentioned that the City had just done a Local Agency Program agreement for Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and SR 40, and Ms. Smith reported that funding was now scheduled.

Mr. Esch moved approval of the TIP with the noted corrections. Mr. Snyder seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Item 4. Consent Agenda

Mr. Esch made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2015, TAC meeting and Mr. Snyder seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Item 5. Comments by FDOT

Ms. Smith reported that there would be lane closures on SR 40 East for placement of a barrier wall at the virtual scale site. A workshop on the Florida Transportation Plan/Strategic Intermodal System was scheduled to take place in The Villages. A public meeting upcoming on the SR 40 downtown corridor study, and a public hearing on the SR 40 traffic operations project was scheduled for June 18.

Item 6. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Slay reported that staff would have presentations on the Long Range Transportation Plan's (LRTP) financial resources and needs assessment at the August committee meeting. Staff was currently conducting public involvement meetings for the LRTP.

Item 7. Comments by TAC Members

Mr. Smith reported that the county would be adopting a transportation impact fee schedule in 2016. Mr. Smith said that it looked like the fee would be consistent with what the Chamber and

Economic Partnership had recommended. The county's consultant was working on the ordinance and administrative manual for staff, and a public hearing was planned for sometime this summer.

Mr. Slay introduced the new county traffic engineer, Mr. Masood Mirza.

Item 8. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Item 9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Daniels at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kayleen Hamilton

Kayleen Hamilton, TPO Administrative Assistant