



TPO Board Meeting

Marion County Commission Auditorium
601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471
October 26, 2021
4:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Councilman Ire Bethea
Commissioner Kathy Bryant
Commissioner Jeff Gold
Councilwoman Valerie Hanchar
Commissioner Ronald Livsey
Councilman Brent Malever
Councilman Jay Musleh
Commissioner Michelle Stone

Members Not Present:

Councilman Justin Grabelle
Mayor Kent Guinn
Commissioner Craig Curry
Commissioner Carl Zalak

Others Present:

Rob Balmes, TPO
Shakayla Irby, TPO
Liz Mitchell, TPO
Loreen Bobo, FDOT
Amber Gartner, Kimley-Horn
Tyler Burgett, FDOT
Amanda Tart, Marion County
Michelle Shearer

Item 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairwoman Michelle Stone called the meeting to order at 4:03pm and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2. Roll Call

Shakayla Irby, Administrative Assistant called the roll and a quorum was present.

Item 3. Proof of Publication

Shakayla Irby, Administrative Assistant stated the meeting was published online at the TPO website and the City of Ocala, Belleview and Dunnellon and Marion County meeting calendars on October 19, 2021. The meeting was also published to the TPO's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Item 4. Consent Agenda

Ms. Hanchar made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Bethea seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5A. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 5 Work Program Update

Mr. Tyler Burgett with FDOT provided a Tentative Work Program Public Hearing Report handout (*pages 13-27 of this set of minutes for reference*) to the board and talked about the Work Program Public Hearing being held October 25-29 that could be attended virtually to hear the five year work program review. Also, an open house on October 28 at the District office in Deland. Two weeks after the public hearing was over there would be an open opportunity for public comments.

FDOT would be presenting the work program in more depth at the January TPO governing board meeting.

Ms. Hanchar said she received notification that the road widening project on US 41 to SW 110th Street had been postponed again and inquired why the project was postponed.

Mr. Burgett responded that the FDOT staff had been involved in the project and that Kellie Smith, with the FDOT had fought for the project to stay within the work program. However, due to revenue shortages and cost increases the project was pushed outside of the five year work program. The project would be considered when funding became available. The project had made some progress and FDOT was eager to get it into the next phase but due to the cost it was unable to move forward within the work program at the time.

Ms. Hanchar inquired how much was the project over budget.

Mr. Burgett answered that he did not know the numbers.

Chairwoman Stone inquired if the second project listed on page 9 of the Tentative Work Program Public Hearing Report provided by FDOT was the project in question.

Mr. Burgett clarified that the project listed on the Tentative Work Program Public Hearing Report was for the resurfacing of US 41 from North of Citrus County Line to SW 110th Street while Ms. Hanchar was inquiring about the four-laning of the road. The four-laning would not be listed in the Tentative Work Program Public Hearing Report because it had been removed from the current five year work program.

Chairwoman Stone asked if Mr. Balmes had information on how to provide comments to FDOT on October the 28th during the public comment portion of the Work Program.

Mr. Balmes replied that he had plans to attend the Open House at the FDOT in DeLand on October 28th and if the TPO as a governing board wanted to provide comments or request additional information he could relay the information. Also, the board could submit a letter.

Ms. Hanchar said that the project should have started years ago and it had always been “bumped back” and while understanding all projects were very important however, driving on that part of the road would get backed up so bad that it was becoming an issue for even emergency vehicles to get around because there was no place to go. It was her hope that the project could have been looked at more closely.

Chairwoman Stone suggested that maybe Dunnellon could move forward with their comments to FDOT on the project.

Ms. Bryant said that the project was a project that had been in the works for a very long time and she thought there needed to be some consideration made. The population in the SW portion of the County as well as in Dunnellon was growing expediently just like the population was growing all over the County and therefore she believed that something from the TPO board would be appropriate.

Ms. Bryant also added comments that she would like someone to look at the traffic light on US 41 going into the Winn Dixie. She had received a request for she believed a left hand turn lane coming from Highway 40 due to some issues occurring there.

Mr. Burgett took note of Ms. Bryant’s comments.

Chairwoman Stone asked Mr. Balmes that when he attend the Open House to ask for comments from FDOT as to the delay and ask for consideration to take a look at the traffic light with the TPO board consenting.

Mr. Burgett said that he would follow-up with more details and did not want the board to wait until January for more in depth information.

Item 5B. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 5 Office of Safety

Loreen Bobo, Safety Administrator FDOT District 5, provided an in depth slideshow presentation (*pages 28-43 of this set of minutes for reference*) on the topic of transportation safety and the recently formed Office of Safety in DeLand.

Mr. Malever gave a comment that in Georgia they had signs that tell the speed limit you are driving and also have the signs that light up and state “you’re going to fast”.

Ms. Bobo said she would look out for the signs when she visited Georgia.

Chairwoman Stone thanked Ms. Bobo for her presentation and said that there were audio issues with the last Safety Meeting and believed that the audio issues had been resolved and planned to have another meeting scheduled in the near future. She also asked if there were any other partners to include in the partner list to send to either Rob or Admin Assistant, Shakayla.

Mr. Balmes said a partner list had been provided for the current draft list of partners and planned to send a formal letter out to each partner.

Ms. Hanchar asked to add the School Board.

Chairwoman Stone said that they would engage the School Board at the joint meeting on November 8th.

Ms. Bobo said she applauded the safety efforts of the board and Ocala Marion TPO.

Item 6. Safety Action Plan

A Draft Safety Action Plan Letter and List of Partners to the TPO board.

Chairwoman Stone said the Safety Action Plan was a work in progress and to review the documents and offer any feedback or comments to the TPO Board.

***Walk-On Item: Federal Lands Access Program – Resolution of Support, Black Bear Trail**

Ms. Bryant made a motion to approve the Walk-On Agenda Item – Resolution of Support, Black Bear Trail. Mr. Gold seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairwoman Stone asked for public comment concerning the Walk-On item. There was no public comment.

(Walk-On Agenda documents can be viewed on pages 44-46 of this set of minutes for reference).

Mr. Balmes presented and said that Mike Woods, Executive Director of the Lake~Sumter MPO, was leading an effort to submit an application for funding a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the Black Bear Scenic Trail from Levy Hammock Road in Marion County to U.S. 17 in Volusia County. The trail project encompasses three counties and three TPO/MPOs – Ocala/Marion TPO, Lake~Sumter MPO, River to Sea TPO.

The PD&E for the project was previously funded in 2019 for \$1.15 million, but deferred out of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Work Program. The project was the final segment to complete the “Heart of Florida Trail”. The project would also compliment the vision for future modernization and widening of SR 40.

Mr. Woods was seeking a Resolution of Support from the Governing Boards of all three MPO/TPO's. He was also seeking a Letter of Support from the Ocala National Forest and other local partners. These supporting documents are required for the FLAP application process. The application was due by December 15, 2021.

Mr. Malever made a motion to approve the Walk-On Item: Federal Lands Access Program – Resolution of Support, Black Bear Trail. Ms. Hanchar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 7A. Congestion Management Plan (CMP)

Rob Balmes presented the Final Draft Congestion Management Plan to the board.

The TPO had been undertaking a major update to the Congestion Management Process (CMP). A presentation was provided to the TPO Board in August for the draft Congestion Management Plan document. The TPO also provided a 30-day open comment period for submission of feedback regarding the draft document. A summary of the comments received along with TPO responses was provided to the committee (*responses listed on pages 47-48 of this set of minutes for reference*).

Mr. Balmes gave a brief presentation and said that the most recent update to the TPO's CMP was in 2011. The purpose of the CMP was to meet state requirements (FL Statute 339.175) also the TPO was expected to become a TMA (Transportation Management Area), post 2020 Census, a CMP would be required to meet 23 C.F.R* 450.

The CMP would be updated every 5 years including:

- Developing Regional Objectives
- Defining CMP Network
- Developing Multimodal Performance Measures

Frequent Updates would include:

- Collecting Data/ Monitoring System Performances
- Analyzing Congestion Problems and Needs
- Identifying and Assessing Strategies
- Programming and Implementing Strategies
- Evaluating Strategies Effectiveness

Future steps for the CMP would include:

- Ongoing monitoring
- Online interactive CMP map
- Online CMP story map
- Integration of CMP in the LOPP
- State of System Updates (2-3 years)

Ms. Bryant made a motion to approve the Congestion Management Plan (CMP). Mr. Musleh seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 7B. Draft Scope of Services, Safety Action Plan

Mr. Balmes gave a brief presentation on the Safety Action Plan Scope of Services.

