



Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

Marion County – Library Headquarters, Meeting Room B

2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470

1:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Matt Fabian
Brandon Cave
Michelle Shearer
Richard Howard
Richard McGinley
Steve Rudnianyn
Suzanne Mangram
Travis Magamoll

Members Not Present:

Davis Dinkins

Others Present:

Rob Balmes, Ocala Marion TPO
Shakayla Irby, Ocala Marion TPO
Rakinya Hinson, FDOT
Mo Ansari, Kimley-Horn
Daniel DaGraca, Kimley-Horn

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairwoman Michelle Shearer called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and Secretary Shakayla Irby called the roll. A quorum was present.

Item 2. Proof of Publication

Secretary Shakayla Irby stated the meeting had been published online to the TPO's website, as well as the City of Ocala, Belleview, Marion County, and Dunnellon's websites on September 5, 2023. The meeting had also been published to the TPOs Facebook and Twitter pages.

Item 3. Consent Agenda

Mr. McGinley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Fabian seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4a. Fiscal Years (FY) 2024 to 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1

Two projects were proposed to be amended to the Fiscal Years (FY) 2024 to 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

FM# 435209-1: I-75 at NW 49th Street from end of NW 49th Street to end of NW 35th Street

- New Interchange at I-75
- Right-of-Way (ROW) phase
- Funds to be added or carried forward prior years to FY 2024, FY 2025
- Total: \$20,429,319
 - CIGP: \$100,000 (FY 24) – State Funds
 - DIH: \$19,189 (FY 24) – State Funds
 - LF: \$11,700,000 (FY 24) – Local Funds
 - DDR: \$3,737,100 (FY 25) – State Funds
 - SA: \$4,873,030 (FY 25) – Federal Funds

FM# 439331-4: Ocala/Marion Urban Area FY 2023-2024 UPWP

- TPO Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) (carry-forward, adjustment)
- Funds to be added to FY 2024
- Total: \$307,934

In addition, the annual Roll Forward TIP Amendment Report was proposed to be amended with the request. The following summarizes the proposed changes to the TIP. Mr. Balmes also provide a slideshow presentation to the committee showing project highlights.

TIP Roll Forward Report

- 39 total projects with carry-forward funding, prior year(s) to FY 2024
- \$59,297,220 total Roll Forward amount for FY 2024

Mr. Rudnianyn asked if the “roll forward” money was essentially money already in the bank.

Mr. Balmes replied that funding was for projects that were not authorized or encumbered yet to be expended.

Mr. Howard made a motion to approve FY 2024 to 2028 TIP Amendment #1.

Mr. Fabian seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5a. Draft 2023 Apportionment Plan

Every ten years, after the decennial census, all MPO/TPO’s must review the composition of board membership and the respective planning area boundary. An “Apportionment Plan” serves as the official document summarizing both the proposed membership and MPO/TPO planning area.

Federal law enables state and local governments to largely determine the composition of an MPO/TPO and the planning area. The Governor officially apportions the membership of the MPO/TPO in agreement with the affected local governments, based on the transmitted Apportionment Plan.

Apportionment Plans must contain a profile of the MPO/TPO, including the total planning area population; Census-designated urban area populations greater than 50,000 people; proposed board membership; and a planning area boundary map. A Resolution of support from the governing body of the MPO/TPO must also be part of the Plan.

A draft 2023 Apportionment Plan for the Ocala/Marion County TPO was provided to the committee in the agenda packet.

Current TPO Board membership is 12 Voting and 1 Non-Voting (FDOT) since 2003.

The TPO proposed: TPO Board Membership remaining the same 12 Voting and 1 Non-Voting (FDOT) with a total of 13 members.

The makeup of the TPO board: The City of Ocala (5 voting members), Marion County (5 voting members), City of Belleview (1 voting member), City of Dunnellon (1 voting member), and FDOT (1 non-voting member).

Adoption of the Apportionment Plan was anticipated in October. Submission of an Apportionment Plan, with a resolution of support, must be transmitted to the Florida Department of Transportation by November 14, 2023.

Mr. Fabian asked if there should be an odd number of board members in case of a tied vote.

Mr. Balmes said the quorum for the TPO board had been 7 voting members with an emergency quorum of 5 voting members present.

Mr. Fabian suggested that it would be a good idea to have an odd number of voting members in the event that everyone attends a meeting.

Mr. Howard asked if the Town of Reddick had a Mayor.

