



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Marion County Commission Auditorium
601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471

May 23, 2017

MINUTES

Members Present:

Commissioner Kathy Bryant
Commissioner Jeff Gold
Mayor Kent Guinn
Councilwoman Valerie Hanchar
Councilman James Hilty, Sr.
Councilman Brent Malever
Commissioner David Moore – Chair
Commissioner Michelle Stone
Commissioner Carl Zalak (*arrived 4:59 pm*)

Members Not Present:

Commissioner Gary Ernst
Councilman Jay Musleh
Councilwoman Mary Rich
Councilman Matthew Wardell – Vice Chair

Others Present:

Steven Fisher, FDOT
Tom Wilder, Marion Transit
Kevin Smith, Marion County Growth Services
Kellie Smith, FDOT
Jamie Kersey, FDOT
Jason Klempin, FDOT
Darren Park, City of Ocala Public Works
Tracey Straub, Marion County Engineering
Don Atwell, Marion County Engineering
Sean Lanier, City of Ocala

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM. Secretary Shakayla Jacobs called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

Item 2. Proof of Publication

Secretary Shakayla Jacobs stated that the meeting had been published online on the TPO website and on the City of Ocala, Marion County, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites.

Item 3a. FY 2023 Project Priorities

Mr. Odom presented the FY 2016/2017 – 2020/2021 ‘Roll-Forward’ TIP Amendment and said that last month, TPO staff brought the DRAFT FY 2023 Priority Projects, the 2017 ‘Off-System’ Priority Projects and the 2017 ‘Trails’ Priority Projects to the committees and TPO Board for initial review. He reminded the board that there had been several changes to the priority lists in the current year including the addition of four new capital improvement projects to the FY 2023 Priorities, one new project to the FY 2017 Trail Priorities and seven additions to the 2017 ‘Off-System’ Priority Projects.

Mr. Odom said that when the project additions were added to the appropriate tables last month they were only added onto the end of them and in no specific order. TPO staff had incorporated the additional projects into the tables as a staff recommendation. The recommendations had been presented to the TAC and CAC earlier in the month and thus two sets of recommendations were offered by the committees for the FY 2023 Priority Project table. The TAC concurred with staff recommendations as they had been presented but the CAC proposed different rankings than those of staff and the TAC with two motions passing 7-1 and 6-2.

Staff included two FY 2023 Priority Project tables to illustrate the recommendations by staff and TAC and the CAC. Both TAC and CAC concurred with the staff recommendations for the Trails and ‘Off-System’ Priority Project tables.

Mr. Odom asked the board for their input on the new projects and for any subsequent changes to the existing project rankings.

There was board discussion about the rankings of the priority projects.

Ms. Bryant made a motion to flip the Off-System Priorities list number nine (Marion Oaks Boulevard) with number eight (NE 8th Avenue) and number eight with number nine. Mr. Hilty seconded, a voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bryant made a motion to accept the Regional Trails Priorities as presented. Mr. Gold seconded, a voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bryant made a motion to support staff recommendations for the Draft FY 2023 Priority Projects with the changes suggested by the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). Mr. Hilty seconded, a voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3b. Draft FY 2017/2018-2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Odom presented the ‘Draft’ 2017/2018-2021/2022 TIP for the boards review and said the document had been prepared from the latest draft of the Florida Department of Transportation’s Tentative Work Program.

Mr. Odom talked about each project and the funding.

Capacity \$271.0 Million

- NE 36th Avenue Bridge- \$11.0 Million (ROW) \$14.84 Million (CST)
- SR 40: From End of 4-Lanes to CR 314- \$6.2 Million (ROW) \$122.3 Million (CST)
- SW 49th Avenue: SW 42nd Street to SW 95th Street- \$16.3 Million (CST)

Resurfacing \$55.6 Million

- SR 492: From US 441 to SR 40- \$4.9 Million
- US 27: From SW 60th Avenue to- CR 484 \$7.4 Million
- SR 200: From Levy CL to CR 326- \$12.3 Million
- US 441: From US 301 to SR 200- \$2.3 Million (PE) \$20.7 Million (CST)

Transit (SunTran and Marion Transit) \$37.4 Million

- SunTran- \$26.6 Million
- Marion Transit- \$10.8 Million

Bike/Ped/Multi-Use \$13.0 Million

- Silver Springs Bikeway Phase I- \$4.5 Million (CST)
- SR 40 Black Bear Trail- \$1.1 Million (PD&E)
- Legacy Elementary Sidewalks- \$1.44 Million (CST)
- Saddlewood Elementary Sidewalks- \$318, 000 (CST)

Aviation (Ocala International “OI” and Marion County “MC”) - \$21.5 Million

- Taxiway ‘A’ Rehabilitation- \$7.6 Million (OI)
- New Land Acquisition- \$4.5 Million (OI)
- Taxiway Construction: Runway- 5-23 \$2.5 Million (MC)

Ms. Bryant made a motion to approve the Draft FY 2017/2018-2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Malever seconded and a roll-call vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3c. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment

Mr. Daniels presented the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and informed the TPO Board that there was a need to revise funding amounts for FY 2017/18 based on FDOT’s revised allocation of Planning (PL) funds, add funding for at grade trail crossing studies for the Downtown Ocala Trail as well as the Indian Lake Trail and allocate Ocala/Marion County’s share of the State PL Reserve redistribution into the UPWP.