Locally, the Ocala Marion TPO was investing in the development of the Commitment to Zero Action Plan to serve as a resource to improving transportation safety throughout Marion County. This collaborative process involving citizens, stakeholders, private and public partners, and state agencies was designed to bring together the Ocala Marion community to collaborate in the development of an Action Plan to improve safety throughout the transportation system.

Commitment to Zero would serve as a guiding document to help propel community partners and stakeholders toward the ultimate vision of zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries. A major theme of the Action Plan would be an emphasis on the implementation of specifically agreed-upon actions, including shared responsibility between agency partners to support building a stronger safety culture in the community.

The scope would include the following six tasks:

Task 1.0- Consultant to complete detailed schedule and timeline

Task 2.0- Crash Analysis

Task 3.0- Public and Stakeholder Engagement

Task 4.0- Commitment to Zero Working Group

Task 5.0- Action Plan Strategies

Task 6.0- Action Plan

Total Consultant Budget:

- \$140,474.80

Funding Sources (UPWP):

- \$36,382 – FY 16/17 5305 grant (Carryforward)
- \$59,807 – FY 20/21 5305 grant
- \$35,005 – FY 2021 PL-112 grant
- \$9,281 – FY 2022 PL-112 grant (Carryforward)

Ms. Hanchar made a motion to approve the Draft Scope of Services, Safety Action Plan.

Mr. Bethea seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 7C. Draft Scope of Services, 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Modification

Mr. Balmes said the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Florida Division was conducting Program Accountability Results (PAR) reviews of three non-Transportation Management Area (TMA) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) in Florida.

The purpose of the PAR reviews was to assess LRTP compliance and fiscal constraint to meet federal requirements. The TPO had been selected to be part of the PAR reviews in both Fiscal Years (FY) 2021 (2040 LRTP) and 2022 (2045 LRTP).

Based upon guidance provided by FHWA to the TPO for the PAR reviews, an internal assessment was conducted by TPO staff for the 2045 LRTP. The goal was to apply the feedback from the 2040 LRTP PAR review results to the 2045 LRTP. TPO staff identified some areas of the Cost Feasible element that

should be updated through a LRTP modification to help ensure expectations are met by FHWA when they conduct a full review of the 2045 LRTP in FY 2022.

The TPO proposed to work with Kittelson and Associates (2045 consultant team) to perform a modification update to the 2045 LRTP. A Scope of Services was provided to the committee that would be performed to ensure the 2045 LRTP was in full compliance and continues to demonstrate fiscal constraint when FHWA conducts an in-depth review in FY 2022.

The Scope of Services outline has been attached to pages 49-51 of this set of minutes for reference.

Mr. Musleh made a motion to accept the Draft Scope of Services 2045 LRTP modification.

Mr. Malever seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 7D. Fiscal Years (FY) 20/21 to 21/22 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment

The TPO was planning to conduct activities in support of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), List of Priority Projects (LOPP) process and the Safety Action Plan. Task activities were necessary to be outlined in the UPWP, resulting in an amendment.

Mr. Balmes provided a short presentation of proposed changes to the UPWP:

- **Task 3: Long Range Planning**
 - Add: Complete modifications or amendments to the 2045 LRTP
 - + \$4,710 Consultants (funding from Task 7)
- **Task 4: Short Range Planning**
 - Add: Completion of an updated List of Priority Projects (LOPP) process
- **Task 6: Public Involvement**
 - Add: Create website page for Safety Action Plan
 - + \$1,100 Consultants (funding from Task 7)
- **Task 7: Special Projects**
 - Move \$5,810 Consultants to Tasks 3 and 6 Consultants

Ms. Bryant made a motion to accept FY 20/21 to 21/22 UPWP Amendment. Ms. Hanchar seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 7E. Chair and Vice-Chair Election

Per Board Bylaws, members must elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair to serve one-year rotational terms at the last board meeting of the calendar year. In 2021, the current officers are:

- Chair, Marion County Commissioner Michelle Stone
- Vice-Chair, City of Ocala Councilman Ire Bethea

Ms. Bryant made a motion to elect Councilman Ire Bethea as Chair of the TPO Board.

Mr. Gold seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bryant made a motion to elect Councilwoman Valerie Hanchar as Vice-Chair of the TPO Board. Mr. Gold seconded.

Ms. Hanchar informed the board that the Mayor of the City of Dunnellon had requested at a City Council meeting to be on the TPO Board for the upcoming year and believed it would be her last meeting with the TPO Board unless there were changes.

Chairwoman Stone expressed concern that if Ms. Hanchar was certain she would not return to the TPO Board, that she should not take on the role of Vice Chair.

Ms. Hanchar stated there was consensus a new representative from the City of Dunnellon attend the TPO Board.

However, Ms. Hanchar said that she would be grateful to take the roll of Vice-Chair and if any changes occurred there could be a new vote for Vice-Chair at the next TPO Board meeting in January.

Ms. Bryant said that there should be a new vote at the TPO Board meeting in January because any new representative from the City of Dunnellon would not automatically become Vice-Chair.

Mr. Musleh mentioned there would also be new Councilmembers from the City of Ocala and the pool would be deeper and suggested that the TPO Board vote on a new Vice-Chair if Ms. Hanchar was not the representative from Dunnellon.

Ms. Bryant withdrew her previous motion.

Ms. Bryant made a motion for Councilwoman Hanchar to be the Vice-Chair and if she was no longer the representative from Dunnellon the TPO Board would re-vote on Vice-Chair at the January meeting. Mr. Musleh seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 7F. Appointments to the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC)

On an annual basis, the Board had to select two representatives to serve the Florida MPOAC. The MPOAC was a statewide transportation planning and policy organization devoted to serving the 27 MPO/TPO's in Florida. The MPOAC consists of a Governing Board, with one representative and one alternate from all MPO/TPO's. The MPOAC had a Staff Directors Advisory Committee, which was represented by the TPO Director.

In 2022, the MPOAC Governing Board would meet quarterly in Orlando. The 2022 schedule was not available at the time.

The TPO's current 2021 Governing Board member and alternate member were as follows.

MPOAC (1 member, 1 alternate)

Governing Board Member: Marion County Commissioner Craig Curry

Alternate Member: City of Dunnellon Councilwoman Valerie Hanchar

Ms. Bryant made a motion to keep the current members for the Florida MPOAC as long as Councilwoman Hanchar remained on the TPO Board. Mr. Gold seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 7G. Appointments to the Central Florida MPO Alliance

On an annual basis, the Board had to select representatives to serve the Central Florida MPO Alliance. The Central Florida MPO Alliance was a coalition of six MPO/TPO's within the larger Central Florida region. The Alliance was served by a Policy Board of 18 members, three each from the MPO/TPO's, including two TPO Board members and the TPO Director. In 2022, the Alliance would meet quarterly in Orlando

The TPO's current 2021 delegates and alternate were as follows.

Central Florida MPO Alliance (2 members, 1 alternate, 1 TPO Director)

Member: Marion County Commissioner Michelle Stone (incoming 2022 Chair)

Member: City of Ocala Councilman Ire Bethea

Alternate Member: Marion County Commissioner Craig Curry

Ms. Bryant made a motion to keep the current members for the Central Florida MPO Alliance. Ms. Hanchar seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 7H. 2022 TPO Board Meeting Schedule

Ms. Hanchar made a motion to approve the 2022 TPO Board Meeting Schedule. Mr. Bethea seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 7I. TPO Director Annual Performance Evaluation

Amanda Tart, Executive Director presented to the board and according to the Staff Services Agreement between the TPO and Marion County, the TPO Chairman was responsible for the annual performance evaluation of the TPO Director using the County performance evaluation process.

On July 27, 2021, an evaluation form was submitted to each TPO Board member for completion. That information was collected by the Marion County Executive Director and was provided to the board to review.

Mr. Balmes received a 4.7/5 evaluation score.

Ms. Bryant made a motion to accept the TPO Director Annual Performance Evaluation. Mr. Musleh seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Tart said that on October 1st of 2021 Mr. Balmes received a 1% merit increase along with Marion County employees and the merit increase program allowed for a 4% increase for Mr. Balmes because of his evaluation score.

Mr. Bethea made a motion to approve the 4% Pay for Performance Increase with the 1% merit increase for Mr. Balmes. Mr. Malever seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Balmes told the board he appreciated the review and feedback as well as the merit increases. He also said that he enjoyed working with the staff and board members and was looking forward to planning for the upcoming year and that feedback was always welcomed.

