



**TPO Board Meeting**

Marion County Commission Auditorium  
601 SE 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471

**October 27, 2020**

**4:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PROOF OF PUBLICATION**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS**
  - A. I-75 Interchange at NW 49<sup>th</sup> Street PD&E Study**  
*FDOT and their consultant team will provide a presentation on the status of the interchange PD&E study.*
- 5. ACTION ITEMS**
  - A. Performance Evaluations, TPO Staff**  
*Amanda Tart, Marion County Human Resources Director will present to the TPO Board the process used by Marion County for TPO employee evaluations and status of employee compensation adjustments for 2020.*
- 6. CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. Minutes – September 22, 2020**
  - B. TPO Director Travel Reimbursement**
- 7. COMMENTS BY FDOT**
  - A. FDOT Construction Report for Marion County**
- 8. COMMENTS BY TPO STAFF**
  - A. Central Florida MPO Alliance Meeting Report**
  - B. New TPO Fact Sheets, Part II**

## **9. COMMENTS BY TPO MEMBERS**

### **A. Service Award**

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 2 minutes)**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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*The next regular meeting of the Ocala Marion Transportation Planning Organization will be held on November 24, 2020*



**TO: TPO Board Members**

**FROM: Rob Balmes, Director**

**RE: I-75 at NW 49<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Update**

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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and its consultant team are finalizing the Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) study for the new interchange project located at I-75 and NW 49<sup>th</sup> Street. A presentation will be provided at the TPO Board meeting. The presentation is included in the following pages.

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

# **I-75 INTERCHANGE AT NW 49<sup>TH</sup> STREET PD&E STUDY**

**Ocala-Marion County Transportation Planning Organization  
Board**

**October 27, 2020**



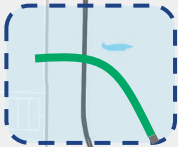
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## PROPOSED INTERCHANGE LOCATION

NW 49<sup>TH</sup> ST



NW 44<sup>TH</sup> AVE

NW 35<sup>TH</sup> ST

NW 35<sup>TH</sup> AVE RD

OCALA

SE 17<sup>TH</sup> ST

NE 70<sup>TH</sup> ST

OLD US HWY 301

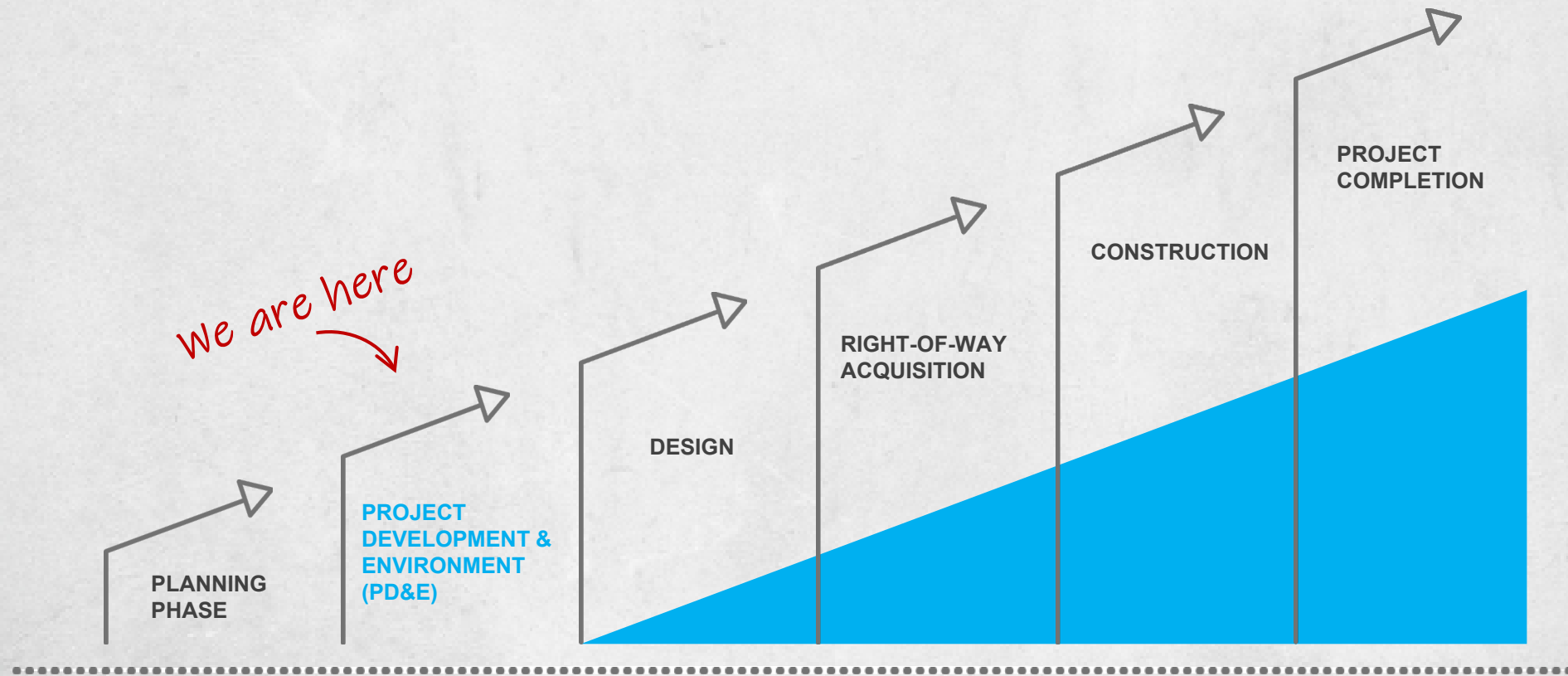
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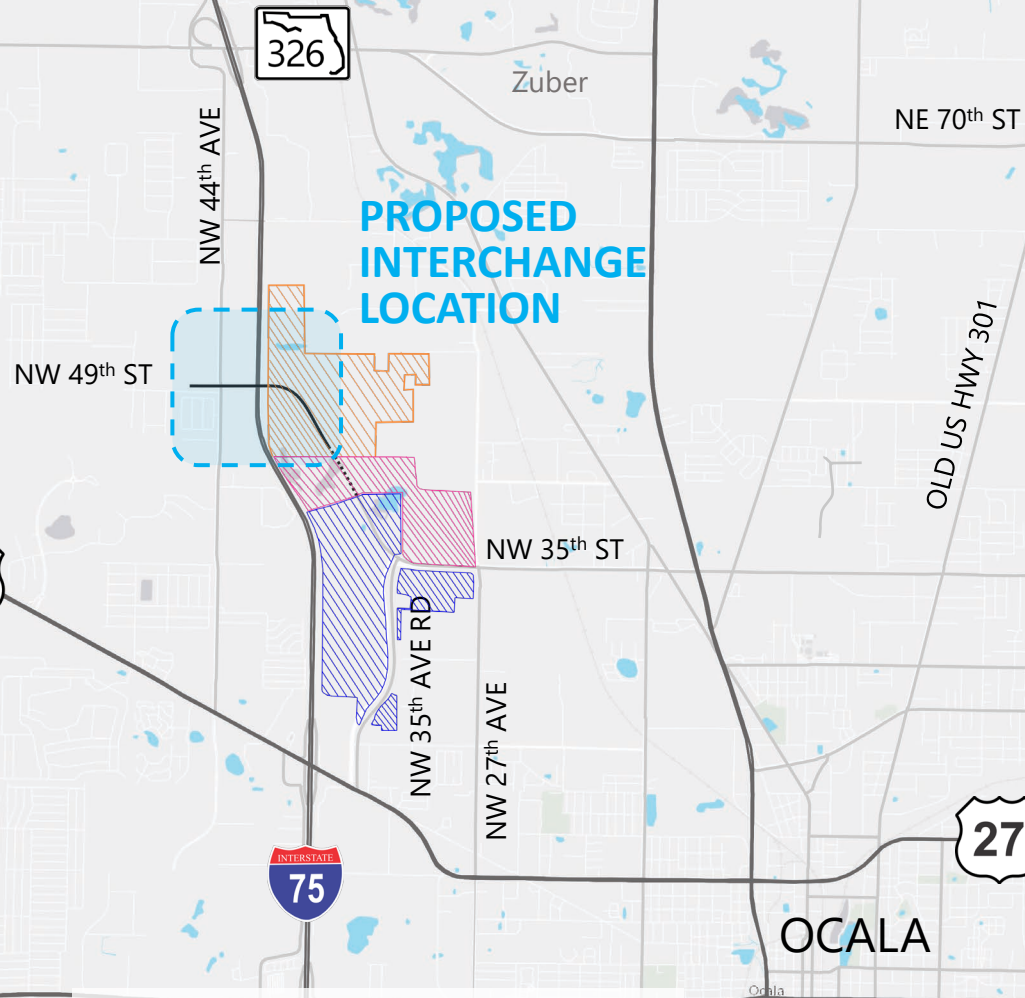
## Ocala-Marion County TPO Presentation:

- Briefing for the I-75 Interchange at NW 49<sup>th</sup> Street PD&E Study
- PD&E follows National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements

# WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?



# PURPOSE AND NEED



- **Improve interstate and regional mobility within Marion County**

- Support a long range vision for a new east-west corridor parallel to U.S. 27 and State Road (S.R.) 326

