



Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
Marion County – Library Headquarters, Meeting Room B
2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470
1:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Matt Fabian (*arrived at 1:04pm*)
Richard Howard
Richard McGinley
Steve Rudnianyn
Suzanne Mangram
Travis Magamoll (*arrived at 1:20pm*)

Members Not Present:

Davis Dinkins
Brandon Cave
Michelle Shearer

Others Present:

Rob Balmes, Ocala Marion TPO
Liz Mitchell, Ocala Marion TPO
Sara Brown, Ocala Marion TPO
Kia Powell, FDOT
Jonathan Scarfe, FDOT
Mo Ansari, Kimley-Horn
Nick Mora, Kimley-Horn
Daniel DaGraca, Kimley-Horn

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice-Chairman Richard Howard called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and Secretary Shakayla Irby called the roll. A quorum was 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 October 3, 2023. The meeting had also been published to the TPOs Facebook and Twitter pages.

Item 3. Consent Agenda

Mr. McGinley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Rudnianyn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4a. 2023 Apportionment Plan

Mr. Balmes gave a brief presentation to the committee of the 2023 Apportionment Plan for the Ocala/Marion County TPO.

An Apportionment Plan presentation was made at the TPO board meeting on September 26. Although no action was taken at the board meeting, there was consensus with the board for the plan to remain as it was presented.

- TPO Board Membership remaining at 12 Voting, 1 Non-Voting. 13 members.
- City of Ocala (5); Marion County (5), City of Belleview (1); City of Dunnellon (1) – Voting
- FDOT Secretary (1) – Non-Voting

TPO staff was seeking CAC and TAC approvals for the Apportionment Plan. Next steps would include TPO board adoption on October 23 and submission to FDOT by November 14 for Governor approval.

The presentation is attached to pages 6-11 of this set of minutes for reference.

Mr. McGinley inquired about why CR 484, east of I-75, was a part of the National Highway System (NHS) but not to the west.

Mr. Balmes said he had inquired with FDOT. He was told that during the last Census, through the Functional Classification Process, it had been identified as part of the NHS, probably because of the connectivity it provided to I-75, U.S. 301, and U.S. 441. It was the only non-state road that was a part of the NHS in Marion County.

Mr. Rudnianyn asked if improvements to CR 42 and I-75 with a flyover interchange would make that road a part of the NHS as well because it would be an additional connector.

Mr. Balmes said he was not certain if it would be part of the NHS, but it would certainly become

a part of the Federal Aid Network as a major roadway.

Ms. Mangram asked how far out the project was.

Mr. Balmes mentioned that the project is currently in the unfunded needs of the LRTP and will be part of the next LRTP cycle in 2024, addressing project prioritization.

Mr. Rudnianyn made a motion to approve the 2023 Apportionment Plan.

Mr. McGinley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4b. 2023 List of Priority Projects (LOPP) Amendment

Mr. Balmes presented and said there was a proposed update the 2023 List of Priority Projects (LOPP) Trail Priorities list to include a Cross Florida Greenway-Pruitt Gap connection, across State Road (SR) 200.

Based on the recent enactment of Senate Bill 106, which revitalized and increased funding for the SUN Trail network, the TPO with state and local partners were identifying future project opportunities in Marion County. A connection across SR 200 would provide a vital link to the Cross Florida Greenway and Heart of Florida Loop, while ensuring safety for all users.

Ms. Mangram made a motion to approve the 2023 LOPP Amendment.

Mr. McGinley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5a. Congestion Management Plan Online Resources

Mr. Balmes introduced Sara Brown, the new Transportation Planner, as the presenter of the Congestion Management Plan Online Resources to the committee.

Ms. Brown presented and said that at the August 8 CAC meeting, Kimley-Horn presented the Congestion Management Plan (CMP), 2023 State of the System Update. The presentation included the most recent information on congested roadways.

As a result, the TPO updated the Congestion Management Plan interactive map on the Congested Roadway Locations in Marion County.

From the TPO website, www.ocalamariontpo.org, Ms. Brown provided the committee with a walkthrough on how to view and operate the story map. She also gave a brief introduction to the Congestion Management Plan and discussed the CMP network, Level of Service, and the interactive map on the Congested Roadway Locations.