Chairwoman Stone said that the score of Mr. Balmes evaluation spoke to the confidence that the TPO Board had in him and she appreciated the job that he was doing.

Mr. Balmes mentioned that TPO Board had an open until filled Planner position and would continue to work with Marion County HR to fill the position.

Item 8. Comments by FDOT

Mr. Tyler Burgett provided the latest construction report to the board. He also mentioned a notable project **441136-1 Mill and resurface U.S. 441 from County Road 25A in Ocala north 8.8 miles to the U.S. 441/301 split.**

- Contractor: Anderson Columbia Inc.
- Estimated Start: October 26, 2021
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2022
- Project Cost: \$17.8 million

Mr. Burgett also reiterated to the board about the FDOT Work Program Public Hearing on October 25-29 that could be attended virtually to hear the five year work program review. Also, an open house on October 28 at the District office in Deland. Two weeks after the public hearing was over there would be an open opportunity for public comments.

FDOT would be presenting the work program in more depth at the January governing board meeting.

Mr. Burgett reminded the board of Mobility Week October 29th – November 5th and said that events taking place around the district would be posted on the FDOT mobility week website <https://www.fdot.gov/projects/mobilityweek>.

Item 9. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Balmes gave a few comments.

He would attend the Public Hearing for the Tentative Work Program and relay the message concerning the deferment of the US 41 project.

The TPO would be looking to improve upon the LOPP process early next year.

The MPOAC would be meeting October 28, 2021 and Commissioner Curry and Councilwoman Hanchar had conflicts and could not attend so Mr. Balmes would be attending the Governing Board meeting. There were expected updates with federal reauthorization, infrastructure, and the Census. In a year the TPO could be a TMA status.

Mr. Balmes also notified the board of the new Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) elected officers:

Mr. Mickey Thomas- Chair of the TAC
Mr. Elton Holland- Vice-Chair of the TAC

Mr. Richard McGinley- Chair of the CAC
Ms. Michelle Shearer- Vice-Chair of the CAC

Item 10. Comments by TPO Members

Ms. Hanchar thanked Chairwoman Stone for leading the TPO Board and said that she and Mr. Balmes did an amazing job.

Chairwoman Stone responded and thanked Ms. Hanchar and said she held her in high regard and hoped that she would be returning to the TPO Board in 2022.

Chairwoman Stone on behalf of the TPO Board, presented a Service Award to outgoing City of Ocala Councilman and TPO Board member, **Brent Malever**.

Councilman Malever had provided great leadership to the TPO as a Board member from 2013 to 2021, including serving as TPO Board Chair in 2016 and Vice-Chair in 2020.

Councilman Malever had been an instrumental leader for transportation issues in Ocala and Marion County, leading to many positive improvements in the community.

As a token of appreciation for his service to the TPO, a plaque was presented to him.

Item 11. Public Comment

Michelle Shearer, 2301 SE 85th Street, Ocala, FL 34480 gave comments on Ms. Bobo's safety presentation and reduction of speed limits to keep fatality rates down.

Ms. Shearer suggested that there be a speed reduction at the section of SE 25th Avenue in between SW 80th Street and SE 110th Street that went through the Cross Florida Greenway by the vortex and over the paved trail.

Chairwoman Stone said that Ms. Shearer's comments would be noted for the Safety Action Plan and also informed her that Ms. Bobo provided an email address that safety comments could be provided to D5-safetyideas@dot.state.fl.us.

Ms. Shearer also gave a comment that there was a sign thought to be near an elementary school that showed speed and if a driver was going five miles over the speed limit it flashed blue lights.

Ms. Shearer gave an additional comment about the Congestion Management Plan and said she would like to see a list of scenic roads in the plan so that people understood why some roads were not four-laned and also a list of what would happen in the near future like the four-laning of SW 49th Avenue.

Chairwoman Stone said she would make a note but did not know if it would make it to the plan but could have a list on the website of scenic roadways.

Ms. Shearer said someone made a public comment about congestion on 475A and 66th and she knew several people that lived on the road and went through the intersection and said the signal timing was short. She felt that looking at the signal times would help with congestion and coincide with the four-laning of SW 49th Avenue and take some traffic off of 66th.

Chairwoman Stone thanked Ms. Shearer for her comments and for serving on one of the TPO's advisory boards and appreciated her service to Marion County.

Item 12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman Stone at 5:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

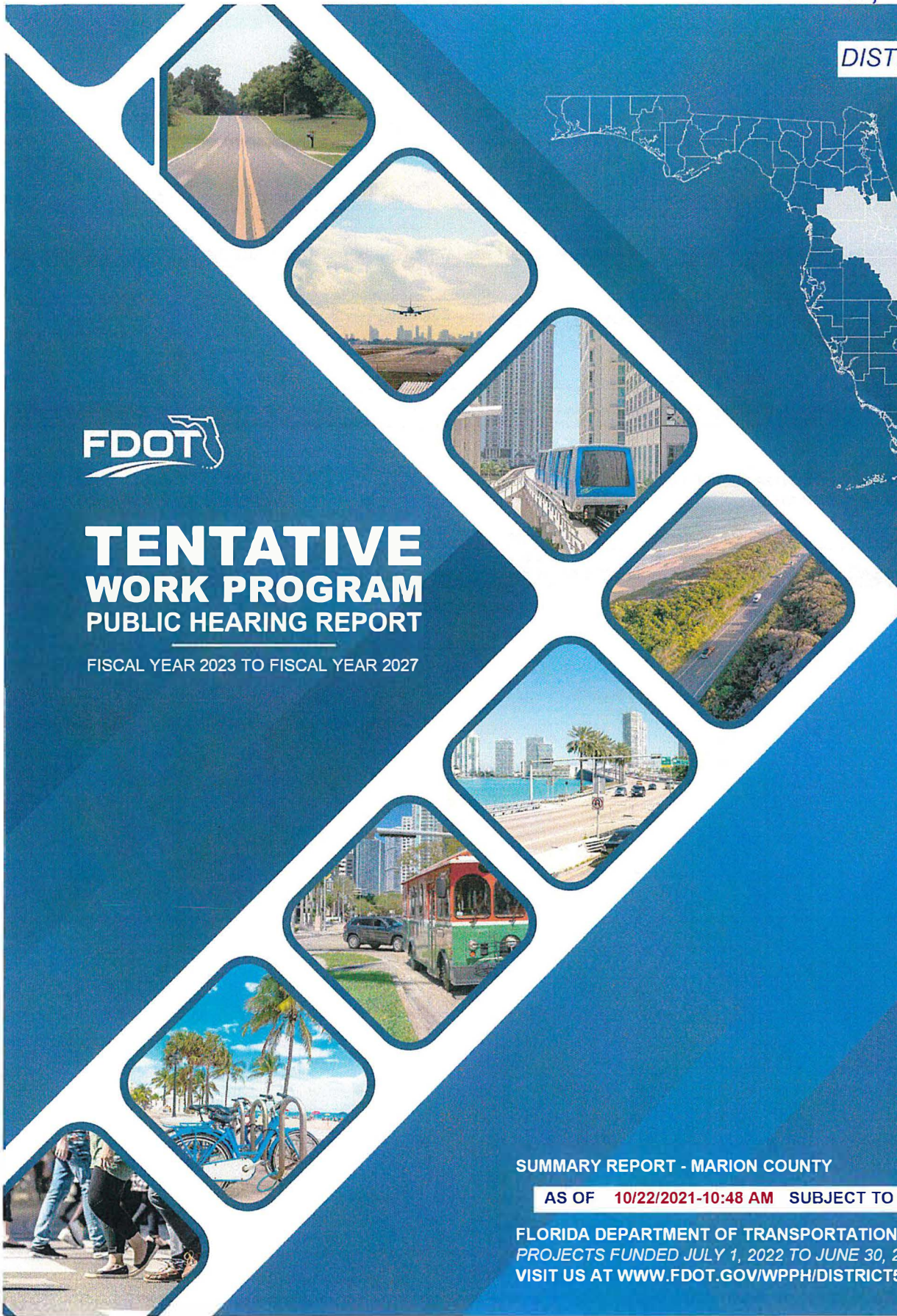
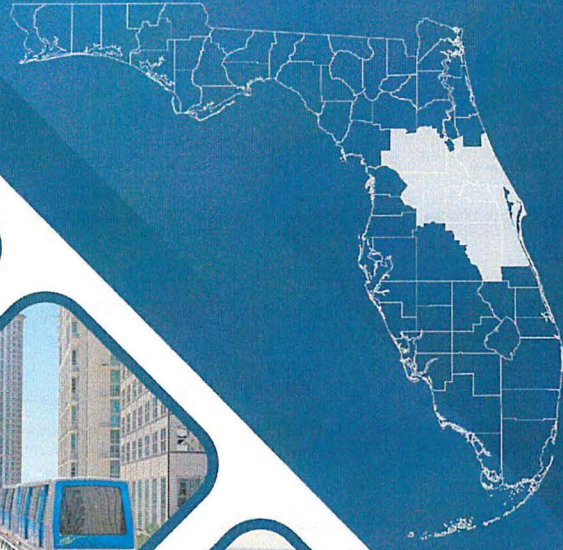
Shakayla Irby, Administrative Assistant

