



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Marion County Commission Auditorium
601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471

October 10, 2017

MINUTES

Members Present:

Commissioner Kathy Bryant
Commissioner Jeff Gold
Mayor Kent Guinn
Commissioner David Moore
Councilman Jay Musleh
Commissioner Michelle Stone
Commissioner Carl Zalak

Members Not Present:

Commissioner Gary Ernst
Councilman Valerie Hanchar
Councilman James Hilty, Sr.
Councilman Brent Malever
Councilwoman Mary Sue Rich
Councilman Matthew Wardell

Others Present:

Brian Stanger, FDOT
Jamie Kersey, FDOT
Kevin Smith, Marion County
Sean Lanier, City of Ocala
Marguerite Sowder
Don Atwell, Marion County
Michelle Shearer
Masood Mirza, Marion County
Gennie Garcia, SunTran
Carlos Zambrano, SunTran
Doug Shearer

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 4:13 PM. Secretary Shakayla Jacobs called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

Item 2. Proof of Publication

Secretary Shakayla Jacobs stated that the meeting had been published online on the TPO website and on the City of Ocala, Marion County, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites.

Item 3a. Priority Project Amendments

Mr. Odom presented the Priority Project Amendments and said that at the request of the Marion County Engineering department, the Ocala/Marion TPO proposed to amend the FY 2023 Priority Project and FY 2023 ‘Off-System’ Priorities in order to include two new roadway capacity projects. The amendment was in coordination with Marion County’s application for grant funding for the Cross Florida Commerce Park with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity’s Florida Job Growth Fund.

Mr. Odom said the FY 2023 Priority Project amendment would add: CR 484: From SW 49th Avenue to Marion Oaks Pass at the staff recommended position of #23. The project would widen approximately 1.34 miles of CR 484 to four-lanes from the end of the current four-lane section near SW 47th Terrace to Marion Oaks Pass. Based on the present day costs, estimated of the project phases were as followed:

- Design (PE) - \$680,966
- Right-of-Way (ROW) - \$630,000
- Construction (CST) – \$4,993,750
- TOTAL: \$6,304,716

Mr. Odom said that the FY ‘Off-System’ Priority Project amendment added SW 49th Avenue: From Marion Oaks Trail to Marion Oaks Manor (South Phase) at the staff recommended position of #1B. The project would construct a new four-lane corridor, approximately 3.0 miles in length, through the McGinley property.

Based on the present day cost, estimated of the project phases were as followed:

- Design (PE) - \$1,340,000
- Right-of-Way (ROW) - \$3,525,000
- Construction (CST) – \$9,826,666
- TOTAL: \$14,691,666

Ms. Bryant made a motion to approve the Priority Project Amendments. Mr. Gold seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3b. Central Florida MPO Alliance Regional Priorities

Mr. Daniels presented the Central Florida MPO Alliance Regional Priorities and said that at its June 16, 2017 meeting, the Central Florida MPO Alliance discussed the draft FY

2017/18 Regional Priority Lists for highway, transit and regional trails. Mr. Daniels presented the approved lists. The list for highways and trails included several projects within the Marion County area. The Ocala/ Marion County did not have any projects on the transit list.

Mr. Zalak made a motion to approve the Central Florida MPO Alliance Regional Priorities. Ms. Stone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Douglas Shearer, 2301 SE 85th Street, Ocala, FL address the board and asked if there had been any progress on the Pruitt Gap.

Mr. Daniels answered that there had not been as much progress as the TPO had liked, however other alignments were being researched.

Item 3c. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Mr. Odom presented the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment and said in order to ensure that the Ocala/Marion County TIP reflected the most current project information, it is necessary to periodically amend the document. Amendments to the TIP were typically required:

- To add or delete a project;
- To change the state or federal funding allocation of a project;
- To change the year of anticipated funding of a project phase;
- To change the scope of work of a project;
- To change the source of federal or state funds.