- **Accommodate future traffic growth**

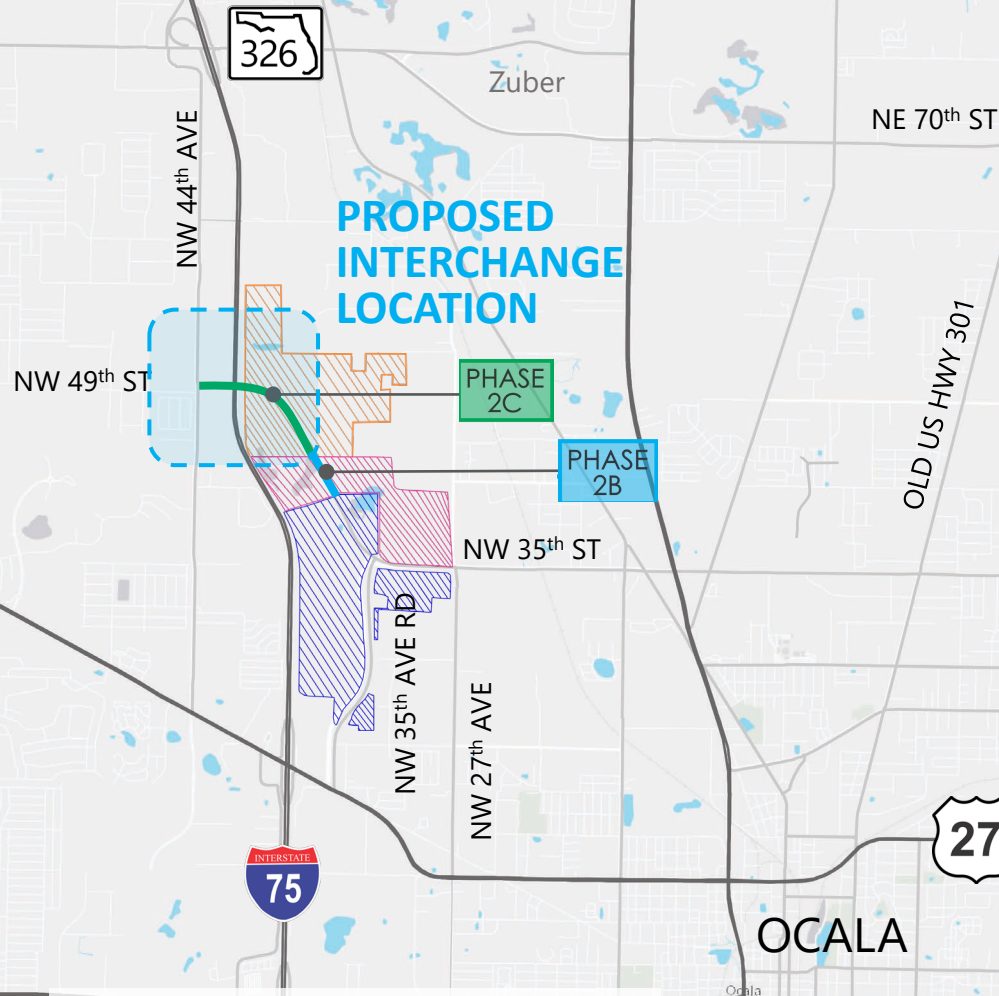
- **Provide relief to existing interchanges at U.S. 27 and S.R. 326 by providing alternate access to Interstate 75 (I-75)**

- **Improve economic vitality and promote job creation**

- Support viability and continued development of the Ocala 489 Commerce Park



# NW 49<sup>th</sup> ST/NW 35<sup>th</sup> ST EXTENSION



## ■ Phase 2C (part of this project)

- New I-75 Interchange
- Extension of NW 49<sup>th</sup> Street

## ■ Phase 2B

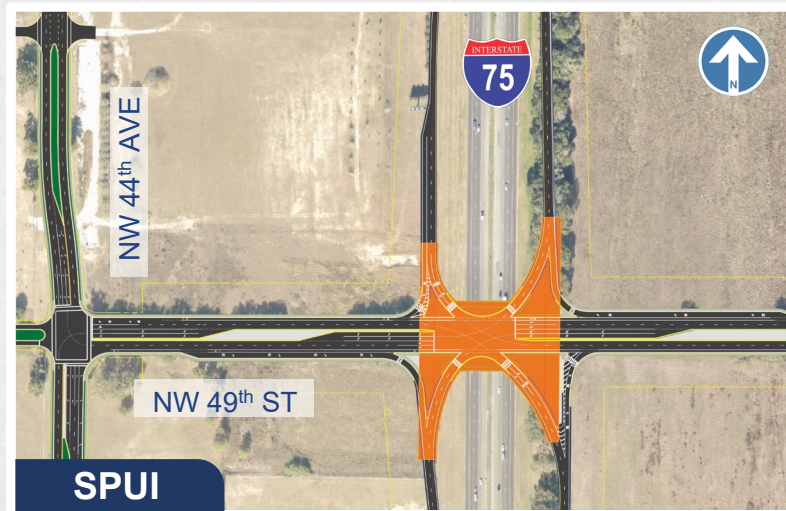
- Extension of NW 35<sup>th</sup> Street to Phase 2C
- Currently in final design by Marion County

- Proposed: Interchange Location
- ▨ Ocala 489 Commerce Park
- ▨ Magnum Materials
- ▨ Baldwin Angus Ranch





# INTERCHANGE ALTERNATIVES





# ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION

	NO BUILD	DIAMOND	SPUI	DDI	PARCLO SE	PARCLO NE
DESCRIPTION	No improvements	New interchange	New interchange	New interchange	New interchange	New interchange
PLANNING CONSISTENCY						
CONSISTENCY WITH LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT						
NUMBER OF PARCELS AFFECTED	0	26	24	26	26	26
RELOCATION POTENTIAL	0	1	1	1	1	1
RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPACTS	0	94 acres	60 acres	83 acres	89 acres	95 acres
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT						
POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED SITES	0	4	4	4	4	4
AIR QUALITY	Worse where there is increased congestion	Better air quality due to less congestion	Better air quality due to less congestion	Better air quality due to less congestion	Better air quality due to less congestion	Better air quality due to less congestion
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT						
APPROXIMATE WETLAND IMPACTS	0	0	0	0	0	Wet prairies - 0.60 acres
FLOODPLAIN IMPACTS	0	7 acres	2 acres	1.5 acres	2 acres	15 acres
IMPACTS TO POTENTIAL SAND SKINK HABITAT*	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FARMLAND OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE (NRCS)	0	53 acres	35 acres	45 acres	64 acres	37 acres
ENGINEERING ISSUES						
LEVEL OF SERVICE - I-75 SB / NB RAMPS	-	C / C	D / D	B / B	C / B	C / A
- NW 44 AVE/NW 49 ST	-	C	C	C	C	C
BIKE / PEDESTRIAN / ADA	No Improvements	Bike lanes and Sidewalks proposed	Bike lanes and Sidewalks proposed	Bike lanes and Sidewalks proposed	Bike lanes and Sidewalks proposed	Bike lanes and Sidewalks proposed
EMERGENCY EVACUATION	Potentially worse due to no interchange	Improved with additional access	Improved with additional access	Improved with additional access	Improved with additional access	Improved with additional access
COST						
ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST (EXCLUDES PONDS)	0	\$36.52 Million	\$54.0 Million	\$35.7 Million	\$36.5 Million	\$35.8 Million

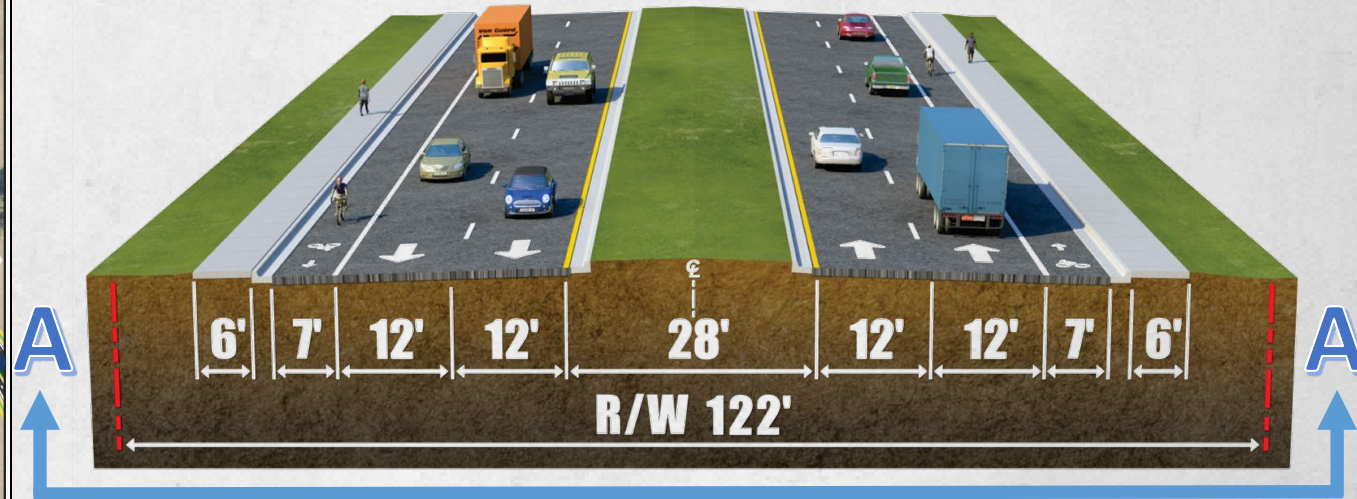
\*Note: Potential sand skink habitat was originally determined using three parameters (county, soils, elevations). Field assessments and coordination with USFWS determined that sand skink presence was unlikely, so no impacts are anticipated.



# PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

## ▪ Diverging Diamond Interchange

- Two directions of traffic crossover to the opposite side at the on/off ramps
- Advantage – avoids long left turns, facilitating operational maneuvers and increasing safety

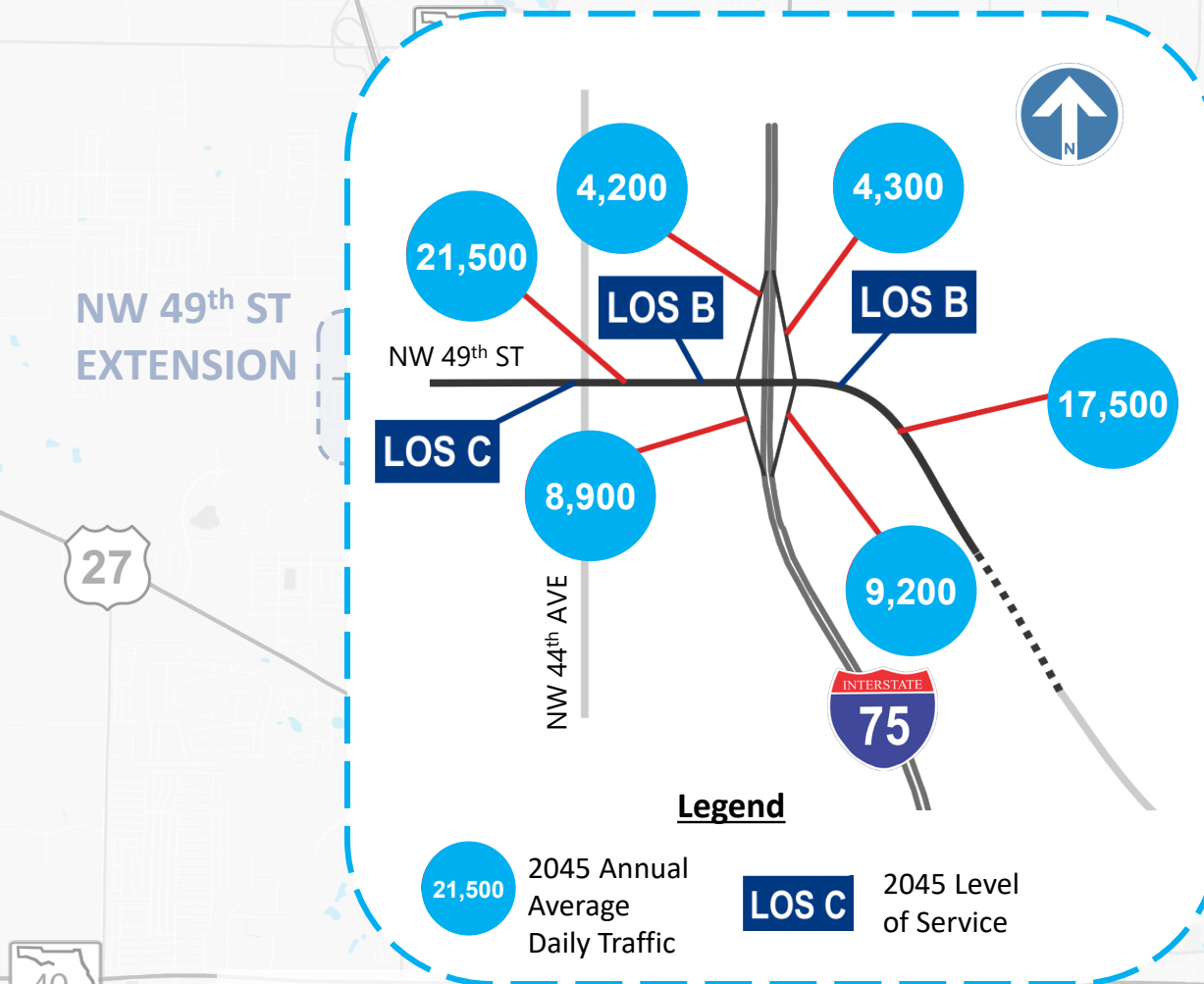


**NW 49<sup>TH</sup> STREET**





# INTERCHANGE JUSTIFICATION REPORT



- New interchange will attract approximately 26,500 vehicles per day
- New interchange will operate at acceptable Level of Service (LOS)

# ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

A Categorical Exclusion Type II Report (environmental summary report) was prepared and is available for review.

*No significant environmental impacts are anticipated as a result of this project*



No adverse effects anticipated  
to protected species



No wetland impacts anticipated



No noise impacts anticipated

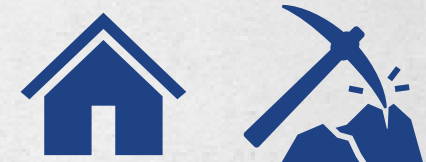


No anticipated significant impacts  
to potentially contaminated sites



Sociocultural

No disproportionate impacts anticipated  
Mobility, access and economy are  
anticipated to be enhanced



Cultural Resources

No historic and archaeological  
resources identified

# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- Ocala / Marion County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Presentations
- Ocala 2035 Leadership
- West Ocala Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)
- Alternatives Public Meeting
- Public Hearing – November 18, 2020

## ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC MEETING



February 06, 2019



## PROJECT WEBSITE



[www.cflroads.com/project/435209-1](http://www.cflroads.com/project/435209-1)

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### 435209-1 I-75 at NW 49 St. Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

[Map](#)
[Satellite](#)

**Project Details**

Work Type: PD&E Study

Phase: PD&E

County: Marion

Road: I-75

[Send a comment or ask a question about this project](#)

**Contact Information**

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Last Updated: 09/05/2020

**About**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Five has begun a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for a new Interstate 75 (I-75) interchange at NW 49th/35th Street in Marion County. The Marion County Comprehensive Plan outlines a vision to enhance the livability of its residents and promote economic growth in the region. Thus, the county has designated land adjacent to I-75 as a future commerce park, including the Ocala 405 Commerce Park. Development in this area will result in traffic volume increases along I-75 and the entire local roadway network. A new I-75 interchange at NW 49th Street (approximately midway between the two existing interchanges) and extension of NW 49 Street from NW 44 Avenue to NW 35 Avenue is vital to avoid future congestion at the existing interchanges, "traffic stress" and undesirable safety conditions along the local street network.

The PD&E Study is evaluating preliminary engineering and environmentally feasible solutions. In order to address the needs of this project including: promote economic viability and job creation, improve interstate and regional mobility, address locally supported long term regional needs, and accommodate future traffic growth. The approach to this study will be to thoroughly assess the capacity, safety, mobility and community needs of the corridor, develop alternatives to address those needs, and evaluate them according to regulatory agency requirements and community values.

What is a PD&E Study? This study is currently in the second phase of the project development process which is known as the Project Development and Environment, or PD&E, phase. The PD&E phase generally involves three components: developing and evaluating engineering alternatives, determining the impacts those alternatives will have on the social, natural, physical and cultural environments, and obtaining public input and consensus. The PD&E study entails the preparation of all preliminary engineering and environmental documentation and all additional environmental documents.

FDOT started a public involvement program in July 2017 as a part of this PD&E Study. The program will continue throughout the project. This process is designed to promote public input in the development of alternatives by actively encouraging and facilitating the participation of the general public, citizen groups, interest groups, elected and appointed officials, environmental resource agencies, and other stakeholders. Opportunities to comment include communicating with project staff and attending public meetings. FDOT is required to comply with various non-discrimination laws and regulations, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

**Project Files**

- [2019-02-06 I-75 Project Location Map](#)
- [2019-02-06 PARCLO SE Interchange Alternative](#)
- [2019-02-06 PARCLO NE Interchange Alternative](#)
- [2019-02-06 Matrix](#)
- [2019-02-06 Typical Section Board](#)
- [2019-02-06 SPUR Interchange Alternative](#)
- [2019-02-06 Diamond Interchange Alternative](#)
- [2019-02-06 Env Features](#)
- [2017-07 Location Map](#)
- [2019-02-06 Public Meeting Presentation](#)