DISTRICT 5



TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2023 TO FISCAL YEAR 2027



SUMMARY REPORT - MARION COUNTY

AS OF **10/22/2021-10:48 AM** SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT 5
PROJECTS FUNDED JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2027
VISIT US AT WWW.FDOT.GOV/WPPH/DISTRICT5

Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program Public Hearing Summary Report - As of October 22, 2021

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Florida Department of Transportation - District Five

MARION COUNTY

Fixed Capital Outlay

450125-1 - OCALA OPERATIONS CENTER CONSTRUCTION RENOVATION

Type of Work: FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Preliminary Engineering	State	\$534,900				
Construction	State	\$5,001,200				
Total for Project 450125-1		\$5,536,100				

450168-1 - OCALA OPERATIONS CENTER SECURITY-INTEGRATED ELECTRONIC SEC SYS ON GATE

Type of Work: FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	State	\$9,000				
Total for Project 450168-1		\$9,000				

450169-1 - OCALA OPERATIONS CENTER SECURITY-FENCING/GATE UPDATES

Type of Work: FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	State	\$70,000				
Total for Project 450169-1		\$70,000				

Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program Public Hearing Summary Report - As of October 22, 2021

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Florida Department of Transportation - District Five

MARION COUNTY**Freight Logistics And Passenger Operations Program: Aviation****438417-1 - MARION-MARION CO AIRPORT RUNWAY IMPROVEMENTS**

Type of Work: AVIATION PRESERVATION PROJECT

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital	Local		\$87,500			
	State		\$350,000			
Total for Project 438417-1			\$437,500			

438427-1 - MARION AIRFIELD PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS

Type of Work: AVIATION PRESERVATION PROJECT

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital	Federal			\$2,250,000		
	Local			\$50,000		
	State			\$200,000		
Total for Project 438427-1				\$2,500,000		

438477-1 - MARION-OCALA INTL TAXIWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Type of Work: AVIATION PRESERVATION PROJECT

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital	Federal				\$5,850,000	
	Local				\$130,000	
	State				\$520,000	
Total for Project 438477-1					\$6,500,000	

440780-1 - MARION-OCALA INTL AIRFIELD PAVEMENT REHABILITATION

Type of Work: AVIATION PRESERVATION PROJECT

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital	Local		\$300,000			
	State		\$1,200,000			
Total for Project 440780-1			\$1,500,000			

444877-1 - MARION-OCALA INTL HANGAR

Type of Work: AVIATION REVENUE/OPERATIONAL

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital	Local			\$250,000		
	State			\$1,000,000		
Total for Project 444877-1				\$1,250,000		

Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program Public Hearing Summary Report - As of October 22, 2021

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Florida Department of Transportation - District Five

MARION COUNTY**Freight Logistics And Passenger Operations Program: Aviation****448575-1 - MARION-OCALA INTL ARFF BUILDING**

Type of Work: AVIATION SAFETY PROJECT

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital	Local					\$200,000
	State					\$800,000
Total for Project 448575-1						\$1,000,000

449760-1 - MARION CO AIRPORT FUEL SYSTEM

Type of Work: AVIATION REVENUE/OPERATIONAL

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital	Local	\$62,500				
	State	\$250,000				
Total for Project 449760-1						\$312,500

449774-1 - MARION COUNTY AIRPORT HANGAR

Type of Work: AVIATION REVENUE/OPERATIONAL

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital	Local			\$500,000		
	State			\$2,000,000		
Total for Project 449774-1						\$2,500,000

449858-1 - MARION / Ocala INTERNATIONAL HANGER DEVELOPMENT

Type of Work: AVIATION CAPACITY PROJECT

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital	Local	\$375,000				
	State	\$1,500,000				
Total for Project 449858-1						\$1,875,000

Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program Public Hearing Summary Report - As of October 22, 2021

July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027

Florida Department of Transportation - District Five

MARION COUNTY**Freight Logistics And Passenger Operations Program: Transit****427188-2 - SUNTRAN/OCALA/MARION URB.CAP/OPER. FIXED ROUTE FTA SECTION 5307-2009**

Type of Work: CAPITAL FOR FIXED ROUTE

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital	Federal	\$2,467,181	\$2,541,196	\$2,617,431	\$2,617,431	\$2,617,431
	Local	\$616,795	\$635,299	\$654,398	\$654,398	\$654,398
Total for Project 427188-2		\$3,083,976	\$3,176,495	\$3,271,829	\$3,271,829	\$3,271,829

442455-1 - MARION-SUNTRAN BLOCK GRANT OPERATING ASSISTANCE

Type of Work: OPERATING FOR FIXED ROUTE

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Operations	Local	\$733,602	\$755,610	\$779,279	\$801,626	\$825,675
	State	\$733,602	\$755,610	\$778,278	\$801,626	\$825,675
Total for Project 442455-1		\$1,467,204	\$1,511,220	\$1,557,557	\$1,603,252	\$1,651,350

442460-1 - MARION-MARION SENIOR SERVICES SECTION 5311 RURAL TRANSPORTATION

Type of Work: OPERATING/ADMIN. ASSISTANCE

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Operations	Federal		\$909,849	\$937,146	\$965,259	\$993,939
	Local		\$909,849	\$937,146	\$965,259	\$993,939
Total for Project 442460-1			\$1,819,698	\$1,874,292	\$1,930,518	\$1,987,878

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MARION COUNTY**Highways****433651-1 - CR 484 FROM SW 20TH AVENUE TO CR 475A**

Type of Work: INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	Federal		\$47,520			
Total for Project 433651-1			\$47,520			

433651-4 - CR 484 FROM SW 20TH AVENUE TO CR 475A

Type of Work: LANDSCAPING

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	Federal	\$179,724				
Total for Project 433651-4		\$179,724				

433652-1 - SR 40 INTERSECTIONS AT SW 40TH AVENUE AND SW 27TH AVENUE

Type of Work: ADD TURN LANE(S)

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Right of Way	Federal	\$1,122,500	\$247,154			
	State	\$30,000				
Total for Project 433652-1		\$1,152,500	\$247,154			

433660-1 - US 441 @ SR 464

Type of Work: TRAFFIC OPS IMPROVEMENT

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Preliminary Engineering	State			\$160,000		
Construction	State				\$3,094,219	\$23,080
Total for Project 433660-1				\$160,000	\$3,094,219	\$23,080

433661-1 - US 441 FROM SR 40 TO SR 40A (SW BROADWAY)

Type of Work: TRAFFIC OPS IMPROVEMENT

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	State	\$17,767				
Total for Project 433661-1		\$17,767				

434844-1 - CR 42 AT SE 182ND

Type of Work: ADD LEFT TURN LANE(S)

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	Federal	\$350,000				
Total for Project 434844-1		\$350,000				

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434844-2 - CR 42 AT SE 182ND

Type of Work: ADD LEFT TURN LANE(S)

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	Federal	\$67,980				
Total for Project 434844-2		\$67,980				

435209-1 - I-75(SR 93) AT NW 49TH ST FROM END OF NW 49TH ST TO END OF NW 35TH ST

Type of Work: INTERCHANGE (NEW)

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	Federal			\$12,059,788		
	Local			\$7,995,735		
	State			\$22,878,747		
Total for Project 435209-1				\$42,934,270		

435484-2 - PRUITT TRAIL FROM SR 200 TO PRUITT TRAILHEAD

Type of Work: BIKE PATH/TRAIL

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	Federal				\$2,158,000	
Total for Project 435484-2					\$2,158,000	

436756-1 - DOWNTOWN OCALA TRAIL FROM SE OSCEOLA AVE TO SILVER SPRINGS STATE PARK

Type of Work: BIKE PATH/TRAIL

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Preliminary Engineering	Federal			\$253,001		
Total for Project 436756-1				\$253,001		