Item 6. Comments by FDOT

Mr. Johnathan Scarfe introduced new Liaison, Kia Powell.

Mr. Scarfe also provided the construction report was provided in the committee agenda packets.

The "Moving Florida Forward" project, which focuses on Interstate 75 (I-75) from State Road

(S.R.) 44 to S.R. 326, has been scheduled. Within the MPO liaison units, efforts have been underway to draft letters for the Long-Range Transportation Planning Amendment that will be necessary for the project.

Mr. McGinley asked if the project would include bridge repairs.

Mr. Scarfe was uncertain and said he would look to see if bridge repairs would be included.

Mr. Balmes said he heard that, by and large, the interchanges would be untouched because the project was geared towards auxiliary lanes.

Mr. Scarfe also informed the committee that the Tentative Five-Year Work Program for Fiscal Year 2024/25 to Fiscal Year 2028/29 virtual public hearing was scheduled from October 16 to October 20, with an open house planned for October 17 from 3 pm to 5:30 pm at the FDOT District 5 Office in Deland, FL. All public comments were due by November 3, 2023.

Item 7. Comments by TPO Staff

Ms. Irby shared with the committee that Mobility Week was approaching October 27 to November 4 and shared the following local events with the committee:

- November 1 from 4:30pm to 6:00pm – Helmet Giveaway at the Mary Sue Rich at Reed Place Community Center
- November 2 – Try Transit Thursday, offering fare-free rides for the day, and take a look at the new electric cutaway vehicle
- November 3 from 9:00am to 10:30am – Walk and Talk Tour beginning at the Downtown Ocala Gazebo

Mr. Balmes announced a 2023 Transportation Safety Summit in collaboration with the Marion County Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST). The Summit, scheduled for November 9, 2023, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am at the Mary Sue Rich Community Center, aims to promote transportation safety within Marion County as part of our Commitment to Zero vision. It will include speakers and opportunities for public input. More details to come as the agenda is finalized.

Mr. Balmes mentioned that per the request of the CAC, he had conducted a peer review of crash statistics in Florida. The crash information reviewed included the three most recent five-year average annual statistics related to Fatality Rates, Serious Injury Rates and Bicycle-Pedestrian Fatalities and Serious Injuries. The source of the crash information is provided annually by the Florida Department of Transportation to each MPO/TPO in Florida in support of safety performance measure target setting. The most recent year available is 2021. Some MPO/TPOs were in multiple counties, while others are in a portion of a county. The information provided was reflected in a table included in the committee agenda packet. MPO/TPO's were ranked in order of a 3-year period average. Ocala Marion was unfortunately in the top 5 for fatality rate in the recent three 5-year periods.

Mr. Balmes announced information about the SUN Trail Request for Funding. On September 27, District 5 initiated an open solicitation period for project applications, which played a role in the amendment of the LOPP for the SR 200 crossing. This adjustment was made to explore funding opportunities for the project.

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The solicitation period is open from September 27 to December 20, allowing local partners to seek support for their projects during this time frame.

Item 8. Comments by CAC Members

There were no comments by CAC members.

Item 9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 10. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Richard Howard adjourned the meeting at 1:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, TPO Administrative Assistant

Apportionment 2023 Schedule

- ✓ **CAC/TAC Presentations – September 12**
- ✓ **TPO Board Presentation – September 26**
- **CAC and TAC Approvals – October 10**
- **TPO Board Adoption – October 24**
- **Submission to FDOT by November 14 for Governor Approval**

MPA Boundary

- **2020 MPA Boundary remain the entirety of Marion County**

MPA - Planning Area Population

MPA Area	2010 Population	2020 Population
Total	331,298	375,908

Increase of 44,610 residents or 13.5 percent

Membership

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Membership

Jurisdiction/Agency	Current Membership			Proposed Membership		
	Number of Voting Members	Number of Non-Voting Members	Percent of Total Votes	Number of Voting Members	Number of Non-Voting Members	Percent of Total Votes
City of Belleview	1	0	8.3%	1	0	8.3%
City of Dunnellon	1	0	8.3%	1	0	8.3%
City of Ocala	5	0	41.7%	5	0	41.7%
Marion County	5	0	41.7%	5	0	41.7%
Florida Department of Transportation, District 5	0	1	0%	0	1	0%
Total	12	1	100%	12	1	100%