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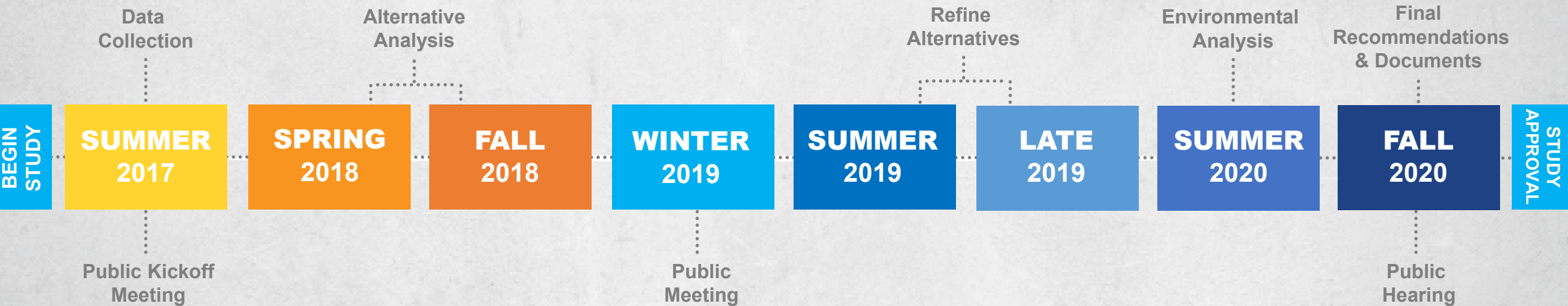
# PUBLIC HEARING

During hearing		After hearing	
WEBINAR	IN PERSON	1. Amy.Windom@dot.state.fl.us	
		2. 719 S. Woodland Boulevard DeLand, FL 32720	
Typed comment or request to speak via <b>questions pane</b>	Verbally or directly to the <b>Court Reporter</b>	3. (386) 943-5074	

- Purpose is to share information with the general public about the proposed improvement, its conceptual design, all alternatives under study, and the potential benefit and adverse social, economic, and environmental impacts upon the community.
- Serves as an official forum providing an opportunity for members of the public to express their opinions regarding the project.
- Written or verbal comments received are part of the public record for the hearing and FDOT provides written responses.

# NEXT STEPS

## PUBLIC HEARING AND LOCATION DESIGN CONCEPT ACCEPTANCE



# THANK YOU

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**TO: TPO Board Members**

**FROM: Amanda Tart, Marion County Human Resources Director**

**RE: TPO Staff 2020 Increases**

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As part of the TPO's Staff Services Agreement with Marion County, the TPO Director works with the Human Resources Department to conduct annual performance evaluations of TPO staff, following rules and procedures in the County's Employee Handbook.

This has been a very difficult year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and as such, it has been a very challenging budget year for Marion County. The Board of County Commissioners recognizes the hard work and dedication of our employees and made giving a pay increase a priority in the preparation of this year's budget.

For Fiscal Year/2021, the Marion County Board of County Commissioners approved a 2% across the board increase with an effective date of October 10, 2020. This increase will replace the merit increase program for this fiscal year; however, evaluation will still be completed for employees on their anniversary dates.

The Human Resources Director is recommending the employees of the Ocala Marion TPO receive the same 2% across the board increase as all other Marion County Board of County Commissioner employees.





**TPO Board Meeting**

Marion County Commission Auditorium and via WebEx  
601 SE 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471  
September 22, 2020  
4:00 PM

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Councilman Ire Bethea  
Commissioner Kathy Bryant  
Commissioner Jeff Gold, Chair  
Mayor Kent Guinn  
Councilwoman Valerie Hanchar (*joined via WebEx 4:10pm*)  
Commissioner David Moore  
Commissioner Michelle Stone  
Commissioner Carl Zalak (*arrived at 4:12pm*)

**Members Not Present:**

Councilman Justin Grabelle  
Commissioner Ronald Livsey  
Councilman Brent Malever  
Councilman Jay Musleh

**Others Present:**

Rob Balmes, TPO  
Derrick Harris, TPO  
Liz Mitchell, TPO  
Anton Schauerte, TPO  
Anna Taylor, FDOT  
Doug Shearer  
Elton Holland, Marion County

### **Item 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Gold called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

### **Item 2. Roll Call**

Shakayla Irby, Administrative Assistant called the roll and a quorum was not present. At 4:12pm a quorum was present with the joining of Councilwoman Hanchar and Commissioner Carl Zalak.

### **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 August 18, 2020. The meeting was also published to the TPO's Facebook and Twitter pages on August 18, 2020.

### **Item 4a. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Draft Cost Feasible Plan**

Mr. Derrick Harris, TPO, provided a presentation of the Draft Cost Feasible Plan. The TPO spent the majority of the summer inquiring from the public about what projects and/or improvements were needed on transportation facilities as part of the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. The transportation needs were taken and analyzed against the available revenues. The list had come out of the analysis and was known as the Cost Feasible Plan (CFP).

The CFP was essentially the heart of the LRTP, as it lists which projects in the area could reasonably be funded over the life of the plan, and which revenue source would be available to fund those projects.

There were three (3) main parts to the CFP and they followed:

- **Boxed funds** – This category allows the TPO to group similar projects like ITS, Corridor Studies, and Multimodal projects, which wouldn't otherwise be cost feasible as an all-inclusive list, but allows us to ensure the group of projects can be submitted for any potential funding or grants that may be available in the future. This is essentially a workaround to ensure all of these projects can be eligible for funding. Otherwise, we would have to demonstrate cost feasibility for each individual project, therefore eliminating a great majority of these projects from being eligible for federal funding.
- **Federal/State** – This category is exactly as the title implies, projects which are either on a US/State corridor or are being funded with federal/state funds. One important point with this category, only 15% can be utilized on non-state highway system corridors. Therefore, a majority of these projects must be on the state highway system to be eligible for this category of funding. Please note: this 15% of funding doesn't take into consideration the boxed funds category. Therefore, any project submitted from the boxed funds category as a part of the TPO's List of Priority Projects (LOPP) annual process, will reduce what will be available from the non-state highway system projects on this list.
- **Local** – Again, this category is exactly as the title implies, projects which are local in nature or are not a part of the state highway system, and are being funded with local revenue. This category is not actually a part of the CFP, but are included for illustrative purposes only. Projects on this list are being funded with both gas tax revenue and impact fees at the county level. When analyzing the local revenue TPO staff and our consultant

didn't analyze any local municipal revenue for either impact fees or gas tax revenue, only at a county level. Therefore, we have defaulted to the Marion County Office of the County Engineer to help ensure we are accurately reflecting their needs.

This CFP was first presented to the LRTP Steering Committee in August and staff had made revisions based on feedback received from the committee. On September 15<sup>th</sup> staff presented the CFP as a DRAFT to both the Technical and Citizen Advisory Committees (TAC & CAC), where it was approved by both committees. The CFP document and a further detailed breakdown of the boxed funds projects were provided to the board.

Mr. Zalak asked if the upgrades to the I-75 interchange at Country Road 484 had been funded.

Ms. Tracey Straub, Marion County Engineer said that conversations were had with FDOT and that the Interchange was funded for July 2021.

Mr. Zalak asked for Mr. Balmes to make sure he knew what projects were to be completed within the next 24 months.

Mr. Harris said that he would provide a list to Mr. Zalak with a list of funded and unfunded projects.

Ms. Stone asked about progress of the Bartram Bike Trail in McIntosh.

Mr. Harris said there was some discussions about a year ago with the town manager of McIntosh and also Alachua County about connecting trails to the county line and Alachua County could try and connect to the Hawthorne Trail to connect Gainesville and Ocala. The project is in the boxed funds for multimodal and DOT could consider the project.

#### **Item 4b. Fiscal Year 2020/21 TPO Budget Status Update**

Ms. Liz Mitchell, TPO, provided the TPO financial updates the TPO Board to ensure they remain informed of funding status and the financial outlook throughout the year. At the time, staff had been given authorization for the first quarter only on the PL funds. Staff would receive authorization for the remaining three quarters in October.

A summary of the TPO funding through the end of the first quarter for the fiscal year 20/21 and an estimate of second quarter expenses was presented to the board.

#### **Item 5a. Fiscal Years 2020/21 to 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) "Roll Forward" Amendment**

Mr. Anton Schauerte, TPO, presented and said when the TPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Work Program become adopted in July, there were cases in which some projects were not yet authorized. The projects, in addition to funding changes within other projects, "roll forward" automatically into the Work Program, but not in the TPO's TIP. Therefore, there was a need each year to reconcile the two documents.

Mr. Schauerte noted the following the most notable project-specific changes, including funding.