437596-2 - SR 40/SILVER SPRINGS BLVD FROM NW 27TH AVE TO SW 7TH AVE

Type of Work: SIDEWALK

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	Federal	\$1,025,741				
	State	\$10,270				
Total for Project 437596-2		\$1,036,011				

437826-1 - I-75 MARION COUNTY REST AREAS LANDSCAPING

Type of Work: LANDSCAPING

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	State			\$411,284		
Total for Project 437826-1				\$411,284		

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MARION COUNTY**Highways****438562-1 - I-75 (SR 93) REST AREA MARION COUNTY FROM N OF SR 484 TO S OF SR 200**

Type of Work: REST AREA

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	State	\$28,060,358				
Total for Project 438562-1		\$28,060,358				

439234-1 - SR 200 FROM I-75 TO US 301

Type of Work: RESURFACING

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	Federal	\$2,751,885				
	State	\$6,119,606				
Total for Project 439234-1		\$8,871,491				

439238-2 - SR 25/500/US441/ FROM SE 102ND PLACE TO SR 200/SW 10TH STREET

Type of Work: BIKE LANE/SIDEWALK

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	State			\$2,975,178		
Total for Project 439238-2				\$2,975,178		

441141-1 - SR 464 FROM SR 500 (US 27/301) TO SR 35

Type of Work: RESURFACING

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	Federal	\$9,541,570				
	State	\$7,623,175				
Total for Project 441141-1		\$17,164,745				

445212-1 - SR 200 (US 301) FROM SOUTH OF NE 175 ST TO THE ALACHUA COUNTY LINE

Type of Work: RESURFACING

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	State		\$4,729,689			
Total for Project 445212-1			\$4,729,689			

445217-1 - SR-326 FROM EAST OF SR-25/200 (US-441/301) TO SR-40

Type of Work: RESURFACING

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	Federal	\$10,050,044				
	State	\$1,423,246				
Total for Project 445217-1		\$11,473,290				

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MARION COUNTY**Highways****445218-1 - SR 25 FROM AVENUE I TO THE ALACHUA COUNTY LINE**

Type of Work: RESURFACING

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Preliminary Engineering	State	\$927,369				
Construction	State			\$6,167,712		
Total for Project 445218-1		\$927,369		\$6,167,712		

445302-1 - SR 35/US 301 NORTH OF CR 42 TO NORTH OF SE 144 PL RD

Type of Work: RESURFACING

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	State		\$3,054,497			
Total for Project 445302-1			\$3,054,497			

445688-1 - US 27 / US 441 / ABSHIVER BLVD. @ CR 42

Type of Work: TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	Federal	\$402,969				
	State	\$5,135				
Total for Project 445688-1		\$408,104				

445701-1 - SE ABSHIER BLVD FROM SE HAMES RD TO N OF SE AGNEW RD

Type of Work: TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	Federal	\$1,502,129				
	State	\$160,270				
Total for Project 445701-1		\$1,662,399				

447603-1 - NW 10TH/NE 14TH ST SR 492 TO NE 25TH AVE.

Type of Work: TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	Federal		\$647,938			
	Local		\$174,240			
Total for Project 447603-1			\$822,178			

447861-1 - I-75 WILDWOOD WEIGH STATION - INSPECTION BARN UPGRADES

Type of Work: MCCO WEIGH STATION STATIC/WIM

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	State				\$532,902	
Total for Project 447861-1					\$532,902	

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MARION COUNTY**Highways****448376-1 - I-75/SR-93 FROM SR-200 TO NORTH OF SR-500**

Type of Work: RESURFACING

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Preliminary Engineering	Federal	\$1,439,000				
Construction	Federal			\$15,977,866		
Total for Project 448376-1		\$1,439,000		\$15,977,866		

448526-1 - SR-45/US-41/WILLIAMS ST FROM NORTH OF CITRUS CNTY LINE TO SW 110TH ST

Type of Work: RESURFACING

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Preliminary Engineering	State	\$888,000				
Construction	Federal			\$3,653,002		
	State			\$396,990		
Total for Project 448526-1		\$888,000		\$4,049,992		

448635-1 - SR-25 FROM NORTH OF CR-25A TO AVENUE I

Type of Work: RESURFACING

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Preliminary Engineering	State	\$1,042,000				
Construction	Federal			\$5,923,545		
	State			\$606,431		
Total for Project 448635-1		\$1,042,000		\$6,529,976		

448924-1 - SR-492 OVER SCLRR

Type of Work: BRIDGE-REPAIR/REHABILITATION

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	State	\$302,336				
Total for Project 448924-1		\$302,336				

449261-1 - SW 60TH AVE FROM SW 54TH ST TO SECO ENERGY DRIVEWAY

Type of Work: INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Preliminary Engineering	Local	\$47,818				
Construction	Federal		\$199,243			
Total for Project 449261-1		\$47,818	\$199,243			

449277-1 - CR-484 AT THE INTERSECTION OF MARION OAKS BLVD

Type of Work: INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Preliminary Engineering	Local	\$60,795				
Construction	Federal		\$445,830			
	Local		\$30,000			
Total for Project 449277-1		\$60,795	\$475,830			

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449317-1 - CR 484 AT SW 135TH ST RD

Type of Work: ADD LEFT TURN LANE(S)

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Preliminary Engineering	Local	\$88,705				
Construction	Federal		\$369,605			
Total for Project 449317-1		\$88,705	\$369,605			

449443-1 - NE 8TH AVE FROM SR 40 TO SR 492

Type of Work: ROUNDABOUT

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	Federal					\$4,452,800
Total for Project 449443-1						\$4,452,800

450340-1 - EMERALD ROAD EXTENSION FROM SE 92ND LOOP TO CR424(SE MARICAMP RD)

Type of Work: NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Right of Way	Local	\$325,000				
	State	\$325,000				
Construction	Local	\$4,629,237				
	State	\$4,370,763				
Total for Project 450340-1		\$9,650,000				

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MARION COUNTY**Maintenance****413615-3 - LIGHTING AGREEMENTS**

Type of Work: LIGHTING

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Bridge/Roadway/Contract Maintenance	State	\$433,240	\$441,220	\$454,457	\$468,088	\$487,617
Total for Project 413615-3		\$433,240	\$441,220	\$454,457	\$468,088	\$487,617

418107-1 - MARION PRIMARY IN-HOUSE

Type of Work: ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Bridge/Roadway/Contract Maintenance	State	\$1,831,973	\$1,831,973	\$1,831,973	\$1,831,973	\$1,831,973
Total for Project 418107-1		\$1,831,973	\$1,831,973	\$1,831,973	\$1,831,973	\$1,831,973

423391-2 - ASPHALT RESURFACING VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Type of Work: ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Bridge/Roadway/Contract Maintenance	State	\$200,000				
Total for Project 423391-2		\$200,000				

429178-1 - UNPAVED SHOULDER REPAIR

Type of Work: ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Bridge/Roadway/Contract Maintenance	State	\$220,000				
Total for Project 429178-1		\$220,000				

442738-1 - CITY OF OCALA MOA

Type of Work: ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Bridge/Roadway/Contract Maintenance	State		\$50,000			\$50,000
Total for Project 442738-1			\$50,000			\$50,000

446691-1 - AESTHETICS AREA WIDE

Type of Work: ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Bridge/Roadway/Contract Maintenance	State	\$850,000				
Total for Project 446691-1		\$850,000				

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Maintenance

446910-1 - ASSET MAINTENANCE MARION COUNTY

Type of Work: ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Bridge/Roadway/Contract Maintenance	State	\$3,132,596	\$3,132,596	\$3,132,596	\$3,132,596	\$3,132,596
Total for Project 446910-1		\$3,132,596	\$3,132,596	\$3,132,596	\$3,132,596	\$3,132,596

450165-1 - OCALA OPERATIONS CENTER DEMO OF OLD BUILDINGS

Type of Work: FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Bridge/Roadway/Contract Maintenance	State		\$100,000			
Total for Project 450165-1			\$100,000			

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Miscellaneous

426179-1 - SILVER SPRINGS STATE PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES

Type of Work: MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Construction	Federal		\$3,660,159			
	State		\$5,280			
Total for Project 426179-1			\$3,665,439			

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Transportation Planning

439331-4 - OCALA/MARION URBAN AREA FY 2022/2023-2023/2024 UPWP

Type of Work: TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Planning	Federal	\$579,480	\$579,480			
Total for Project 439331-4		\$579,480	\$579,480			

439331-5 - OCALA/MARION URBAN AREA FY 2024/2025-2025/2026 UPWP

Type of Work: TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Planning	Federal			\$579,480	\$579,480	
Total for Project 439331-5				\$579,480	\$579,480	

439331-6 - OCALA/MARION URBAN AREA FY 2026/2027-2027/2028 UPWP

Type of Work: TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Phase	Funding Source	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Planning	Federal					\$579,480
Total for Project 439331-6						\$579,480



DISTRICT FIVE OFFICE OF SAFETY

FDOT's Focus on Safety

Safety begins with ME

Safety begins with YOU

Safety begins with ME...

