



TPO Board Public Hearing

Marion County Commission Auditorium and via WebEx

601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471

October 27, 2020

4:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Councilman Ire Bethea
Commissioner Jeff Gold, Chair
Councilwoman Valerie Hanchar
Commissioner Ronald Livsey
Councilman Brent Malever
Commissioner David Moore
Commissioner Michelle Stone
Commissioner Carl Zalak (*arrived at 4:07pm*)

Members Not Present:

Commissioner Kathy Bryant
Councilman Justin Grabelle
Mayor Kent Guinn
Councilman Jay Musleh

Others Present:

Rob Balmes, TPO
Derrick Harris, TPO
Shakayla Irby, TPO
Liz Mitchell, TPO
Anton Schauerte, TPO
Anna Taylor, FDOT
Amanda Tart, Marion County
Carlos Rodriguez, FDOT

Item 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gold called the public hearing to order at 4:02pm.

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 public hearing was published to the October 19, 2020 edition of the Star Banner. The public hearing was also published online at the TPO website and the City of Ocala, Belleview and Dunnellon and Marion County meeting calendars on October 20, 2020. The public hearing was also published to the TPO's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Item 4a. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Adoption Document

Assistant Director, Derrick Harris gave a highlighted presentation of the 2045 LRTP Adoption Document to the TPO Board.

Six Goals and Objectives were presented.

Goal 1: Promote Travel Choices that are Multimodal and Accessible

Goal 2: Provide Efficient Transportation that promotes Economic Development

Goal 3: Focus on Improving Safety and Security of the Transportation System

Goal 4: Ensure the Transportation System meets the Needs of the Community

Goal 5: Protect Natural Resources and create quality places

Goal 6: Optimize and Preserve existing infrastructure

The Plan Process included public and stakeholder involvement from the TPO committees, Business stakeholders, Cities of Ocala, Belleview, and Dunnellon, Public at large, and Neighboring Lake/Sumter MPO.

Another piece of the plan process was the Needs Assessment which included the following key components:

- Performance-based analysis to implement Goals and Objectives
- Used over 20 data sources
- Evaluated over 500 roadway segments
- Overlaid datasets to determine level of need
- Applied process to projects with added elements

Transportation Revenue Forecasting was anticipated at \$758 million (not inc. SIS) in available State/Federal revenues and \$278 million in available Local revenues.

• Sales Surtax

- 1% during 2026-2045 yields \$380m in Present Day \$

• Impact Fees

- Increasing rates to 100% of recommended rates yields \$320m

Approved –

- Up to \$700 million of untapped potential from the sources only
- Projects identified in the Cost Feasible Plan for the years 2021-2025 include:
- 3 safety projects- SR 40, US 41, and SR 25
 - 3 trail projects- Pruitt, Indian Lake, and Downtown Ocala
 - 4 sidewalk projects- SR 40, Marion Oaks, Saddlewood, Legacy Elementary
 - 8 new roads/added lanes- US 441, SR 40, Emerald Road, 49th Street, 49th Ave, 90th Street
 - 9 intersection/interchange improvements- I-75, US 441, Abshier Road, CR 42, SR 40, SW 60th Ave, CR 484

Cost Feasible Plan summary included roadway capacity projects at 82%, roadway operational projects at 2%, corridor studies boxed fund 0.3%, multimodal projects boxed fund 10%, and ITS projects boxed fund 6%.

The LRTP was the foundational planning document that guides the TPO in all its projects, plans, and priorities for the future. It lists all of the TPO's goals and objectives, including which revenues would be utilized to fund the projects listed in the LRTP. The TPO was welcoming any and all comments on the LRTP until November 6th as the document was in DRAFT form.

Ms. Stone made a motion to accept the DRAFT 2045 LRTP as presented. Mr. Moore seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 6. Adjournment

Chairman Gold adjourned the public hearing at 4:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, Administrative Assistant