**4271882** - SUNTRAN/OCALA/MARION URBAN CAPITAL FIXED ROUTE FTA  
SECTION 5307-2009 –  
*Additional \$14.6M*

**(No change in Total Project cost)**

**4106742** – SR 40 FROM END OF 4 LANES TO EAST OF CR 314 –  
*Additional \$2.1M*

**(Total Project cost increased by \$298,000 to a grand total of \$178,530,840)**

**4336511** – CR 484 FROM SW 20TH AVENUE TO CR 475A –  
*Additional \$1.28M*

**(Total Project increased by \$10,000 to a grand total of \$17,463,874)**

**4333041** - MARION-BLOCK GRANT OPERATING ASSIST FOR FIXED ROUTE  
SERVICE

*Additional \$811K*

**(No change in Total Project cost)**

**4370171**- MARION-OCALA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DRAINAGE  
IMPROVEMENTS –  
*Additional \$562K*

**(Total Project reduced by \$536k to a grand total of \$1.0M)**

**4384301** - MARION-MARION CO AIRPORT HANGAR –  
*Additional 450K*

**(No change in Total Project cost)**

**4453771** - MARION Ocala SECTION 5339 SMALL URBAN CAPITAL  
*Additional \$351K*

**(Project not listed in FY20-25 TIP)**

**4392381** - SR 25/500/US441/ FROM SR 35/SE BASELINE RD TO SR 200/SW 10TH  
STREET (Resurfacing)  
*Additional \$279K*

**(Project not listed in FY20-25 TIP)**

**4336601** – US 441 @ SR 464 (Traffic Ops Improvement) –  
*Additional \$249K*

**(No change in Total Project cost)**

**4384281** - MARION AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS –  
*Additional \$233K*

**(Project not listed in FY20-25 TIP)**

**4413661**- SR 40 FROM SW 27TH AVE TO MLK JR. AVE (Safety Project)  
*Additional \$195K*

**(Total Project increased by \$182K to a grand total of \$1,187,130)**

**4261791** - SILVER SPRINGS STATE PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES –  
*Additional \$157K*

**(No change in Total Project cost)**

**4373441** – SR 200/SW COLLEGE ROAD FROM E OF SW 60TH AVE TO E OF SW 38TH COURT (Resurfacing) –  
*Additional \$124K*

**(Project not listed in FY20-25 TIP)**

*Commissioner Carl Zalak made a motion to approve the Fiscal Years 2020/21 to 2024/25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) “Roll Forward” Amendment. Commissioner David Moore seconded, and a roll-call vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.*

**Item 5b. Fiscal Years 2020/2021 to 2021/2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment**

Mr. Rob Balmes presented that the TPO was proposing an amendment to the UPWP incorporating recent changes to the annual Cost Allocation to Marion County, the two-year PL budget Close-Out process and other miscellaneous adjustments. The following changes were highlighted

**Cost Allocation to Marion County**

As part of the Staff Services Agreement between the TPO and Marion County, the TPO provides a Cost Allocation, which is paid monthly to the Marion County Clerk of the Court.

On an annual basis, the Clerk of the Court determines the Cost Allocation amount the TPO shall pay for the upcoming fiscal year (FY). In FY 2020, the TPO was responsible for a payment amount of \$51,095. For FY 2021, the TPO’s Cost Allocation has been changed to \$46,026 (attached). The time period for the revised Cost Allocation is from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Since the TPO’s fiscal year is from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, a pro-rated Cost Allocation amount was calculated and is reflected in the proposed budget tables. The additional \$3,801 of funding available will be applied to tasks summarized below. Changes were made only to Year 1 of the UPWP, since the Cost Allocation will be revised again in July 2021.

\$51,095 prior Cost Allocation (FY 20)

\$46,026 new Cost Allocation (FY 21)

**\$47,294** Pro-rated Cost Allocation to match TPO Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30)

**\$3,801 UPWP Budget Balance** (Proposed changes below)

\$3,165 (PL) moved to Task 7 Special Projects, Consultant Placeholder

\$484 (5305d) moved to Task 6 Public Involvement, Website

\$152 (TD) moved to Task 1 Administration, Advertising for TDLCB meetings

**Other Modifications**

To further support meetings and public notices for the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordination Board (TDLCB), \$484 of funds are proposed to be moved from Task 6 Website to Task 1 Advertising. In addition, the total grant contract amount for TD changed from \$26,821 to \$26,738 (-\$83).

Based on task work planned for additional staff hours devoted to traffic and safety analysis and mapping in FY 2020/21, a total of \$10,000 in salaries and benefits is proposed to be moved from Task 1 Administration to Task 2 Data Collection.

### **Year Two Changes: Close-Out of FHWA PL Funds**

In collaboration with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the TPO conducted a close-out process of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Planning (PL) funds for Fiscal Year 2019/2020. This period covers year two of the Fiscal Years (FY) 2018/2019 to 2019/2020 UPWP. Based on the close-out process, a total balance of **\$16,889** of PL funds is available. Attached is a Close-Out Confirmation Form from FDOT documenting the amount of funds.

In accordance with U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R. 200.343), FHWA funds obligated and unexpended in a prior year UPWP must be closed out within 90 days of the termination of the grant. In coordination with FDOT, the balance of \$16,889 has been closed out and the funds will be available in year two of the current FY 2020/2021 to

2021/2022 UPWP, starting July 1, 2021. These funds are proposed to be applied to Task 7 Special Projects (Consultant Placeholder) in Year 2 for future potential planning tasks.

**\$16,889 Balance** (to Year 2 Task 7)

**Year 2 Prior PL Allocation: \$494,973**

**Year 2 Revised PL Allocation: \$511,862**

Commissioner David Moore made a motion to approve Fiscal Years 2020/2021 to 2021/2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment. Commissioner Michelle Stone seconded, a roll-call vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 5c. Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priority List**

Mr. Balmes presented and said that in collaboration with the Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA), the TPO had plans to submit an updated list of regionally significant transportation priority projects in October that could qualify for Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) grant funding. TPO staff discussed potential projects with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on September 15, 2020, and recommends the following:

- Marion Oaks Manor Extension: Overpass Flyover at I-75
- CR 484: SW 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue to SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Road Widening to 6 lanes

As background, the purpose of TRIP was to encourage partnerships for transportation projects that are regionally significant. TRIP funds would be awarded by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and used to match local or regional funds up to 50% of the total project costs. The TRIP served as a matching program to leverage investments in projects with substantial local/regional commitment.

In 2019, the TPO submitted one project for submission to the CFMPOA TRIP Priority list. The project was the NW 49<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange at I-75. Due to the significant local matching funds by Marion County and demonstrated commitment, FDOT awarded \$4.7 million in

TRIP funding to this project, scheduled for construction in Fiscal Year 2024/2025. Overall, successful TRIP projects demonstrated and/or required the following:

- Regional collaboration (three or more counties, multiple MPO's)
- Local funding commitment
- Committed state/local matching funds 50% or greater for project
- Supports and provides connectivity the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)
- Supports movement of goods in rural areas
- Supports economic development in the region
- Identified as major priority in local plans

Mr. Zalak talked about the Marion Oaks overpass and figuring out spacing with the new businesses planned to be there would be beneficial.

Ms. Bryant said that one of the things being look at was a possible Interchange at 470 and I-75.

Mr. Zalak said it made since to explore an Interchange if a Flyover was being paid for.

Mr. Zalak wanted to add the text Flyover or Interchange to the project. Mr. Balmes confirmed the list would be updated to include the change when submission of the list to the Central Florida MPO Alliance.

Ms. Bryant said that an Interchange would be a different look from an Overpass and would like to have further discussion.

The TPO Board requested removal of the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange project from the LRTP.

Mr. Balmes said there were some comments from the Pedro community in opposition for the flyover project.

Commissioner Carl Zalak made a motion to approve the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Priority List. Commissioner Kathy Bryant seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Item 6. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Michelle Stone made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner David Moore seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

## **Item 7. Comments by FDOT**

Ms. Anna Taylor said the construction report was provided in the meeting packet. There would be a cut in allocations. FDOT would keep the TPO and board posted on impacts.



### **Item 8. Comments by TPO Staff**

Mr. Balmes provided the following updates

- The Office of Inspector General Audit is in the data collection phase of the audit
- The FAST Act expired in eight (8) days and could be a one year extension
- The TPO had been continuing to work on Fact Sheets about the TPO for public information

Mr. Harris said gave an update on the description to the County Road 484 project.

### **Item 9. Comments by TPO Members**

Councilwoman Valerie Hanchar highlighted the M-Cores Northern Turnpike Task Force meeting. Commissioner Kathy Bryant pushed on points to keep the project out of Marion County.

Mr. Moore thanked both Councilwoman Hanchar and Commissioner Bryant on their representation of Marion County.

Ms. Stone asked for GIS layers to view maps for the upcoming Cost Feasible plan.

### **Item 10. Public Comment**

Douglas Shearer, Marion County resident, provided public comment. He emphasized removing the four laning of CR 475A from 95<sup>th</sup> to 49<sup>th</sup> to the interstate and also four laning from the interstate to CR 475A.

Michelle Shearer, Marion County resident, also provided public comment. She commended the board for taking off the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange. She also asked that the board remove projects 475A four-laning and SW 95<sup>th</sup> from 60<sup>th</sup> Ave to I-75.

### **Item 11. Adjournment**

Chairman Gold adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm.

TPO Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2020  
Approved –

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Shakayla Irby, Administrative Assistant



**TO: TPO Board Members**

**RE: Director Travel Approval**

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TPO Director Rob Balmes travel reimbursement request.