Mr. Balmes replied, 'Yes, both the Town of Reddick and the Town of McIntosh have respected town councils.

Mr. Rudnianyn said that both towns were represented by the County Commission.

Mr. Howard said that the Town of Reddick and Town of McIntosh could be added.

Mr. Balmes said he appreciated the discussion and would be glad to share comments and feedback to the TPO board when the apportionment plan is presented to them.

Item 5b. Commitment to Zero Dashboard and Annual Report

As part of the Commitment to Zero Safety Action Plan, the TPO has been working with its consultant Kittelson and Associates to develop an online, interactive dashboard and annual report. Both tasks are part of the TPO's commitment to maintain education and awareness for transportation safety in Marion County.

Commitment to Zero Dashboard

The following URL address provides a direct link to the Commitment to Zero Dashboard, located on the TPO's ArcGIS online platform:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/efaf16b5991c420cb7f018d001c1d52c>

The Commitment to Zero Dashboard is meant to provide a public-friendly resource to review the most recent five years of crash data (2018-2022), with an emphasis on fatalities and serious injuries. The Dashboard has a number of features, such as changing the map display to an aerial background; selecting crashes by year and severity; viewing crashes by location; selecting weather conditions; reviewing vehicle types; among others. The Dashboard would be updated annually to include the most recent five-year period, along with any refinements and improvements.

Commitment to Zero Annual Report

The Annual Report provides an in-depth summary of crash statistics over the most recent five-year period (2018-2022) in Marion County. This includes key statistics like total crashes, crash types and crash severity by year, top frequency/severity locations, and detailed information about the users.

Mr. Balmes gave a brief overview on how to navigate the Commitment to Zero Dashboard and said that ongoing feedback would be most welcomed to ensure the Dashboard remained accessible and of value to the community.

Mr. Magamoll asked where our area ranked compared to other metros.

Mr. Balmes said that it would be a good idea to research.

Ms. Shearer inquired if there was a certain area of town that experienced more crashes than others.

Mr. Balmes explained that the sole purpose of the Dashboard was to provide a visual representation of where crashes were occurring.

Item 6a. CAC Membership

Current CAC bylaws call for members to serve two-year terms with the option of reappointment for additional terms. The TPO Board approves all membership appointments.

A discussion took place regarding the current membership and their respective terms, as well as the interest of members in continuing to serve on the committee.

Mr. Balmes intended to provide an update to the TPO board on CAC membership at the November 2023 board meeting and asked members to share their thoughts on whether they still wanted to be on the committee by the November CAC meeting.

Ms. Shearer asked what areas were not presented on the CAC.

Mr. Balmes replied that the TPO was interested in having participation from the southwestern section of the county, Dunnellon, and the northern section of the county (Reddick and McIntosh). However, geography did not play a role; anyone who was a resident could join.

Mr. Balmes mentioned that the TPO appreciated any referrals or contacts.

Item 6b. Mobility Week

Ms. Irby provided the committee with a Save the Date flyer for Mobility Week, which was scheduled for October 27 through November 4. The TPO had been in the process of planning Mobility Week events and would provide information to the committee as it became available.

Item 7. Comments by FDOT

Ms. Hinson provided an updated construction report and also let the committee know that cflroads.com was reference for project information.

Ms. Hinson provided a few comments on the I-75 Rest Area Construction. The Sumter Rest Area was opened on August 11, with over 30,000 square yards of pavement installed to accommodate 110 car parking spaces and 64 truck and RV spaces, including accommodations for handicap parking. The truck parking lot was equipped with Truck Parking Availability System (TPAS) which would automatically update rest area truck parking signs to let truck drivers know how many parking spaces were available in a rest area.

Ms. Hinson provided a couple of other updates. First, the S.R. 40 Resurfacing project from the Marion County Line to the Volusia County Line is now 100% complete from the Marion County Line to the St. Johns River. Second, the Resurfacing of U.S. 441 from NW 20th Street to the U.S. 301 Interchange in Spar was finished on August 7.

Another important update was that FDOT had 36 employees deployed to District 2 for hurricane cleanup and recovery efforts following Hurricane Idalia. The crews would remain there for as long as needed.

Item 8. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Balmes announced that the TPO would be adding a Transportation Planner named Sara Brown, and she would attend the next committee meeting.

Item 9. Comments by CAC Members

There were no comments by CAC members.

Item 10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 11. Adjournment

Chairwoman Michelle Shearer adjourned the meeting at 1:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, TPO Administrative Assistant