Mr. Daniels said that staff was proposing to revise the FY 2017/18 portion of the UPWP to include the Florida PL Reserve that will be redistributed back to the individual MPO's for a one-time allocation. The total amount of the reserve is approximately \$2,000,000 and the Ocala / Marion County share is \$24,166. The additional funding will be allocated to Task 3.7 to be used to develop safety performance measures with defined targets. The performance measurement targets shall be completed by FDOT in February of 2018. The Florida MPOs will subsequently have 180 days or until August of 2018 to complete the performance measure targets for the local areas.

Also, staff proposed to revise the UPWP by adding Special Projects task 7.4 regarding At Grade Trail Crossing Studies on SR 35 and NE 58th Avenue for the Downtown Ocala to Silver Springs Trail and the Indian Lake Trail. Staff is proposing to allocate the previously unassigned Special Projects funding of \$65,300 to this project and move the funding year to FY 16/17.

Mr. Hilty made a motion to approve the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment. Mr. Malever seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4a. 2016 Traffic Counts

Mr. Odom presented the 2016 Traffic Counts and Trends Manual and mentioned that traffic volumes were the benchmark by which the operating efficiency of all roadways are measured. Traffic counts individually reveal more about a roadway and the vehicles that use it more so than any other type of data. Traffic counts were also used as the basis to generate virtually every other type of statistic that is used in roadway analysis and they are used in all phases of roadway project development, monitoring, maintenance, traffic crash monitoring, public information and transportation legislation.

Mr. Odom also included that in the document were several different types of transportation and socioeconomic data. The purpose of the content was to illustrate the wide array of conditions and factors that impact the transportation network in Marion County. The variety of data that is contained in the report would illustrate developing trends and conditions in various areas such as accident information, population, employment, law enforcement activities and the number of vehicles registered in Marion County.

Mr. Odom said that The Ocala/Marion County TPO would continually produce and expand the report on an annual basis in order to provide an ongoing effort to better illustrate the developing growth trends that impact the Marion County regional area and that the 2016 Traffic Counts and Trends Manual would be posted online on the TPO website.

Item 4b. 2017 Legislative Session Recap

Mr. Daniels gave the board a brief recap on the Legislative Session bills that related to transportation that included Transportation Network Companies, the Advanced Wireless Deployment Act, Hillsborough County Public Transportation Commission, Central Florida

Expressway Authority, Department of Transportation, Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority, Public Works Project, and the Collaboration and Planning Area Reform.

Item 5. Consent Agenda

Ms. Bryant made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Ms. Hanchar seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 6. Comments by FDOT

Jamie Kersey with FDOT provided the board with an updated construction report.

Ms. Stone asked when the project from I-75 to SR 200 was set to begin.

Mr. Steve Fischer with the Florida Department of Transportation Ocala Operations responded that construction would begin March of 2018.

Item 7. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Daniels congratulated Mr. Gold for attending the MPOAC Institute.

Mr. Daniels also talked about the billboard for the City of Ocala talking about sharing the road with bike riders, pedestrians, and motorcyclist all have the same rights to be on the roadways.

Mr. Daniels mentioned that he would like to have Bike Ped Committee to talk about the safety of bicyclist and pedestrians and connecting trails within the City of Ocala and Marion County.

Ms. Hanchar said she thought the Bike Ped Committee would be a great idea with the work that has been done with the trails.

Mr. Zalak wanted to know what the mission, goals, and expected accomplishments would be for the Bike Ped Committee.

Mr. Daniels responded that the committee would relate to the trails project throughout Marion County and make it safer for bicyclist and pedestrians.

Mr. Zalak suggested that the TPO make a list of goals and expected accomplishments and then make a committee for those goals and complete the committee.

Ms. Bryant said she was not sure that the TPO was ready to have a committee at the time.

Mr. Daniels said he would put together a list of goals and see if the board was in favor of having a committee.

Item 8. Comments by TPO Members

There was no comment by TPO Members.

Item 9. Public Comment

There was no comment by the Public.

Item 10. Adjournment

Chairman Moore adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Jacobs, TPO Administrative Assistant