September 16, 2020

Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Alliance (MPOAC) Staff Directors Meeting  
Orlando, FL

Total: \$102.67

**Marion County Commission  
Authorization to Incur Travel Request  
for Travel Advance and Prepayment**

Traveler: Robert Balmes Date: September 14, 2020

Employee Number: 11612 Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Destination: Orlando, FL

Purpose: Attend the MPOAC Staff Directors Meeting

Date: September 16, 2020 Time: 11:30 AM of Departure

Date: September 16, 2020 Time: 4:00 PM of Return

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION***(Attach Registration Form)*

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Check Payable To: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration Check To: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: Florida Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: ☐ Mail Registration Check ☐ Traveler to Carry Registration Check ☐ P-Card Purchase

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: Florida Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: ☐ Mail Hotel Check ☐ Traveler to Carry Hotel Check ☐ P-Card Purchase

**TRAVELER'S COST OF TRAVEL**

Meals: B \_\_\_\_\_ Per Day x \$6.00  
 L \_\_\_\_\_ Per Day x \$11.00  
 D \_\_\_\_\_ Per Day x \$19.00 Days = \$0.00

County Vehicle Requested? YES ☐ NO ☒ (Gas Card Available)

Mileage Private Vehicle: 166 Miles @ \$ 0.58 95.45 ~~\$96.28~~

Traveler's Total Estimated Expenses \$95.45 ~~\$96.28~~

Travel Advance Check Requested? YES ☐ NO ☒

Requested Amount of Travel Advance (80% of total estimated expenses) \$0.00

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION FOR ADMINISTRATION****ESTIMATED COST OF TRAVEL**

Registration \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging \_\_\_\_\_

Traveler's Estimated Cost ~~\$96.28~~ \$95.45

**Total Estimated Cost of Travel** ~~\$96.28~~ \$95.45

TRAVELERS SIGNATURE: [Signature]

DATE: 9/14/20

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Upon return from travel, employees must file Form T-1 including receipts within 5 work days.*

APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant County Administrator

APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Procurement Services

APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

County Administrator



# The Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council

*Commissioner Nick Maddox*  
*Chair*

## **MPOAC Staff Directors' Meeting**

**Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020**

**Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Location: The Hilton Orlando**  
**6001 Destination Parkway, Orlando, FL 32819**

**Lois Bollenback, Presiding**

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- 1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Approval of Minutes: January 30, 2020 Meeting**
- 3. Public Comments (non-agenda items)**
- 4. Agency Reports**
  - A. Florida Department of Transportation**
  - B. Federal Highway Administration**
- 5. Business Items & Presentations**
  - A. Approval of MPOAC's Final UPWP**
  - B. Approve Change to MPOAC Bylaws**
  - C. Legislative Policy Positions**
  - D. MPOAC Meeting Date Methodology**
- 6. Member Comments**
- 7. Adjournment**

**Any person who desires or decides to appeal any decision made by this Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings. For such purposes, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which record includes testimony and evidence upon which appeal is to be based.**

**The needs of hearing or visually impaired persons shall be met by contacting the Council sponsoring such meeting at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact John Waldron at (850) 414-4037 or by email to [John.Waldron@mpoac.org](mailto:John.Waldron@mpoac.org).**



# CONTRACTOR TRAVEL FORM

<b>Contractor</b>	<u>Robert Balmes</u>	<b>Contract or PO #</b>	<u>                    </u>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Company</b>	<u>Ocala/Marion TPO</u>	<b>Company's Address</b>	<u>121 SE Watula Avenue</u>	<b>Telephone No.</b>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Residence (City)</b>	<u>Ocala, Florida</u>		<u>                    </u>	<b>E-Mail Address</b>	<u>                    </u>

DATE	TRAVEL PERFORMED FROM POINT OF ORIGIN TO DESTINATION	PURPOSE OR REASON FOR TRAVEL (NAME OF CONFERENCE OR CONVENTION)	HOUR OF DEPARTURE and RETURN	CLASS A & B MEAL ALLOWANCE	PER DIEM/ ACTUAL LODGING	MAP MILEAGE	VICINITY MILEAGE	INCIDENTAL EXPENSES	
								AMOUNT	TYPE
9/16/2020	Ocala to Orlando	MPOAC Directors Meeting	11:30 AM			83		\$3.74	Tolls
9/16/2020	Orlando to Ocala	MPOAC Directors Meeting	4:00 PM			83		\$3.48	Tolls
SIGNATURES									SUMMARY TOTAL
I hereby certify or affirm that the above expenses were actually incurred by me as necessary traveling expenses in the performance of my official duties; attendance at a conference or convention was directly related to my official duties of the agency or contract/PO; any meals or lodging included in a registration fee have been deducted from this travel claim; and that this claim is true and correct in every material matter and conforms in every respect with the requirements of Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, Chapter 69I-42 F.A.C., Department of Banking and Finance Bureau of Auditing Handbook, Department of Transportation Disbursement Handbook and the terms of the contract.									COLUMN TOTAL
									COLUMN TOTAL
									X @ \$ 0.45 166 \$73.87
									\$7.22 543. \$81.09 \$102067.00

CONTRACTOR: John L. L...  
JOB TITLE: TBO PIVE 6407  
DATE: 9/21/20

Pursuant to Section (3)(a), Florida Statutes and the terms of the Contract, I hereby certify or affirm that to the best of my knowledge the above consultant was on official business for the State of Florida and the travel was performed for the purpose(s) stated above.

CONTRACTOR'S SUPERVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TYPED or printed NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructions for Completing the Contractor Travel Form

**Contractor:** Name of the individual who performed travel.

**Contract or PO No.:** Number of the contract or Purchase Order on which work was performed.

**Company:** The consultant's company.

**Company's Address:** City where the consultant's company is located.

**Residence (City):** City where the consultant resides.

**Contact Person:** Person to notify for inquiries related to the travel voucher.

**Telephone No:** The telephone number of the contact person.

**E-Mail Address:** E-Mail address of the contact person.

**Date:** (MM/DD/YYYY) Dates of actual travel.

**Travel Performed From Point of Origin to Destination:** Departing location to the city or town of where business will commence. List each location. NO ABBREVIATIONS.

**Purpose or Reason for Travel:** Give reason for travel. Specify name of conference, convention, seminar, training, etc. NO ABBREVIATIONS and NO ACRONYMS

**Hour of Departure and Return:** Actual time of departure and return. Must state A.M or P.M

**Class A & B Meal Allowance:** Itemize daily using the appropriate meal allowance: \$6 for breakfast, \$11 for lunch, and \$19 dinner per F.S. 112.061. Deduct any meals included in a registration fee paid by DOT.

**Per Diem/Actual Lodging:** Itemize daily. For per diem use the rate of \$80 per day prorated on a quarterly basis. When calculating per diem Class A travel day starts at midnight and Class B travel day begins at the time of departure. For actual lodging use single occupancy rate including taxes.

**Map Mileage:** Point to point mileage calculated from the Official Department of Transportation map (in-state) available on the Internet at <http://www3.dot.state.fl.us/mileage>.

**Vicinity Mileage:** Mileage other than map mileage incurred within headquarters or destination.

**Incidental Expenses:** List the amount and the type of charge being charged (do not itemize daily).

**Column Total:** Total cost for class A & B meal allowance.

**Column Total:** Total cost for Per Diem/Actual Lodging.

**Total Miles:** Total of map and vicinity mileage at \$0.445 per mile.

**Column Total:** Total cost of incidental expenses.

**Summary Total:** Total cost to the Department of Transportation.

**Contractor:** Individual who performed the travel.

**Date:** Date the travel form was prepared.

**Job Title:** Job title of the traveler.

**Contractor's Supervisor:** Traveler's supervisor.

**Date:** Date the authorized official approved/signed the travel form.

**Typed or Printed Name:** Typed or printed name of the authorized official.

**Title:** Job title of the authorized official.

**Justification/Explanation:** Explain any unusual claims for reimbursement.

**Other Personnel in Party:** List the names of other personnel traveling with you.

### Meal Allowances and Travel Status are as follows:

Refer to Disbursement Handbook, Section 112.061, F.S. and Chapter 69I-42 F.A.C. and Department of Financial Services for complete instructions.

**CLASS A TRAVEL STATUS -** Continuous travel of 24 hours or more away from official headquarters.

**CLASS B TRAVEL STATUS -** Continuous travel of less than 24 hours requiring overnight absence from official headquarters.

### MAXIMUM ALLOWANCES FOR MEALS AS FOLLOWS:

**BREAKFAST** \$6.00 - When travel begins *before* 6 a.m. and extends *beyond* 8 a.m.

**LUNCH** \$11.00 - When travel *begins* before 12 noon and extends *beyond* 2 p.m.

**DINNER** \$19.00 - When travel *begins* before 6 p.m. and extends *beyond* 8 p.m., or when travel occurs during nighttime hours due to special assignment.

(NOTE: No allowance shall be made for meals when travel is confined to the city or town of official headquarters or immediate vicinity.)

Form T1


PAYEE: Robert Balmes

MARION COUNTY

VOUCHER FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVELING EXPENSES

EMPLOYEE ID #: 11612

ACCOUNT CODE: BR408549-540101

Date	Travel Performed From Point of Origin To Destination	Purpose or Reason (Name of Conference)	Hour of Departure and Hour of Return	Meals	Map Mileage Claimed	Vicinity Mileage Claimed	Incidental Expenses	
							Amount	Type
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I certify or affirm that the above expenses were actually incurred by me as necessary traveling expenses in the performance of my official duties; attendance at a conference or convention was directly related to official duties of Marion County; any meals or lodging included in a conference or convention registration fee have been deducted from this travel claim; and that this claim is true and correct in every material matter and same conforms in every respect with the requirement of Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, and Marion County Travel Policy.				<div> <div>166</div> <div># Miles</div> </div>	<div> <div>0.58</div> <div>@ Per Mile</div> </div>	<div> <div>TOTAL</div> <div>\$102.67</div> <div>\$103.50</div> </div>		
Payee Signature: 				Less Advance Received.				
Date Prepared: 9/21/20				Less Class "C" Travel Meals.				
Pursuant to Section 112.061(3)(a), Florida Statutes, I hereby certify or affirm that to the best of my knowledge, the above travel was on official business of Marion County and was performed for the purposed(s) stated above.				<b>Net Amount Due</b>				
Department Head Signature: _____				Travel Advance				
Date Signed: _____				Check # _____				
Administration Approved By: _____				Check Date _____				
Date Signed: _____				Title: _____				
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# FDOT Ocala Construction Update

October, 2020

## Current Projects

### **Addition of turn lanes at State Road 200/I-75 interchange and resurfacing from Southwest 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Southwest 38<sup>th</sup> Court (FDOT Financial Information Number 435659/437344)**

Update: Major construction completed. Contractor is doing median work, including landscaping. Final course of asphalt and striping work is underway. Projected completion is the middle of November.