Safety begins with YOU!



District 5 Office of Safety



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We strive to

- Eliminate fatalities and serious injuries to all users by reducing crashes on transportation systems in Central Florida and around the state; through

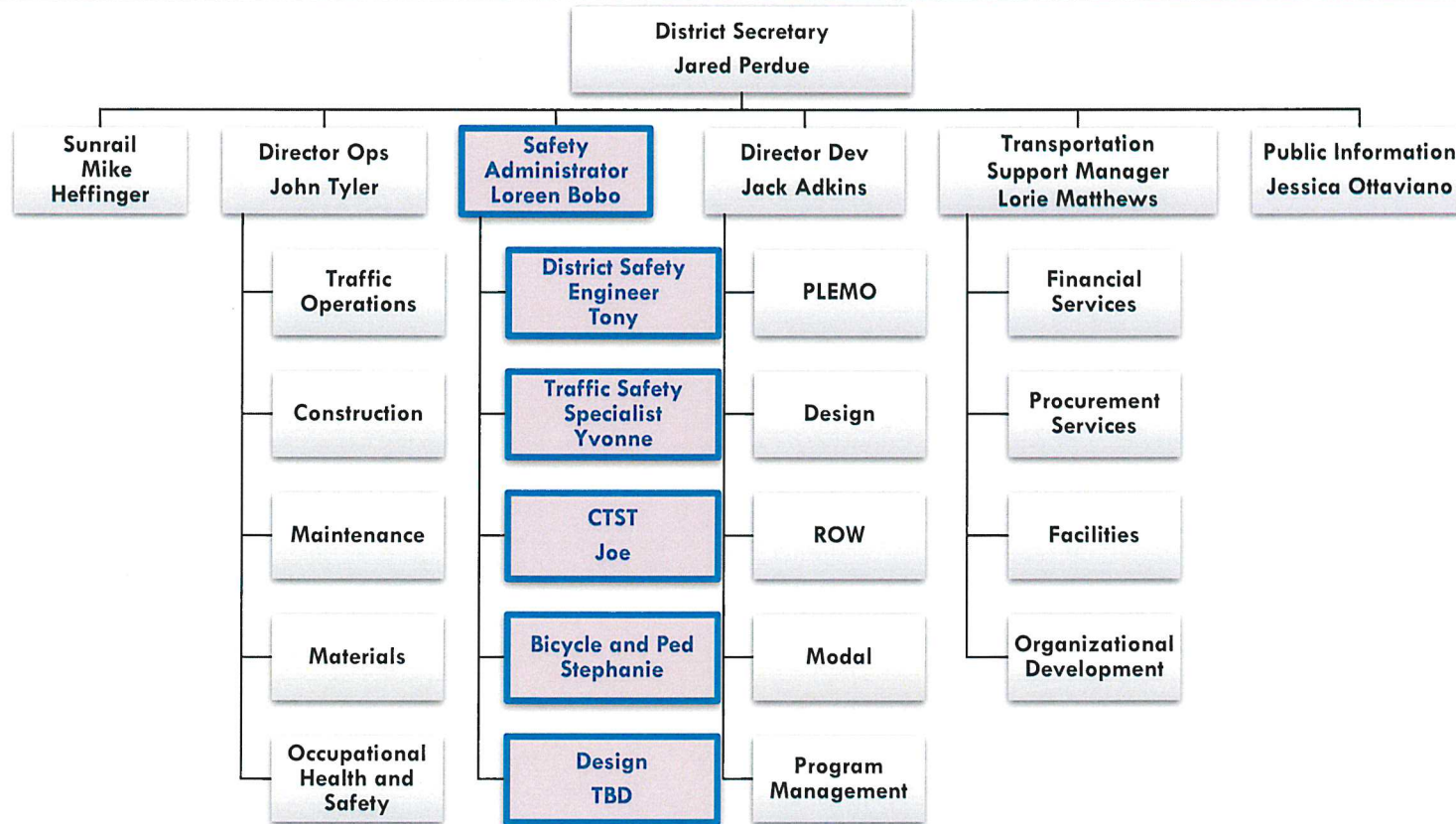
Engineering Education Enforcement

- Collaborate extensively with internal and external partners, and our communities to meet our goals.
- Research, be innovative, be open to new ideas.
- Have every resident and visitor in Central Florida have a safe experience on transportation systems and go home safely.

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Joe J. [unclear]
Stephanie Moss

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Yvonne [unclear]

Where do we fit in?



Why is Safety a focus?



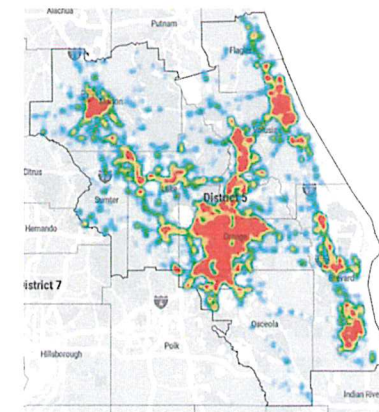
Governor's Highway Safety Association (GHSA)

Report Date	March 2021	February 2020
# Traffic Fatalities Nat	30,107	30,227
# Walker Fatalities Nat	6,301	6,283
# Walker Fatalities Florida	332	385
% National Walker Fatalities	5.27%	6.13%
Florida's rank	3rd	2nd
Florida's Fatality Rate	1.53	1.72
Comparison to previous years	↓ 14%	↑ 3%

Why is Safety a focus?



Signal 4 Analytics Data	2021 (to 10/18/21)	2020	2019	2018
# Fatalities FL	2,076	3,343 ↑	3,190 ↑	3,135
# Fatalities D5	530	690 =	690 ↑	657
% Fatalities in D5/FL	19.8	20.6 ↓	21.6 ↑	21.0
# Walker/Biker Fatalities FL	546	880 ↓	903 ↑	885
# Walker/Biker Fatalities D5	105	171 ↓	193 ↑	172
% Walker/Biker D5/FL	19.2	19.4	19.7	19.4

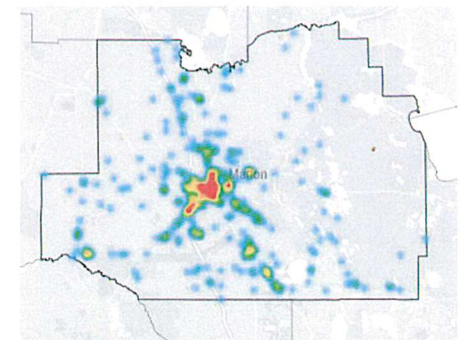


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2020 Fatalities
Pedestrians/Bicyclists

109 people lost their life (65 in 2021 so far)
24 were people walking and biking

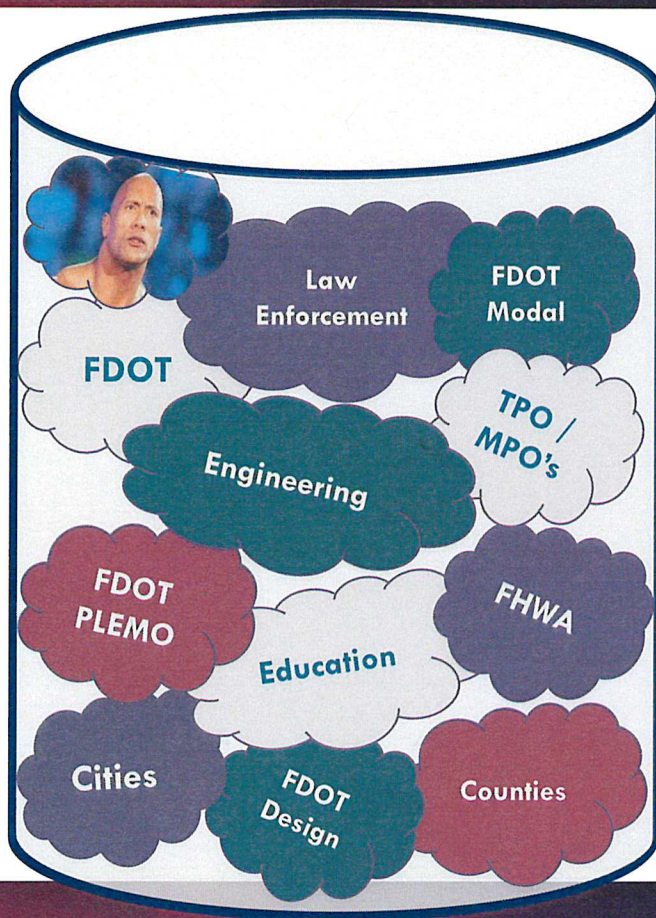


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WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?