Mr. Odom said that the FDOT was requesting the TIP be amended to reflect funding additions to one project.

- 433651-1: CR 484 – From SW 20th Avenue to CR 475A (Interchange Improvement)
- Add \$545,000 to ROW in FY 2018

There was some discussion about the location of right-of-way and feet of each location.

Mr. Douglas Shearer, 2301 SE 85th Street, Ocala, FL address the board and asked if there would be any changes to make it easier for semi-trucks to turn safer and less wide coming out of the Pilot gas.

Mr. Odom answered and said there would be some access changes at the location that could address the issue with the semi-trucks wide turns.

There was discussion about more possible improvements.

Mr. Zalak made a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Stone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4a. Central Florida Mobility Week

Mr. Daniels presented the Central Florida Mobility Week and said that during the week of October 27th to November 3rd, 2017, Central Florida (FDOT District V) would be holding events promoting travel alternatives to single occupancy vehicles and encourage safe travel behavior for all users.

Mr. Daniels said that Staff would be working on several events to be held at various locations such as:

- CarFit; an educational program that would offer older adults the opportunity to check how well their personal vehicles "fit" them. The CarFit program also provide information and materials on community-specific resources that could enhance their safety as drivers, and/or increase their mobility in the community.
- Downtown Trolley: projected to operate during mobility week along Magnolia/1st Avenue from the Hospital District to Ocala Union Station.
- Bike Rodeo: a bike safety program run by the Health Department geared at educating elementary and middle school age children in bicycle and roadway safety.
- Cycling Savvy: a traffic cycling course designed to teach bike riders strategies for safe cycling and tools problem solve any traffic situation or road configuration.

Item 5. Consent Agenda

Ms. Bryant made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Mr. Musleh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 6. Comments by FDOT

Jamie Kersey with FDOT presented the District 5 2017 Work Program Public Hearing and said that there were some Project additions that included:

- Priority Project #10- CR 484 From SW 20th Ave to CR 475A
- SR 25/ SR 200/ US 301/ US 441 From CR 25A to US 301/ US 441 Interchange

Ms. Kersey also said that there was Projects that had been deferred which included:

- SR 45 (US 41) From 111 Place Lane to SR 40
- Priority Project #9- SR 40 From SW 40th Ave to SW 27th Ave
- Priority Project #2- US 441 From SR 40 to SR 40A (SW Broadway)
- Priority Project #4- SR 35 At Foss Road, Robinson Road and SR 25
- Saddlewood Elementary Sidewalk Improvements
- Indian Lake Trail From Silver Springs State Park to Indian Lake Park
- Marion Oaks Drive From Sunrise/ Horizon Marion Oaks Golf Way to Marion Oaks Manor

Projects deferred ranged to years 2020-2022.

Ms. Kersey then said some projects had been deleted which included:

- SW 44th Avenue From SR 200 (College Rd) to SW 32nd St

- Marion Oaks Drive From Sunrise/ Horizon Marion Oaks Golf Way to Marion Oaks Manor

Ms. Kersey told the board they could visit www.d5wpph.com for more information and could send her any comments, she also presented the board with the latest construction report.

Item 7. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Daniels introduced new TPO Grants Coordinator, Desi Leibfried.

Mr. Daniels also stated that TPO office would be moving its location to the City of Ocala Growth Services Department. There was no timeframe at the time.

Item 8. Comments by TPO Members

Mr. Guinn said he had seen a lot of citizens using the new bus shelters and gave thanks to the TPO and board for getting the shelters up.

Item 9. Public Comment

Mr. Douglas Shearer, 2301 SE 85th Street, Ocala, FL address the board and said that during Mobility Week's bicycling events to inform the citizens that the trails would be opening soon and to encourage citizens to use the trails instead of the roadways which would be much safer.

Item 10. Adjournment

Chairman Moore adjourned the meeting at 4:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Jacobs, TPO Administrative Assistant