



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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

October 25, 2016

MINUTES

Members Present:

Commissioner Earl Arnett
Councilman Rick Hancock
Mayor Kent Guinn
Commissioner Stan McClain
Councilman Matthew Wardell
Commissioner David Moore – Vice Chair
Commissioner Carl Zalak
Councilman James Hilty, Sr.

Members Not Present:

Commissioner Kathy Bryant
Commissioner Gary Ernst
Councilman Brent Malever, Chairman
Councilman Jay Musleh
Councilwoman Mary Rich
Commissioner Ron Livsey
Mayor Nathn Whitt

Others Present:

Oscar Tovar, City of Ocala Engineering
Imran Ghani, FDOT
Bikram Wadmawan, FDOT
David Cooke, FDOT
Kaitlin Davison, FDOT
Sean Lanier, Ocala Public Works
Ryan Marks, Ocala Public Works
Darren Park, City of Ocala Public Works
Tony Chau, City of Ocala Traffic Engineering
Mike Daniels, TPO Director
Gennie Garcia, SunTran

Others Present (cont'd):

Dan Atwell, Marion County OCI

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice-Chairman David Moore called the meeting to order at 4:02 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 Facebook page and on the city of Ocala, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites.

Item 3a. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

A number of new items have been added to the Transportation Improvement Program. The first project is County Road 42, this is a resurfacing in two sections from 58th Avenue to US 301 and from 441 to County Road 25. The cost is \$2.4 million. The next eight projects listed have been going on for a number of years that are at grade upgrades for multiple railroad crossing on the local lines. US 441 and SE 98th Lane is set to have left turn lanes, designs on this project are for \$440,000, construction at \$667,000. The largest project will be US 441 this is a resurfacing from State Road 35 to State Road 200 with a cost of about \$23 million in construction costs. The Wildwood Weigh Station \$7.3 million to recondition the concrete around the scales.

Vice-Chairman made a motion to approve the Roll Forward Transportation Improvement Plan. Seconded. Roll Call Vote – Unanimous.

Item 4a. Transit Shelter Locations

At the last meeting the Board indicated they wanted to see the locations of the eleven sites. The Board was given a packet with these locations and their costs. The costs typically range from \$900 to \$4,000 depending on concrete, drainage, etc. We recommend going out to bid on the concrete work. A Commissioner suggested that the bids go out per site as opposed to a total bid for all the sites.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the eleven sites. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 4b. TPO and SunTran Websites

The TPO and SunTran Websites are run by the City. People have been having trouble accessing the sites. We use to be able to edit these sites. Now, any editing process has to be approved by the City and can take up to two days. The big concern now is time notification of meetings. Councilman Matthew Wardell will look into this further and get back to the Board at the next meeting.

Item 5a. I-75 Relief Study Update

Andrew Young from FDOT presented an update on the I-75 Relief Study. A quick summary from the Task Force showed the primary cause of congestion along the I-75 corridor; 20% listed as the bottle necks which is called the recurring congestion. Non-recurring congestion is what makes I-75 so unique; 30% of incidences are a result of special events or seasonal events such as football games, horse events, etc. Once every nine days all three lanes are closed in one direction. The four guiding principles the task force is looking at are conservation, countryside, centers/communities and corridors. These are basis for the recommendations. The Task Force came up with, in priority, to immediately optimize the existing transportation corridors within the study area. Evaluate potential enhancements to or transformation of existing transportation corridors and evaluate potential areas of opportunity for new multi-modal multi-use corridors after evaluations of enhancements to I-75 and other I-75 connector roads and determination of need. The Task Force evaluated a frame work of options to optimize and enhance I-75, 301, US-41, and US-441. Also, evaluate enhancements to Inner-city bus, passenger rail and freight rail services. Coming up next as a result of the recommendation is called the North I-75 Master Plan. The study area encompasses Hernando County, Columbia County and Duvall County. We will focus on I-75 as well as the parallel existing corridors, US-301, US-41 and US-441 and evaluate the capacity that is consistent with local comprehensive plans.

Item 6. Consent Agenda

Item 7. Comments by FDOT

Jamie Kurzee, the new FDOT Ocala, Marion County Liaison. Presented Board with a packet containing a Construction Report, Notice of Public Hearing for State Road 40, a design project. Notice of a Public Meeting for NE 36th Avenue Widening Design Project from State Road 492 to NE 35th St. There will be an online Public Hearing for Work Program, December 5th at 8:00 a.m. and ending December 9th at midnight. This will be an online Public Hearing for citizens to make comments get information.

Item 8. Comments by TPO Staff

Not at this time.

Item 9. Comments by TPO Members

Commissioner Zalak stated that the Engineering Department Commissioner brought a request to have the CR-315 Rehabilitation Project from 316 – 318. If we could add that to the all system priority list we could get funding for that from FDOT.

Item 10. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

Item 11. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Moore adjourned the meeting at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Jacobs, TPO Administrative Assistant