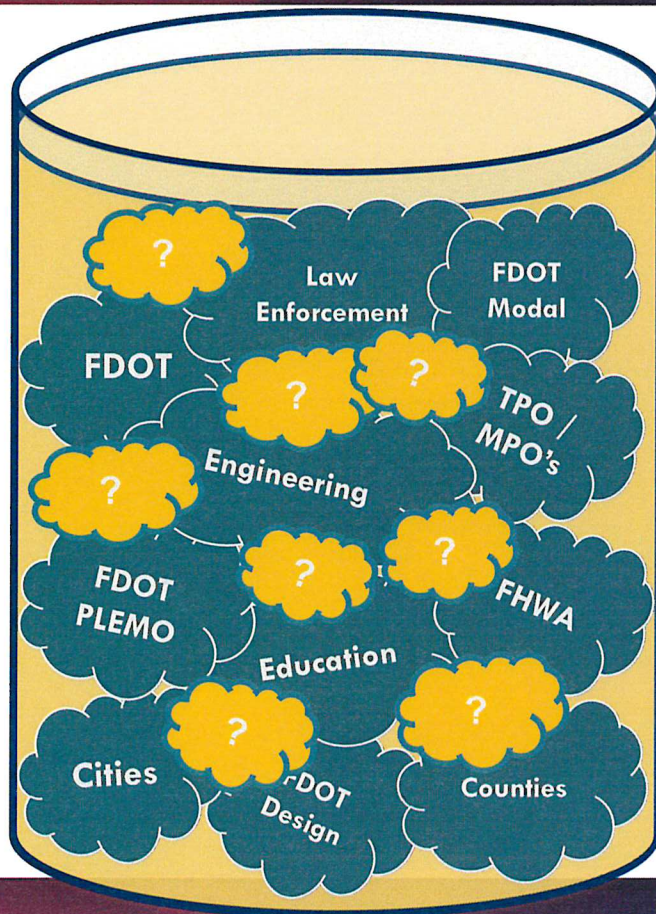
Provide a unified effort to greatly reduce
crashes and affects of crashes to
ultimately get to zero fatalities and
serious injuries

Understand what we are doing...



Current Safety Efforts
(Big Rocks)
by many
different groups

So we can understand what we
aren't doing....yet



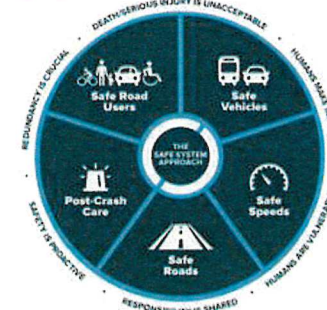
'New or more intense'
Safety Efforts
(small rocks with big impacts)

STRATEGIC PLAN - FOUNDATION

Collaboration

Infrastructure

Education



FLORIDA
STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN





SAFETY IS *EVERYONE'S* *RESPONSIBILITY*

THE SAFE SYSTEM

APPROACH

Zero is our goal. A Safe System
is how we will get there.



COLLABORATION

- ▶ Internal and External Partners
- ▶ Community-Centric
- ▶ Share our FDOT Safety Story
- ▶ Share our efforts, learn from others
- ▶ Aligning our various efforts is important

INFRASTRUCTURE

- ▶ Every project is a safety project
 - ▶ Touch every project to empower and ensure max countermeasures are included.
- ▶ State Road or Local Road??? Does it really matter!
- ▶ Be proactive and Be bold on every project
 - ▶ If we want to save lives we have to be bold
- ▶ It may not be too late to incorporate the right elements into a project
- ▶ Target Speed – Lower speeds save lives

EDUCATION

- ▶ All users – Be responsible and respectful.
- ▶ Safety Starts with ME! Safety Starts with YOU! – Make it personal
- ▶ Reach children, they will teach their parents
- ▶ Different ways to engage and share the safety messages
- ▶ Low Cost ways to change the safety culture externally



Safety begins with YOU!

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EVERY BICYCLIST & PEDESTRIAN IS IMPORTANT TO SOMEONE.

We're all responsible for keeping each other safe on our roads. Be alert, maintain eye contact with drivers, and cross safely - it could make all the difference. As a driver, remember to pay attention, stay focused, and watch for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Safety is a two-way street.





Safety begins with ME...
Safety begins with YOU!



TO: Board Members

FROM: Rob Balmes, Director

**RE: Federal Lands Access Program – Resolution of Support,
Black Bear Trail**

Summary

The Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD) is conducting a Call for Projects for the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) in Florida for Federal Fiscal Years (FY) 2023 through FY 2026. The Access Program is authorized under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. An estimated \$11.6 million will be available for programming in Florida.

Mike Woods, Executive Director of the Lake~Sumter MPO, is leading an effort to submit an application for funding a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the Black Bear Scenic Trail from Levy Hammock Road in Marion County to U.S. 17 in Volusia County. The trail project encompasses three counties and three TPO/MPOs – Ocala/Marion TPO, Lake~Sumter MPO, River to Sea TPO.

The PD&E for this project was previously funded in 2019 for \$1.15 million, but deferred out of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Work Program. This project is the final segment to complete the "Heart of Florida Trail". The project also compliments the vision for future modernization and widening of SR 40.

Mr. Woods is seeking a Resolution of Support from the Governing Boards of all three MPO/TPO's. He is also seeking a Letter of Support from the Ocala National Forest and other local partners. These supporting documents are required for the FLAP application process. The application is due by December 15, 2021.

Attachment(s)

- Proposed Resolution of Support
- Copy of Project Presentation, Mike Woods, Lake~Sumter MPO (background)

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Action Requested

Approve a Resolution of Support for the Black Bear Scenic Trail FLAP application to fund a PD&E Study.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 438-2631.



October 26, 2021

Richelle J. Ellis

Access Program Planning Coordinator, Federal Highway Administration
Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division
22001 Loudoun County Parkway, Building E2, Suite 200
Ashburn, VA 20147

Dear Ms. Ellis:

On behalf of the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), this letter serves as support for the Florida Black Bear Scenic Trail application to the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) project.

The project limits are from Levy Hammock Road to U.S. 17 along S.R. 40. The trail intersects communities of Silver Springs, Astor, Pierson, and Barberville. The S.R. 40 Black Bear Trail, also referred to as the Black Bear Scenic Trail, is set to mostly fill the largest gap within the SUN Trail Heart of Florida Loop Trail. The Heart of Florida Loop is a network of trails spanning ten Central Florida counties and encompassing 250 miles, linking existing trails. The trail would link the Ocala National Forest to the Lake George State Forest through the local communities of Astor Park, Astor, Volusia, and Barberville, and provide connections to other trails in the area, such as the Florida National Scenic Trail. The potential trail corridor would create a new pathway for Florida residents and visitors to experience Central Florida.

For these reasons of access, connectivity, economic benefit, safety, and partnership, this project is well suited for the Federal Lands Access Program. It will bring significant benefits to Volusia, Lake, Marion Counties, neighboring communities, and multiple public lands management agencies.

This project includes numerous stakeholders', partners, and coordination with federal, state, county, and city agencies. FDOT has agreed to provide technical support during the grant application process.

The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) was established in 23 U.S.C. 204 to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands. FLAP in Florida is administered by Eastern Federal Lands (EFL). This trial project meets all the eligibility requirements for this funding program and will further the statewide SUN Trail regional trail program with this funding.

The Ocala/Marion County TPO looks forward to continuing the strong interagency partnership fostered through this application process. Thank you for considering this grant request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact TPO Director Rob Balmes at 352-438-2631.

