



Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting
Marion County Library Headquarters – Meeting Room C
2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470
10:30 AM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Kenneth Odom
Lonnie Smith
Nancy Smith
Elton Holland

Members Not Present:

Steven Neal
Dave Herlihy
Vickie Wyche
Bruce Phillips
Vickie Wyche
Mickey Thomason
Eric Smith
Loretta Shaffer

Others Present:

Rob Balmes, TPO
Shakayla Irby, TPO
Liz Mitchell, TPO
Derrick Harris, TPO
Anton Schauerte, TPO
Jessica Marr, Ocala/Marion County Visitors and Convention Bureau
Anna Taylor, FDOT

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Elton Holland called the meeting to order at 10:30am and called the roll, there was no 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 November 3, 2020. The meeting had also been published to the Star Banner news calendar, and the TPOs Facebook and Twitter pages.

Item 3A. Public Participation Plan (PPP)

Mr. Anton Schauerte presented and said due to the importance of the transportation system, in addition to the decisions that impacted it, the Ocala Marion TPO strived to engage the public in the transportation planning process to the greatest extent possible. One method the TPO used to engage the public was through the development of its Public Participation Plan (PPP). Overall, the purpose of the PPP was to highlight the specific opportunities available for the public to comment on planned transportation improvements. In the past, the document was referred to as the Public Involvement Plan (PIP).

The document had been updated from the previously approved Public Involvement Plan (PIP), which was adopted by the TPO Board on July 11, 2018. The PPP was required to be updated every three (3) years. Some of the key updates were as follows:

- Change of document name from **Public Involvement Plan (PIP)** to **Public Participation Plan (PPP)**
- Addition of text to inform reader where more information regarding the various TPO Boards and Committees and their meeting dates can be found
- Addition of text regarding the TPO website, the TPO's online map portal (currently under development), e-mail communication, TPO online feedback form, social media platforms, virtual meetings, TPO fact sheets, and the TPO Annual Report (currently under development)
- Addition of text explaining the process for amending the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Text that had been highlighted in yellow in the DRAFT PPP represents proposed additions from the 2018 PIP. Similarly, text that had been highlighted *and* crossed-out represents proposed deletions from the 2018 PIP.

A legal notice stating the DRAFT PPP was open for public comment would be placed in the Ocala Star Banner on November 4, 2020 and would run through December 19, 2020.

TPO staff would be presenting the proposed changes to the document to the TPO Board at the November 24th meeting and at the January 26th meeting, TPO staff would present the comments that had been received and would also request approval of the document at that time.

Item 4A. 2045 FINAL Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Mr. Derrick Harris presented and said that the TPO had been working diligently on the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) since May of 2019. TPO staff, in partnership with consulting team Kittelson & Associates, had completed a DRAFT of the LRTP.

The LRTP was the foundational planning document that guided the TPO in all its projects, plans, and priorities for the future. It showed a list of all the TPO's goals and objectives, including which revenues would be utilized to fund the projects listed in the LRTP.

The LRTP had been presented at a duly noticed public hearing on October 27, 2020. Lastly, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) had reviewed and offered feedback on the LRTP. Their comments and findings were minimal and mostly suggestions.

There was no quorum present to take action on the 2045 FINAL LRTP. There was a consensus with the committee to move forward the 2045 LRTP DRAFT Adoption Document.

Item 5A. Election of Officers

Election of Officers was tabled to the next TAC meeting due to lack of quorum.

Item 5B. 2021 Meeting Calendar

Mr. Harris presented the proposed 2021 meeting calendar dates to the committee.

There was consensus to move forward with the proposed meeting calendar.

Item 6. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was postponed to the next TAC meeting due to lack or quorum.

Item 7. Comments by FDOT

Ms. Anna Taylor with FDOT provided the board with an updated construction report. She also announced that the FDOT Work Program Public hearing (WPPH) week would be held online at D5wpph.com from January 11th – 15th, 2021. There would also be an in person Open House held on Thursday, January 14, 2021, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at FDOT, District Five, 719 South

Woodland Boulevard, DeLand, Florida 32720 in Cypress A & B Conference Rooms.

Item 8. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Derrick Harris provided a staffing updated to the committee notifying them of his departure from the Ocala Marion TPO as he had taken a Director position in his hometown.

Item 9. Comments by TAC Members

Mr. Holland thanked Derrick Harris and Franko Scaraceno on their work on the LRTP.

Item 10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Holland at 11:02am.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, TPO Administrative Assistant