



Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

Marion County Public Library
2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470
Meeting Room C
October 8, 2019
10:00 AM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Nicholas Blizzard
Dave Herlihy
Vickie Wyche (*Joel Graff attended on Vickie's behalf*)
Kenneth Odom
Lonnie Smith
Nancy Smith

Members Not Present:

Steven Neal
Bruce Phillips
Mickey Thomason

Others Present:

Amber Gartner, Kimley-Horn
Franco Saraceno, Kittelson Associates

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Dave Herlihy called the meeting to order at 10:03am. Secretary Shakayla Irby called the roll. A quorum was present.

Item 2. Proof of Publication

Secretary Shakayla Irby stated that the meeting had been published online on the TPO website, the City of Ocala, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites on October 1st, 2019.

Item 3a. Goals & Objectives 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Franco Saraceno, Associate Planner for Kittelson Associates gave a presentation on the Goals and Objectives for the 2045 LRTP and said that the TPO staff had kicked off the start to the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2045 Update in late May. The first part of the plan update was to identify the Goals and Objectives. Rather than a complete rebuild, the TPO decided to use the existing Goals and Objectives from the previous LRTP as a framework to build off of going into the plan update.

In July, TPO staff had begun their public involvement outreach by using a MetroQuest survey, a Facebook site, and a project specific website www.ocalamarion2045.com to help garner participation regarding the Goals and Objectives.

In August, TPO staff held several public workshops throughout the TPO Planning Area to discuss the update as well. The presentation given by Franco highlighted all of the feedback received.

Franco asked the committee to help in ranking the Goals and Objectives by providing a survey. The Goals and Objectives set the foundation for the plan moving forward.

In addition, the Goals and Objectives would be used for ranking priority projects moving forward. Therefore, it was essential that the Goals and Objectives reflected the needs of the community.

Item 4a. Trail Safety, Connectivity, and Facility Plan

Amber Gartner with Kimley-Horn gave a presentation to the committee on the Plan.

The TPO had entered into a contractual agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates in July of 2018 for services related to a Trail Safety, Connectivity, and Facility Plan. The intent of the plan was to analyze existing trail systems throughout the TPO Planning Area, and to evaluate how they could be improved upon. Therefore, Kimley-Horn had spent the better part of a year analyzed the existing trail systems in the area, and had formulated those into the plan contained therein.

Some of the major takeaways presented by Ms. Gartner from the plan included, adding refuges such as shelters along the existing trails, providing better connectivity, and adding signage along the trails to indicate how far users were from towns, refuges, restrooms, and parking.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the Trails Safety, Connectivity, and Facility Plan. Mr. Odom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4b. “Roll-Forward” Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Balmes presented the “Roll-Forward” TIP and said that when the TPO’s Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Work Program was adopted on July 1st, there were cases in which some projects had not yet been 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.

The following highlights were the most notable project-specific changes, including funding:

- 4112565:** SR 35 (US 301) Dallas Pond Redesign – Add \$240K Construction, Right-of-Way
- 4261791:** Silver Springs State Park Pedestrian Bridges – Add \$409K Survey, Consultant
- 4302521:** ITS Countywide – Add \$1.13M
- 4306431:** I-75: N/O SR 500/US 27 to Alachua Co – Add \$221.3K, Resurfacing
- 4336521:** SR 40: SW 40th Ave to SW 27th Ave Turn Lanes – Reduce \$2.5M, Right-of-Way
- 4336611:** US 441: SR 40 to Broadway Traffic Operations – Reduce \$188K project costs
- 4354861:** Silver Springs Trail, SE 64th to Silver Spgs St. Park – NEW - \$4.5M (FY ‘24/25)
- 4356592:** SR 200 @ I-75 E & W Add turn lanes – NEW \$416K (FY ‘19/20)
- 4367561:** Dntown Ocala Trail to Silver Spgs St. Park – Moved PE \$253K ‘19/20 to ‘24/25
- 4373441:** SR 200: SW 60th to SW 38th – NEW \$783K, Resurface
- 4375962:** SR 50: NW 27th to SW 7th Sidewalk – NEW \$1.28M Tied to SR 40 Turn Lanes
- 4385621:** I-75 Rest Area Marion County – Reduce \$20.3M CST
- 4392381:** US 441: SR 25 to SR 200 – Reduce \$2.2M, Resurface
- 4431701:** I-75: Sumter Co. to SR 200 – Reduce \$2.7M, Resurface

Mr. Odom made a motion to approve the “Roll-Forward” TIP. Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4c. Bylaws DRAFT

At TAC meeting on September 10, 2019 Derrick Harris presented DRAFT Bylaws to the committee and noted some changes that the committee members wanted to see changed. The changes were listed in a strikethrough document provided by Mr. Harris for the committee to review.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the Bylaws DRAFT. Mr. Smith seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Odom made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Blizzard seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 6. Comments by FDOT

Mr. Graff said that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) would hold an open public information outreach meeting to present the District Five Tentative Five-Year Work Program, seek public input, and provide interested persons the opportunity to express their views on the information.

The Tentative Five-Year Work Program provided direction on where and when to build transportation system improvements, and was used to forecast funds that would be needed for improvements across all modes of transportation including: Roadway, Bicycle, Freight, Seaports, Enhancement Projects (Trails and Sidewalks), Multimodal Transit (Passenger Operations), Pedestrian, Aviation, and Space.

District Five would hold a week long virtual public hearing on the Tentative Five-Year Work Program for Fiscal years 2020/2021 through 2024/2025 on Monday, Oct. 21 through Friday, Oct. 25. This is an opportunity to learn about proposed projects in the upcoming five years and provide input to FDOT. The online public hearing would be available 24 hours a day at www.D5WPPH.com. On the website, informational material will be available for viewing, along with opportunities to provide comments.

Item 7. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Balmes reminded the committee that Mobility Week was October 25th – November 1st and that on October 30th starting at 11:30am the TPO would be hosting a Cycling Savvy Course at the Marion County Growth Services Training Room. The course would focus on laws, tactics, and techniques for effective cycling.

Item 8. Comments by TAC Members

There were no comments by TAC members.

Item 9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 10. Adjournment

Chairman Herlihy adjourned the meeting at 11:13am.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, TPO Administrative Assistant