Sincerely,

TPO Board Chair
Marion County Board of County Commissioners

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Draft CMP Comments Summary

Public Comments (7)

- I experience excessive traffic delays heading south out of Ocala on **SW 27th Ave (475A)**. In the late afternoon on weekdays, backup typically extends nearly to the Westbury entrance gate. The backup clears at the traffic light at 66th St. Perhaps an adjustment of that signal timing could alleviate this problem. **TPO Response:** CR 484 from CR 475A to CR 475 has been identified in the CMP for future congestion study and mitigation strategies.
- The biggest problem in Marion County is drivers not knowing how to drive on multi-lane highways. You can have 12 lane highways and if people are lined up across all lanes driving below the speed limit it creates congestion and multi-lane changes for frustrated drivers. Educating senior drivers especially would help immensely. I have witnessed seniors driving in front of emergency vehicles and not yielding. This is very dangerous. **TPO Response:** Comment discussed with citizen, and he was asked to participate in the Safety Action Plan.
- I wanted to look at the map posted, but I'm unable to pull it up on my phone. The one area that I run into daily that is congested no matter what is **SE 25th Ave and SE Ft. King St**. The turn arrows don't stay green long enough, and when turning on to Ft. King if there are trucks in opposite turn lanes you can't see around them or over them. There is going to be a fatal wreck there one day. PLEASE do something to mitigate the hazard. **TPO Response:** Comment was shared with City of Ocala Engineering for their awareness, including citizen contact information.
- Please, please, please, consider resurfacing **NE 42nd Place**. Due to the upcoming new Armstrong Homes subdivision approved by the Commissioners on 36th Ave. & 35th Street, the amount of traffic is going to be increased dramatically due to mandates to "tie in" for emergency vehicles. The west half of 42nd Place is like driving on the moon, & you have to avoid the potholes (which are full depth down to the limerock layer) by driving the road like you have a "Clown Car". Patching no longer works!! **TPO Response:** Comment was passed on to Marion County MSTU, including citizen contact information.
- On Hwy 41, North of Dunnellon, the intersections at **Hwy 40 and SW 99th PI (Winn Dixie)** **both need a turn signal** at their lights. This would be for people traveling South and making a left turn. When the traffic is heavy, sometimes there is no opportunity to turn when the lights are green. **TPO Response:** Comment was shared with City of Dunnellon. This segment of US 41 is programmed for widening with project letting estimated July 2023. Comment will also be shared with FDOT project team through TAC.

- I live on the southwest side of Ocala near Liberty middle school and Hammett Bowen Elementary school. This area has outgrown its current infrastructure in and around the schools. Causing major delays and traffic jams and yes sometimes accidents. Is there something that can be done to improve the congestion in this area. Specifically **95th street and 49th Avenue area** to and around the waterway subdivisions. **TPO Response: Comment shared with TAC and County staff.**
- We need a road going **north and south on the right side of I-75 for local traffic**. We have **475 on the left side of I-75** but none on the right side. Especially if you talking about doing all the construction in the SW. 475 cannot handle any more traffic as it is 2 lane road. A lot of the traffic that going to Marion oaks and west causes all the back up at I-75. It a mess all morning, afternoon and evenings. You can see people driving through store parking lots trying to get by the stop lights. **TPO Response: Comment documented as part of general awareness of the overall need for greater north-south transportation mobility west of I-75.**

Board Comments (2) on congested corridors

- **SR 464/SE 17th Avenue** corridor and at the **SE 25th intersection** needs to be assessed. Stacking and turning issues. Often takes more than one light cycle to turn at 25th.
- **CR 475A at CR 484 and CR 475A at SW 66th** – turning issues and stacking on 475A from intersection at CR 484 and at SW 66th.

TPO Response: CR 484 from CR 475A to CR 475 and the SR 464/SE 17th at SE 25th have both been identified for future congestion study and mitigation strategies in the CMP. Both are areas of concern requiring future project solutions.

TAC Comments (2) from meeting on August 10

- Figure 17 – provide further explanation regarding the tiers of congestion by year. (extreme and congested corridors). For example, if a corridor is extremely congested in 2026, what was it in 2021? If a corridor is identified as congested in 2021 still just congested in 2026, etc. Clarifying language to help general understanding by the public.
- LOS Table additions
 - Add functional classification per corridor segment
 - Add FDOT Classes – I and II for state signalized arterials.

TPO Response: These comments were addressed in final draft document.



Ocala Marion County TPO

2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Modification

Scope of Services

Introduction

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Florida Division is conducting Program Accountability Results (PAR) reviews of three non-Transportation Management Area (TMA) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) in Florida. The purpose of the PAR reviews is to assess LRTP compliance and fiscal constraint to meet federal requirements (23 CFR 450.324, Development and Content of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan).

The TPO has been identified to be part of the PAR reviews in both Fiscal Years (FY) 2021 and 2022. The review conducted in FY 2021 involved the previously adopted 2040 LRTP. FY 2022 will involve a review of the adopted 2045 LRTP. FHWA has stated they will eventually conduct reviews of all nine non-TMA's in Florida over the next three fiscal years.

Based upon feedback provided by FHWA to the TPO in May 2021 for the 2040 LRTP PAR review, an internal assessment was conducted by TPO staff for the 2045 LRTP. The goal was to apply the feedback and recommendations provided to the TPO from the 2040 LRTP to the 2045 LRTP. TPO staff identified some areas of the Cost Feasible element that should be updated through a LRTP modification to help ensure expectations are met by FHWA when they conduct a full review of the 2045 LRTP in FY 2022.

Purpose

The purpose of this task is for Kittelson and Associates (Consultant) to support the TPO by performing an update to the 2045 LRTP through a modification process. This update will be completed to support the goal of ensuring the LRTP is in full compliance and continues to demonstrate fiscal constraint so all cost-feasible projects remain eligible to be advanced through the TPO process. This update will require a formal modification to the 2045 LRTP, pending Board approval in January 2022.

Services

Task 1: Project Management

The TPO Project Manager and Consultant Project Manager and staff will lead this task. The following tasks will be completed as part of this scope:

- Management of task, budget, invoicing, deliverable

- Coordination between the TPO Project Manager and Consultant Project Manager to maintain schedule, deliverable and participation in virtual conference call meetings, as needed.

Task 2: 2045 LRTP Updates

The Consultant Project Manager will lead this task. TPO staff will provide information as needed. The TPO will also conduct a review of the proposed LRTP updates and provide comments to the Consultant Project Manager.

Specifically, the Consultant will update Chapter 6 (Financial Revenue Forecast) and Chapter 7 (Funding the Plan) to include the following changes:

Chapter 6

- Add descriptive information regarding the first 5 years of federal and state revenues (2021 to 2025) to Chapter 6 as footnotes. This information conveys total existing committed funding as reflected in the TPO's prior Fiscal Years 2020/2021 to 2024/2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Chapter 7

- Modify the Cost Feasible Plan tables (Tables 7-9 to 7-13) to add 10-year time-band headers. The first 10-years of the Cost Feasible includes 2026 to 2035. The second 10-years includes 2036 to 2045. This approach will more clearly demonstrate the segregation of the LRTP into 10-year planning bands as required by federal law.
- Add an aggregate cost and revenue summary table by funding source to the beginning of Chapter to more clearly display and demonstrate the fiscal constraint of the Cost Feasible Plan.
- Modify the Cost Feasible Plan tables (7-9 to 7-13) to add total cost and total revenue rows for the first five years and for both of the 10-year time-bands to clearly display fiscal constraint.
- Add further clarifying language regarding Operation and Maintenance (O&M) costs as accounted for in the State Highway System Existing Facilities estimates.
- Review all partially funded projects in current TIP to confirm whether they are properly reflected in Cost Feasible Plan to full implementation.
- Add additional supporting text as needed that summarizes the chapter updates to properly convey the aforementioned changes. Additionally, include clarifying text that further outlines the federal/state funding requirements of the Cost Feasible Plan vs. the role of local funding and locally funded projects.

Responsibilities of the TPO

TPO staff will perform the following tasks:

- Task #1 – Project Management
- Task #2 – Review of draft and final updates to Chapters 6 and 7 of the 2045 LRTP

Responsibilities of the Consultant

Consultant will perform the following tasks:

- Task #1 – Project Management
- Task #2 – Completion of updates to Chapters 6 and 7 of the 2045 LRTP

Time of Completion

The project will begin on November 1, 2021 and be completed by December 31, 2021. Any changes that are made to the project schedule will be agreed upon by both parties, including the Consultant and TPO staff.

Deliverables to be provided by the Consultant

The following final deliverables are expected:

- Updates to Chapter 6 and Chapter 7 of the 2045 LRTP.
- All corresponding files and a revised 2045 LRTP document will be delivered to the TPO electronically when completed.

Budget

Invoices will be processed monthly by the Consultant based on the percent work completed for this task. A fee sheet is included with this Scope that outlines the Consultant hours and associated cost estimates for services performed for the task.