



## TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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

**October 23, 2018**

### MINUTES

#### **Members Present:**

Commissioner Jeff Gold  
Councilwoman Valerie Hanchar  
Councilman Justin Grabelle  
Commissioner Ron Livsey  
Commissioner David Moore  
Councilwoman Mary Rich  
Commissioner Michelle Stone  
Commissioner Carl Zalak

#### **Members Not Present:**

Commissioner Kathy Bryant  
Mayor Kent Guinn  
Councilman Brent Malever  
Councilman Jay Musleh

#### **Others Present:**

Tom Wilder, Marion Transit  
Oliver Cromwell, SunTran  
Nick Mora, Kimley-Horn  
Vincent Spahr, Kimley-Horn  
Oscar Tovar, City of Ocala  
Noel Cooper, City of Ocala  
Sean Lanier, City of Ocala  
Darren Park, City of Ocala  
Michelle Shearer  
Tracey Straub, MCBCC

### **Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM. Secretary Shakayla Pullings called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

### **Item 2. Proof of Publication**

Secretary Shakayla Pullings 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 3. Public Comment**

*There was no Public Comment.*

### **Item 4a. US 441/US 301 From SR 200 to Baseline Road Resurfacing**

Mr. Daniel Simpson, Project Manager with the FDOT introduced Ms. Hailey Thomas with WBQ Design & Engineering, Inc, the consultant agency for the Road Resurfacing project gave the presentation.

Ms. Thomas said the purpose of the project was to mill and resurface U.S. 441 from State Road (S.R.) 35 (Baseline Road) to S.R. 200 (SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street). Additional improvements included modifications to extend left and right turn lanes at various locations, remove some of the existing on street parking, provide bicycle facilities within the right of way where possible, update and provide pedestrian features to meet current FDOT specifications, connect existing sidewalk including a 6-mile portion from SE 100th Place to 2,000 feet north of SE 17th Avenue, and make other drainage and safety improvements, as needed. The improvements also included an almost half-mile portion of U.S. 27/441 (SE Abshier Boulevard) east of County Road 484 (SE Hames Road).

Ms. Thomas said that the project was currently in design phase.

### **Item 4b. Central Florida MPO Alliance Meeting Report**

Commissioner Stone presented a summary of the October 12<sup>th</sup> CFMPOA Alliance Meeting.

- The CFMPOA granted final approval of the Regional Prioritized Project List and Revised Prioritization Process
- The CFMPOA granted final approval to the Regional Transit Study Report

The Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Alliance (CFMPOA) is a coalition of transportation and government organizations committed to addressing transportation challenges in the larger Central Florida area.

The Alliance has a policy board of 18 members, three from each of its six-member organizations. (Lake-Sumter MPO, Polk County TPO, Space Coast TPO, River to Sea TPO, Metroplan MPO and the Ocala/Marion TPO). Representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation participate as well. The group meets three times per year and operates on the basis of consensus.

Commissioner was also elected Secretary at the October 12<sup>th</sup> CFMPOA Alliance Meeting.

### **Item 5a. TIP Amendment I-75 Frame Arterials**

Mr. Odom presented the TIP Amendment I-75 Frame Arterials.

Mr. Odom said to ensure that the Ocala/Marion County TIP reflects the most current project information, it was 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.

The FDOT was requesting the TIP be amended to reflect the additional funding allocation for the project:

- **440900-2:** Add \$4.44 Million to CST for FRAME-OFF ITS Systems

Mr. Zalak made a motion to approve the TIP Amendment I-75 Frame Arterials. Ms. Stone seconded, there was a roll-call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 5b. 'Roll-Forward' TIP**

Mr. Odom presented the 'Roll-Forward' TIP and said the document had been prepared from the latest draft of the Florida Department of Transportation's Tentative Work Program.

Mr. Odom talked about some notable changes that included:

- **433651-1:** CR 484 Interchange Improvements – Add \$985K CST
- **435209-1:** NW 49th Street Interchange – Add \$442 PE
- **440900-2:** I-75 'FRAME OFF' System (ITS) – Add \$4.45 Million CST
- **431798-3:** NE 36th Ave. Rail Bridge – Add \$1.15 Million CST
- **433652-1:** SR 40 from SW 27th Ave to SW 40th Ave – Add \$990K ROW

The approval of the projects and their associated table within the DRAFT ‘Roll-Forward’ TIP was requested of the board.

Mr. Zalak made a motion to approve the ‘Roll-Forward’ TIP. Ms. Hanchar seconded, there was a roll-call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 5c. Bridge and Pavement Condition and Mobility Performance Measures**

Mr. Daniels presented the Bridge and Pavement Condition and Mobility Performance Measures and said that nationally, state-specific, and locally, transportation plans existed to enhance mobility and safety for all users of the transportation system. A coordinated effort to connect all the safety plans had long been in effect in the transportation realm, but over the last two years, a system of Performance Management had led to a greater push for comprehensive and coordinated transportation and safety planning. Performance Measures for Safety, System Performance, Pavement and Bridge condition have been developed by the FHWA, for which targets were being established cooperatively between the FDOT and MPO’s within the State of Florida (as well as nationally). Through the

coordinated effort, the goals of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Highway Safety Plan (HSP), Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), and region specific safety and transportation plans could be shown to guide and support one another. In February of 2018, the Ocala / Marion County TPO, the FDOT adopted the five (5) safety performance measures adopted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for all public roads based on historic trend data to meet federal requirements. The Safety Performance Measures.

Mr. Daniels showed the board a presentation of performance measures for Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM2) and System Performance (PM3).

There was some board discussion about the requirements.

Mr. Zalak made a motion that the TPO Board supported the FDOT recommendations. Ms. Stone seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 5d. Director Performance Improvement Plan**

Mr. Jared Sorenson, City of Ocala Human Resources Director presented the Director Performance Improvement Plan and explained that the TPO Board members sent to him some comments and areas of improvement for the Transportation Director and from that he had compiled all suggestions from the Board members into the Performance Improvement Plan.

Mr. Zalak commented that he sent his comments to Mr. Sorenson a little late however, it would not have changed anything to Mr. Sorenson’s recommendations.

There was some board discussion.

Ms. Stone made a motion to approve the current Performance Improvement Plan as presented with the Chair meeting monthly with Mr. Daniels to review progress and that all board members would produce a 150-day evaluation so that a decision to renew Mr. Daniels contract can be made on the six month. Mr. Grabelle, seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Item 6. Consent Agenda**

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

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

Ms. Vickie Wyche with FDOT gave the board project updates.

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

Mr. Daniels gave the board an update on the Financial Billing of the TPO.

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

*There were no comments by TPO Members.*

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

Michelle Shearer, 2301 SE 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Ocala, FL addressed the board with the following suggestions:

- Resurface SE 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue from SE 80<sup>th</sup> Street to SE 110<sup>th</sup> Street
- Remove the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange from the Long Range Transportation Plan

#### **Item 11. Adjournment**

Chairman Moore adjourned the meeting at 5:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Shakayla Pullings, TPO Administrative Assistant