



TPO Board 101 Workshop

Marion County Commission Auditorium

601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471

March 28, 2023

1:30 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Councilmember Ire Bethea
Commissioner Craig Curry
Councilmember Kristen Dryer
Commissioner Ray Dwyer
Commissioner Jeff Gold
Councilmember James Hilty
Councilman Tim Inskeep

Members Not Present:

Commissioner Kathy Bryant
Mayor Kent Guinn
Councilmember Barry Mansfield
Commissioner Michelle Stone
Commissioner Carl Zalak

Others Present:

Rob Balmes, TPO
Shakayla Irby, TPO
Liz Mitchell, TPO
Rakinya Hinson, FDOT
Frank Kalpakis
Bob Esposito
Sara Shepard
Darren Park, City of Ocala
Oscar Tovar, City of Ocala
Elton Holland, Marion County
Other members of the public not signed in.

Item 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Craig Curry called the workshop to order at 1:31pm and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction to the TPO 101 Workshop

Chairman Curry welcomed everyone to the TPO 101 Workshop and said that the workshop was to support current and incoming TPO board members better understand the ins and outs to the TPO. The workshop would also help TPO board members understand their rolls on the board.

Item 4a. MPO 101 Overview

A presentation of the overview of MPO's in Florida and background of the MPOAC was given by Mr. Frank Kalpakis on the behalf of Executive Director of the MPOAC, Mark Reichert.

The presentation highlighted the following subjects:

- A brief history of MPO's
- The Creation of MPO's
- Relevant Federal/Florida Law
- Urban Areas v. MPO Planning Areas
- MPO Configuration in Florida
- The Responsibilities of MPO's
- Broad Responsibility
- Product Requirements
- Explanations of the MPOAC
- Origin of MPOAC
- MPOAC Organizational Structure
- Staffing Arrangement
- Major Activities
- MPOAC Institute
- How the MPOAC is Funded
- MPOAC Budget
- Reasons for a Statewide MPO Association

The presentation is included on pages of this set of minutes for reference.

Item 4b. TPO Governance, Plans and Programs

A presentation of the TPO Governance, Plans and Programs was given by TPO Staff.

The presentation highlighted the following:

- The TPO Board makeup
- TPO Staff
- TPO Agreements

Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB)
Advisory Committees: Technical and Citizens
Plans and Programs
Supportive Plans
Emphasis Areas

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Item 4c. Public Participation

TPO Staff provided a presentation involving the TPO’s public participation process, including federal/state requirements.

The presentation highlighted the following:

Public Participation Plan
Public Surveys
Online Comment Maps
TPO Website
TPO Social Media
Title VI
Partners of the TPO

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4d. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District 5

Rakinya Hinson, FDOT Liaison addressed the board briefly to discuss the FDOT District 5 roles and responsibilities with TPO/MPO and answered two questions:

1. How do MPOs and FDOT work together on transportation planning?
 - a. It is a partnership and the MPOs and FDOT work very closely together. FDOT is responsible for coordinating the States Long Range Transportation Plan (Florida Transportation Plan – FTP) and the MPOs are responsible for the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan. FDOT takes the individual MPO plans and incorporates it into the statewide plan. The state would have no plan without the MPOs plans. FDOT also depends on the MPO to help identify projects and local issues.
2. How do FDOT and MPOs work together to meet state and federal requirements?
 - a. FDOT has a Central Office- Office of Policy Planning that provides guidance and directions about what State and Federal regulations that must be adhered to. Also outlines planner requirements such as performance measures and federal funding.

Item 4e. Local Transportation Funding

Elton Holland, County Engineer of Marion County, provide a presentation at the workshop covering an overview of local transportation revenue, including the local gas tax, and sales tax.

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The presentation highlighted the following:

Transportation Improvement Funding
Gas Taxes
Impact Fees
Sales Tax

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Item 5. TPO Board Member Discussion

There was no additional discussion.

Item 6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 7. Adjournment

Chairman Curry adjourned the workshop at 3:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, Administrative Assistant