### **Reconstruction of northbound and southbound Wildwood weigh stations (FDOT Financial Information Number 440311-1)**

Update: The contractor is pouring concrete throughout the length of the project. Projected completion remains early 2021. The northbound weigh station is open.

### **ITS Florida Regional Advanced Mobility Elements (FRAME) (FDOT Financial Information Number 440900-1)**

Update: Working along I 75 and SR 301 doing conduit tie-ins and pull boxes. Projected completion remains April 2021

### **Widen Northeast 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue to four lanes and construction of bridges over CSX rail line (FDOT Financial Information Number 431798-3)**

Update: Traffic shifted to the new bridge on Thursday, Oct. 15. Simultaneously, the next phase of construction began with detours on Northeast 21<sup>st</sup> and Northeast 24<sup>th</sup> streets. Work is on schedule and the completion date remains May 2021

### **Add turning lanes at State Road 326 and County Road 25A (FDOT Financial Information Number 435660-2)**

Update: The contractor ran into a conflict with utilities that has slowed the pace of construction. Work is now accelerating again. Projected completion is expected to be mid November.

### **U.S. 441 bridge rehabilitation (FDOT Financial Information Number 443270-1)**

Update: This project involves applying an epoxy overlay atop the two US 441 bridges that span the CSX rail lines immediately north of State Road 40 (Silver Springs Boulevard). The project commenced in mid June. Epoxy overlay is being applied now, resulting in nighttime lane closures during the weekdays. Projected is expected to be completed by the end of October.

### Upcoming Projects

#### **Resurface U.S. 441 from State Road 35 (SE Baseline Road) to State Road 200 ((FDOT financial number 439238-1)**

The purpose of this project is to resurface U.S. 441 from State Road 35 (Baseline Road in Belleview) to State Road 200 in Ocala. Additional improvements include modifications to extend left and right turn lanes at various locations, remove some of the existing on street parking, provide bicycle lanes within the right of way where possible, update and provide pedestrian features to meet current standards, and make other drainage and safety improvements, as needed. FDOT issued contractor D.A.B Constructors a notice to proceed on June 23 and work is scheduled to begin January 11.



**TO: TPO Board Members**

**FROM: Rob Balmes, Director**

**RE: New TPO Fact Sheets, Part II**

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As part of the TPO's commitment to improving outreach to the public about the transportation planning process and our core documents and programs, please find attached four additional fact sheet infographics pertaining to the 2020 Census, Transportation Funding, Safety and How Projects Become a Reality through the TPO process.

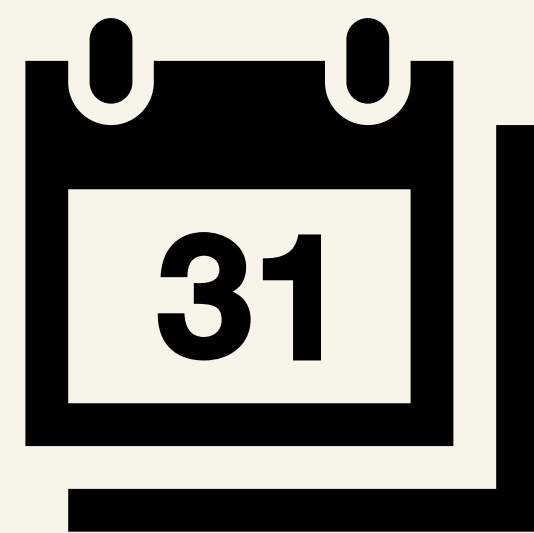
If you have any questions, please contact me at: 438-2631.



# 2020 Census & TPO's Future Status

## # 1 - What Is The U.S. Census?

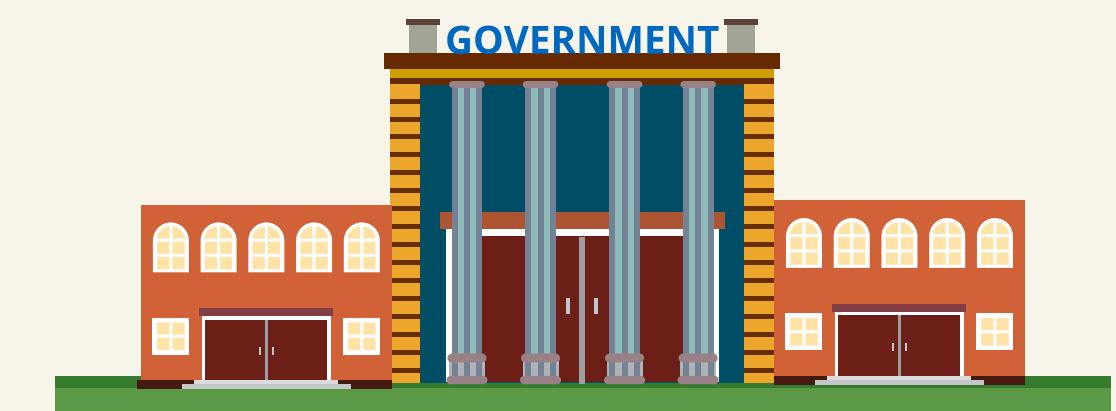
The U.S. Census is a national count of every person in the United States and five U.S territories every 10 years.



The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community.

## # 2 - Why Conduct the Census?

The results of the U.S Census determine the distribution of billions of dollars in federal funding, as well as the number of seats each state has in the U.S House of Representatives.



## # 3 - Anticipated Results of the 2020 Census

The Ocala Marion TPO is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Marion County, Florida. MPOs in urbanized areas with a population of 200,000+ are designated as Transportation Management Areas (TMAs).

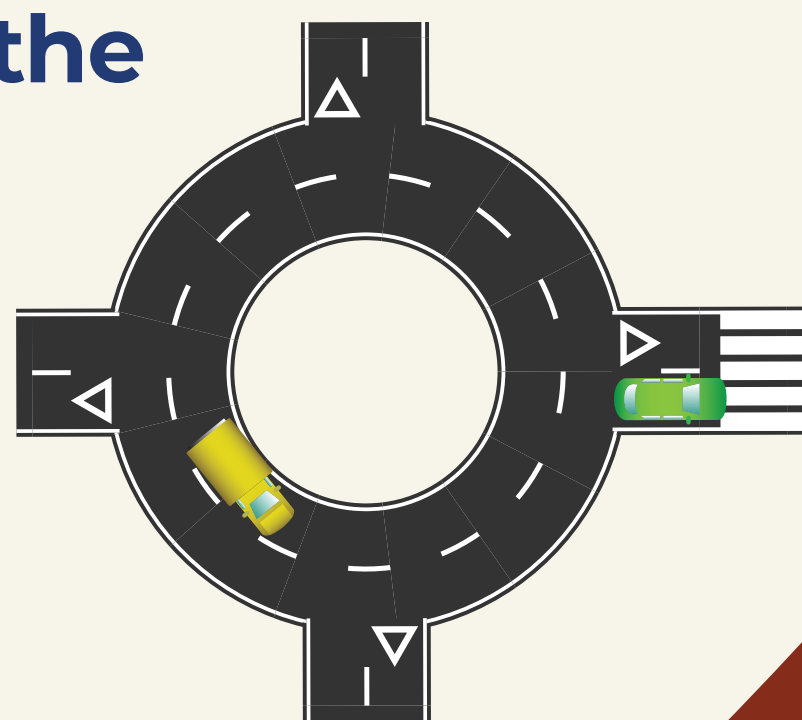


The 2020 Census results may result in the Ocala-Marion urbanized area surpassing a population of 200,000. If this occurs, the Ocala Marion TPO would become a TMA.

An MPO/TPO with TMA-status requires greater responsibilities, but also results in additional funding to support local projects. The TMA-status for the Ocala Marion TPO would also require the TPO to adopt a Congestion Management Plan (CMP).

## # 4 - Congestion Management Plan (CMP)

The CMP is a management system and process to improve traffic operations and safety through the use of either strategies that reduce travel demand or the implementation of operational improvements. The TPO is expected to complete the CMP in 2021. To learn more about the CMP, visit the TPO's website.



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# Transportation Funding 101

## An Overview of How Transportation is Funded in Marion County

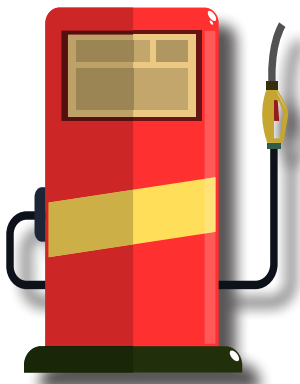
Transportation is the backbone of Marion County. Residents and visitors use transportation every day traveling to and from home, work, school, worship, healthcare, parks, shopping and many other destinations.

As taxpayers and users of transportation, how do we help fund this vital public asset?

Transportation in Marion County is funded from three major sources:

**Federal**   **State**   **Local**

... Every time you go to the pump in Marion County, you pay fuel taxes. These funds are used to invest in transportation in Marion County and Florida....



**Federal (Fuel Tax)**

Gasoline = 18.4 cents/gallon  
Diesel = 24.4 cents/gallon

**State (Fuel & Sales Tax)**

~ 26 cents/gallon

**Local (Fuel Tax)**

12 cents/gallon <sup>1</sup>

As a resident or visitor, you also contribute to transportation in Marion County by paying these other fees and taxes:

- Title & License Fees
- Rental Car Surcharge
- Marion County Penny Sales Tax<sup>2</sup>
- Transportation Impact Fees (Collected on new development to support capital improvements to transportation)
- Documentary Stamp Tax
- Vehicle Registration

Average Funding by Source per Year for Transportation in Marion County<sup>3</sup>



**Federal**  
\$33.5  
Million



**State**  
\$28.7  
Million



**Local**  
\$60  
Million

The types of transportation projects that you fund in Marion County range from....



### Future Outlook and Challenges that Lie Ahead

Federal and state fuel tax funds are becoming less stable each year due to continued growth in fuel efficient and electric and hybrid vehicles.

The federal fuel tax has not changed since 1993 and is not tied to inflation. The purchasing power of this fund has diminished by over 40%.

State transportation funds can be diverted to other non-transportation uses in Florida.

Local funds are highly beneficial to completing transportation projects in Marion County. The Penny Sales Tax will require voter approval in November 2020.

Sources of new transportation funds are being explored such as a mileage-based user fees, private-public partnerships and expansion of tolling.

1 - Florida's Transportation Tax Sources: A Primer, Office of Work Program and Budget, Florida Department of Transportation, 2020.  
2 - Your Penny at Work, Marionsalestax.org.  
3 - Ocala Marion 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, Financial Resource Projections Technical Memorandum, April 2020

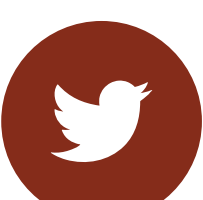
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# How Do Transportation Projects Become a Reality?

Transportation projects come in a wide variety of sizes, types, and budgets. These can range from building new roads, resurfacing current roads and bridges, to building bike trails and installing new traffic signals.

When funded with state and federal transportation dollars, projects can be completed in a few years to as long as several decades. Some of the major factors are based on complexity, public involvement, regulations, land availability and funding.

The two major steps for planning and developing transportation projects through the Ocala Marion Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) are the: **TPO Planning Process** and the **Project Development Process**.

## TPO PLANNING PROCESS

### Long Range Planning

### Short Range Planning

- “Need”:** A project is first identified as a ‘Need’ based on current community plans or programs and also by citizens, professionals and leaders or through analysis by the TPO. The project may be located on a state facility (Florida Department of Transportation), county facility (Marion) or municipal facility (Ocala, Belleview, Dunnellon) facility such as a bridge, road or trail.
- “Needs Plan”:** Once identified as a “Need”, the project must go through a careful vetting process to ensure it is supported by the community; is reflected in local plans; and is approved by elected leaders. A project is then eligible to be included in the Needs Plan of the TPO’s Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). This process happens every five years.
- Cost-Feasible:** A “Needs Plan” project is further prioritized based on available funding and if it effectively supports the vision and goals of the community. A project is then identified in the LRTP Cost-Feasible Plan, to be funded and completed within the next 5 to 25 years.

A project in the Cost-Feasible Plan is selected to be “Programmed” for completion based on priority ranking through the TPO’s annual List of Priority Projects (LOPP) and determined by FDOT.

Programming may include some and not all funding to complete the project, requiring phases over multiple years. Through this process, the project is identified in the TPO’s five-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The Project Development Process starts with planning studies and/or technical analysis and ends with a completed project.

A project identified in the TPO’s LRTP and TIP also progresses through development phases based on type, complexity, environmental and social factors, and state and federal regulations. Projects may require some or all of the following development phases.

1. Planning level study  
(e.g. corridor study)

Assess existing and potential future conditions, conduct public involvement
2. Environmental Analysis  
(e.g. Project Development and Environmental - PD&E Study)

Determine environmental, social and economic impacts
3. Engineering Analysis -

Field and technical analysis (e.g. traffic, drainage)
4. Design

Specification and detailed construction plans
5. Right-of-Way

Negotiate/purchase properties needed to construct
6. Construction

Project is built and delivered
7. Operations and Maintenance

Ongoing maintenance and management of the facility

### Notes:

The Ocala Marion TPO does not manage projects. The TPO’s primary role is to ensure local priorities are being met while following federal or state requirements. If a project is on a state facility, then FDOT usually manages the project development.

If a project is located on a county or municipal facility, a local government manages the project. The TPO manages some corridor type studies to advance projects in their respective project development phases.

### More Information:

For more information about transportation planning at the TPO, please review the following Fact Sheets at [www.OcalaMarionTPO.org](http://www.OcalaMarionTPO.org):

- Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP),
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the
- List of Priority Projects (LOPP)



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# Ocala Marion TPO

## Transportation Safety

Safety is a vital component to our lives and to how we get around Marion County, whether by car, truck, motorcycle, bus, scooter, wheelchair, foot or bike.

The benefits realized from greater safety on our transportation network translate to safer roadways and intersections, reduced fatalities and injuries, improved mobility and less stressful travel experiences.

In Marion County in 2019, there were a total of...<sup>1</sup>

**9,562** Crashes      **88** Fatalities      **433** Serious Injuries

Of the **9,562** crashes, **242** resulted in property damage<sup>2</sup> of over **\$25,000**<sup>1</sup>

### What Can We Do To Improve Safety?

**Human behavior**  
(error or poor choice)  
accounts for **94%**  
of all traffic  
crashes<sup>4</sup>

#### 1. Don't Drive Distracted



In 2019, there were 791 distracted driver crashes in Marion County. During that same year, there were over 56,000 acrosss Florida. That is equivalent to nearly one distracted driving crash for every Ocala resident <sup>5</sup>

#### 2. Don't Drive Drowsy



Driving after going more than 20 hours without sleep is the equivalent of driving with a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.08% - the U.S. legal limit <sup>6</sup>

#### 3. Obey All Speed Limits



In 2017, speeding was a contributing factor in 26% of all traffic fatalities in the U.S. <sup>7</sup>

#### 4. Wear Your Seat Belt



Among drivers and front-seat passengers, seat belts reduce the risk of death by 45% <sup>8</sup>

#### 5. Cross At Crosswalks



On average, a pedestrian was killed every 88 minutes in traffic crashes in 2017 in the U.S.

Crossing at crosswalks reduces the likelihood of being involved in a crash <sup>9</sup>

### 4 E's of Highway Safety

#### Engineering:

rumble strips, speed feedback signs and reflective signs

#### Education:

citizen advocacy groups, educators, CarFit program, WalkWise Initiative;

#### Emergency Response:

first responders, paramedics, fire, and rescue

#### Enforcement:

traffic citations, speed limit signs

### Crash and Injury Statistics<sup>3</sup> (Marion County, 2019)

#### Hit and Run

Total Crashes: **1,419**  
Total Injuries: **426**  
Total Fatalities: **4**

#### Pedestrian

Total Crashes: **159**  
Total Fatalities: **20**

#### Motorcycle

Total Crashes: **198**  
Total Fatalities: **10**

#### Bicycle

Total Crashes: **76**  
Total Fatalities: **1**

The Ocala Marion TPO and its partners work to improve safety throughout Marion County. The TPO'sTransportationImprovementProgram(TIP) includes specific investment priorities by using a project-prioritization and project-selection process that is based on the anticipated effect of reducing both fatal and serious injury crashes. The TPO also collects and analyzes crash data and trends, which is published in its Traffic Crash Report (TCR).

Other local initiatives aimed at improving safety include the Marion County Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST); Safety Through Engineering; Education and Responsibility (STEER); the Youth Bike Rodeo; CarFit; Walk Your Kids to School Day; and the Safe Routes to School program.

### Vision Zero

**Vision Zero is a goal of obtaining zero traffic fatalities and severe injuries for all users. Each year, more than 35,000 people are killed in vehicle-related crashes.**

**The significant loss of life extends beyond personal loss to deep community impacts, including: personal economic costs and emotional trauma to those suffering; and significant taxpayer spending on emergency response and long-term healthcare costs.<sup>10</sup>**

### Towards Zero Deaths in Florida (TZD)

**TZD is a data-driven strategy that focuses on improving highway safety by changing the driving culture, with the ultimate goal of no deaths on the nation's highways.**

**The TZD initiative relies on data from crashes and police stops, together with the 4 E's of Highway Safety, to determine priority areas and make changes to policies and programs<sup>11</sup>**

#### Sources:

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